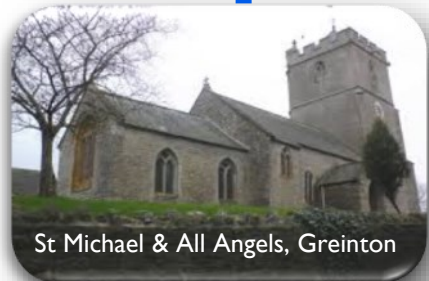


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END OF THIS MAGAZINE

I type this with some sadness because this edition of MOMSS will be the last to be hand delivered to our communities. There will be an August edition but it will only be available online.

The Diocese has deemed it necessary to break up our United Benefice, which means that Middlezoy and Othery will join with the Athelney Benefice and Moorlinch, Stawell and Sutton Mallet are to join with what is known as the Polden Wheel, (apparently to have a new name to include us).

The MOMSS magazine has been in existence for well over twenty years, thanks to the late Canon Mike Peters, our then Priest in Charge, and it will be much missed by so many people.

Richard Graham, Chairman

WITH MANY THANKS.....

As this is the final printed version of our MOMSS magazine we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who

has been involved in the life of this magazine.

- Advertisers
- Article Contributors
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And most importantly.... **our readers.**

Thank you everyone.

Richard, Anita, Isobel and Jane

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Please submit articles as normal using the guidelines as shown below.

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Email to momsseditor@live.co.uk

300 word limit please.

Submit handwritten copy via one of the members of the committee if you are unable to find someone to help you transfer it to email. We cannot guarantee its accurate inclusion.

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www.achurchnearyou.com/ Othery page
Moorlinch Village Facebook page
www.stawellvillage.info
www.greintonvillage.co.uk

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**DON'T FORGET!
August edition deadlines:
Articles 15 July**



FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Friends,

When you are young and facing the world with all its mysteries there is always something to look forward to and enjoy. Birthdays (I have just had a special one!) with celebrations and fun, holidays - hopefully with sunshine, schools and learning about the world around you and especially about lands and planets and stars far, far, away.

Hopefully MOMSS magazine over the last 20+ years has added to our experiences of life and our unique place in God's universe, because that was the intention when the words and pictures of events in the benefice were announced and reported right from the start. The MOMSS magazine team over the years have enjoyed receiving all the articles and information given to us to make the monthly magazines and thank you for all the messages of appreciation and thanks from so many of you.

With this final printed edition of the magazine we look back on our joint friendships and sense of Christian family life with pleasure and sadness because we have each experienced one or the other or both and we now need to look forward to the new partnerships our villages will have from the beginning of September with our next door benefices.

There will be one more edition of the magazine for August but it will be a digital version only available to view online.

I append below a list of wisdoms (common sense really) that I bear in mind at various times and recommend them to you!

12 things to always remember

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| 1. The past can't be changed. | 7. Opinions don't define your reality. |
| 2. Everyone's journey is different. | 8. Judgements are not about you. |
| 3. Overthinking will lead to sadness. | 9. Happiness is found within. |
| 4. Your thoughts affect your mood. | 10. Smiles are always contagious. |
| 5. Kindness is free. | 11. It's okay to let go and move on. |
| 6. What goes around comes around. | 12. Things always get better with time. |

So with that I bid you all good luck and happy wanderings and know that good friends are hard to find, harder to leave and impossible to forget. Bless you all.

Sincerely, Anita. Anita Winslade, Editor momssgeditor@live.co.uk

LETTER FROM BISHOP TREVOR



During my time as a full-time serving Bishop, I used to read about 70-80 parish magazines each month – get a life, I hear you say! - not the same ones each month but each gave me a unique insight into the spiritual and material well-being of the communities under my care. To speed things up, I looked at 3 items in the magazines.

The letter from the vicar or Reader or whoever was in charge of the parish. Did it reflect something of the Good News in Jesus Christ? Was it authentic or just copied from somewhere else? Was it relevant to my own discipleship journey?

Secondly, were there any signs that the community was looking outwards to its wider community and the world? Sadly, all too often the magazines were inward looking and churchy.

Thirdly, the adverts. Which companies or groups value and trust the church enough to want to spend their money on advertising? Was it value for money?

In today's world, with its noise and competing claims of truth, it's increasingly hard for the Church's message of love and forgiveness to be heard. We're told that the average human attention-span is about 10 seconds. Magazines can help, but more powerful is often the simple action. The offer of a friendly shoulder. A listening ear. Living signs that the Church is here to serve and share the Good News.

This may be the last edition of MOMSS, so let me thank everyone who has contributed over the years to help "live and tell the story of Jesus" in both word and action. Those who keep the 'windows' of our churches open to the needs of the world.

The future, yet unknown, calls. May the Living God keep you faithful in his service and strengthen you in your new relationships as you help to form two new benefices. It's been a joy and a privilege to be part of your life. MOMSS never failed my tests!

With my blessing. +Trevor

Bishop Trevor Willmott

GENERAL ITEMS

SPECIAL THANKS

The MOMSS Magazine has made an incredible last journey to the printers and been distributed by volunteers to the homes of the benefice, while some copies have reached the wider universe.

We give thanks for those volunteers and a special thank you to the amazing production team who have made this possible to bring us news and memories over the past 23 years. We count our blessings one by one and it's one more step along the world we go.

Many thanks.

Pauline Davies, Benefice Lay Reader

SKY AT NIGHT

July 2026

Sunrise Sunset

Beginning of July 5.00am-9.29pm

End of July 5.35am-8.59pm

Moon Phases

Last Quarter 7th / New Moon 14th / first Quarter 21st / Full 29th

Planets

Venus dominates the western sky at sunset with Jupiter to the lower left although much dimmer with both setting before midnight. Then just after midnight Saturn appears in the east with Mars following around 2am - both planets being noticeable but not particularly bright.

Constellation

The constellation of Cygnus, the Swan, has at its tail the bright white star Deneb. This star is the second star to appear as darkness falls of the three stars that make up the Summer Triangle Asterism. Cygnus



Albireo



Belated Happy Birthday wishes to our editor,
Anita, on the occasion of her 80th birthday.
June 18th, 2026

appears to fly north to south in the sky with four other noticeable stars forming the tips of the swan's wings, a centre and at the beak the star Albireo. This star is one of the most beautiful double stars in the sky and even with a small telescope you will see the two components, one orange and one blue, a spectacular sight.

Phenomena

Look out for Noctilucent clouds this month, being high wispy shimmering clouds high in the sky formed from dust as meteors enter the Earth's atmosphere. These clouds are illuminated by the Sun which is very low on the northern horizon at this time of year. The best time to see the clouds is to look north-north west 90 to 120 minutes after sunset or at the same north-north east before sunrise. *Paul Adamson 01823 698156*

SOMERSET LEVELS STARGAZERS

Our July meeting is on Wednesday 29th at 7.30pm in Othery Village Hall TA7 0QU. This month 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 during the month of July along with all the latest news from the world of astronomy and spaceflight.

£3 visitors, membership available. *Paul Adamson, 01823698156*

FARM DIARY

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

In the field. We have had rain since last writing and this is very, very welcome for us and for gardeners. The crops are now looking good. The weather is a critical factor for crops and grass. Also, the other main factor is the soil. Neither is controllable by the farmer and so he is always keeping a close eye on the weather. The soil can be improved marginally and slowly. Also, it can be spoilt by using fertility without replacing it or poaching with animals or machinery. That is being on the land when it is too wet. At the time of writing in mid-June, a lot of grass was being cut for conservation for the winter as hay or silage. Cereals are in ear and so grain filling is the next growth stage which requires moisture and sun. With the sheep, shearing is one of the next jobs. This is a welfare issue as without shearing the ewes would become too hot and prone to fly strike.

Weather. Mentioned above, we have several saints days coming up which tend to suggest the weather for the following period. Rain on St John's day on 24 June is considered an omen for a bad harvest. A wet St Gervase's or St Protais' day on 19 June was traditionally considered to be ushering a damp period. Most famously, rain on St Swithin's day on 15 July heralded it for the next 40 days. This is all folklore told by The Daily Telegraph's Nevil Shute on 13 June. They may have some accuracy as these conditions are determined by the position of the jet stream at the beginning of the summer, he wrote.

Bovine TB. Finally, a cattle vaccine is due in 2030. A different test for the cattle is available. In the past, the test could not differentiate between vaccinated cattle and those with the disease. The aim is for the country to be disease free by 2038. Efforts to tackle this disease started in 1935! Cattle to cattle transmission is much more common than badger to cattle transmission. However, disease incidence has dropped as a result of the culling of badgers. We might see some hedgehogs as well.

Richard Graham

WESTERN FRONT ASSOCIATION



Our next meeting takes place on Wednesday 8 July at 7.30pm in Othery Village Hall Fore Street Othery TA7 0QU.

Our speaker is Dr Rodney Atwood and his subject is *The Battle of The Somme*. The 1st of July 2026 is the 110th Anniversary of the start of Britain's longest and costliest battle, lasting 114 days into November - The Battle of the Somme. His talk will cover the battle's position in British national understanding, the background and challenges facing the

BEF in preparation, the disaster of the first day, somewhat mitigated by the capture of three square miles in the south; success achieved a fortnight later; the battle of the woods; British superiority in artillery and in the air; the use of tanks and the situation late September; then the change in the weather from 1st October affecting the course of the fighting. He will offer a strategic assessment of results. Members of the WFA and non-members alike are equally welcome. Any new visitors are guaranteed a friendly atmosphere and a warm welcome from a group of like-minded enthusiasts. We ask a modest £5 donation to defray costs. This will include a free tea or coffee and entry into our raffle.

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. We start the new year on 13 January with Brigadier Mike Shaw talking about *The Retreat from Mons*, followed by Ian Stephenson on 10 February with *The world turned upside down*.

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

Pat Adamson

Secretary Somerset Western Front Association 01823 698156

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MIDDLEZOY AND OOTHERY SCHOOLS



End-of-Term Update from Oothery and Middlezoy Primary Schools

As we approach the final weeks of the school year, it's safe to say it has been an incredibly busy and exciting time here at Oothery and Middlezoy Primary!

We were blessed with wonderful weather for our recent Sports Day. The children showed great enthusiasm, determination and team spirit. It was wonderful to see so many families joining us to cheer them on. It has been a fantastic term for trips and experiences too. Children have enjoyed wonderful visits to Lyme Regis and the Coates Willow Centre, bringing their learning to life beyond

the classroom. And the excitement doesn't stop there. The older children are eagerly anticipating their upcoming residential at Kilve Court, which is always a real highlight of the year!

At the time of writing, we are looking forward to a special Father's Day Assembly, kindly hosted by Unicorn Class. This offers a lovely opportunity to celebrate the important role of fathers and father figures in our children's lives.

Our Year 6 children are beginning to look ahead to their next adventure, we are sure they will have a successful transition day at Huish Academy. It's always a mixture of excitement and nerves, but they will undoubtedly come back full of stories about new subjects, teachers and friends. Alongside this, we will also be holding our own transition afternoon here at Othery. We will be welcoming our new starters and their families. It's a lovely way to help everyone feel settled and ready for September.

There is still plenty to look forward to in the coming weeks. We are very excited about our Key Stage 2 production of *Pirates of the Curry Bean*, which promises to be a swashbuckling, fun-filled performance! Our Year 6 pupils are also preparing for their Leavers' Assembly, a time to reflect on their journey through primary school and celebrate all they have achieved.

If you have a child looking to start school or are looking to move your child to a new school and would like to come and visit us to see all we can offer; please contact Miss Braithwaite in the School Office on 01823 698464.

Kindest Regards,

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

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 Council's contractor starts work on 29 June, initially under temporary lights, with access maintained as normal in all directions. During this initial period there may need to be a closure between 6pm and 6am. This will be signed and details will be provided nearer the time.

From 3 August to 2 September the A361 at Burrowbridge will need to be closed in both directions 24/7. 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 work is part of a county-wide initiative to replace traffic signals.

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/news/traffic-lights-replacement-scheduled-on-a361-at-burrowbridge/>

updated on <https://glastonbury.nub.news/news/local-news/somerset-levels-a361-closure-scaled-back-298630>



STAWELL & SUTTON MALLET VILLAGE NEWS

Information is available on the website www.stawellvillage.info

ST FRANCIS CHURCH

End of this magazine

Hopefully, eventually, we hope to have a new way to take benefice news and details of future events in another publication. Until then, I urge those who are online, to access the Stawell Village Info website to access village and church news, service times and events.

Cream Tea Afternoon

St Francis Church Stawell will have a Cream Tea Afternoon on Saturday 18 July from 3pm until 5pm in the village hall. You are invited along to savour home-made scones, jam and clotted cream, cakes to purchase and more. We look forward to seeing you there. Meanwhile, thank you to all who support us in whatever way. It is so appreciated and important that our church doors are open to anyone who may need to have some peace and quiet.



Polden Wheel Prayer and Bible study groups

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

Thursdays Polden bible study. Afternoons. Details from Alex.

Ruth Peberdy, Chair of St. Francis Church, Stawell.

MORE DATES FOR DIARIES

Monday 6 July - Joint PCCs meeting Polden Wheel and Moorlinch with Stawell - 7.30pm, Shapwick Church.

Tuesday 7 July - Wardens and Reps meet to plan the end of benefice get-together. 7.30pm, Othery Church Room

Wednesday 15 July - Moorlinch and Stawell PCC meets at The Manor at 5pm.

Monday 20 July - Wardens and Reps meeting at 7.30pm at Othery Church Room.

Richard Graham

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 25 July Monthly coffee morning at Paul and Karen Heffernan's Western House from 10am until 12 noon.

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

Richard Graham, Churchwarden



SUTTON MALLET CHURCH

Churches and Churchyards

There is nothing like being in a churchyard to remind you that time is "like an ever-rolling stream" and, instead of being doom laden, that can be an uplifting experience as the cycle of wildflowers and events comes around once again. Last year I mentioned the appearance of pyramidal orchids among our cowslips and in 2026 they have vastly increased their number, along with many other wild flowers and their wildlife dependents. It is a joy to see them (and to leave them standing while mowing the grass...).

Sustaining the heritage of old churches through time takes a lot of effort and financial support. The CCT supports our church and many others in Somerset. For example, St James, Camely recently came close to losing its amazing medieval wall paintings but these have now been conserved and stabilised after villagers raised the necessary funds. Other CCT churches nearby include Low Ham Church and All Saints, Langport - any of these is well worth a visit.

On 25 July this year we will be holding our Summer Fair at Sutton Mallet Church - please come along and join us too as we continue to maintain this lovely conserved church, tucked away in a very quiet corner of Somerset. As ever, the afternoon tea will be delicious and the sun will definitely be shining. Please feel free to visit at any other time too - there are always flowers in the church, a bench to sit on in the churchyard and a peaceful atmosphere, away from the eternal round.

Mortimer Rhind-Tutt, (CCT Volunteer) mortimer.rt@gmail.com

Churches Conservation Trust www.visitchurches.org.uk

STAWELL AND SUTTON MALLET VILLAGE HALL

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

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

July

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

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

Maxine Hughes, Chairperson



GREINTON VILLAGE NEWS

On behalf of everyone in Greinton, I thank all the editorial team and their support for your sterling work in producing such an amazing publication. I don't suppose you get much appreciation but you thoroughly deserve our thanks and praise.

VILLAGE MEETING

The Village Meeting Committee has very recently set up a village website, as an alternative way of disseminating information around our community. You can find it here: greintonvillage.co.uk (NOTE: this is a correction to what appeared in last month's magazine). It is very much in its infancy and still work in progress but we hope it will become a useful way for everyone to keep in touch with what is going on in the village. Any feedback, suggestions for additions/improvements or offers to help maintain the website would be very welcome.

In other parish news, we are continuing to make efforts to improve the appearance of the

village with the limited resources available to us. You should see new village signs going up at either end of the village in the next few months and hopefully flower planters too. We are also looking into installing a couple of dog waste bins along popular dog walking routes. We are also investigating ways of encouraging drivers to maintain a safe and sensible speed through the village. A Community Speed Watch scheme is being set up using volunteers to monitor the speed of vehicles driving through the village. Finally, to clarify what the Parish Meeting has been doing regarding potential flooding, we are concentrating on trying to reduce the potential for water to collect on the A361 in the village. This will be achieved by reducing the flow onto the road and improving the drainage off the road. We are aware that a few properties may suffer from water flowing directly off the surrounding agricultural lane and unfortunately there is very little we can do about this, other than liaise with the relevant landowners. We realize that this is far from ideal for the individuals concerned but our powers are really quite restricted.



PARISH CHURCH

We are still waiting for the Diocese to tell us what the next steps are regarding the church closure. In the meantime we continue as before. There are still funds to cover insurance, electricity bills, grass cutting and essential maintenance but these are dwindling, so cannot continue indefinitely. You may be aware that the MOMSS benefice is being broken up and our parish, along with Moorlinch, Sutton Mallet and Stawell, will join the Polden Wheel benefice.

VILLAGE HALL

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

Friday 3 July 7pm Pub Night in the Village Hall. No licence, so bring your own drinks and snacks – we'll provide the company and chit-chat. Fish and Chips van from about 8pm (tbc),

Friday 7 August Pub Night in the Village Hall, details as above,
There will be no pub night in September

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

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

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

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

Friday 4 December Christmas Bingo, doors open 6.30pm.

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

Tuesday 22 December Carol Singing, meet outside the church at 4pm. Finish off with



refreshments somewhere warm at about 6pm.
Further details of all the above will follow in due course.
Finally, if any landowners in the benefice would welcome an enthusiastic amateur metal detectorist, please email greintonparish@gmail.co.uk.
It could be to your mutual advantage!
Toby Crispin, greintonvillage@gmail.com

MIDDLEZOY VILLAGE NEWS

MIDDLEZOY VILLAGE HALL

Middlezoy Community Project

We had a very successful family day and the official opening of the new patio area. The weather was great and the children were able to enjoy the bouncy castle, face painting and karaoke - which the adults enjoyed as well. We had fish and chips supplied by Helen and also had the ice cream van there as well. The day was opened by Nobby Turner and Councillor Mike Best, Chairman of Somerset Council.

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.

On **Friday 17 July** we have the Morris Men performing; last year this was a great evening, so bring the family down and join us, one of the food vans will also be there.

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

We are still looking for more volunteers to help run and organise events for the future. If you would like to come along to one of our meetings, we hold them on the first Monday of every month starting at 7pm. We usually aim to finish no later than 8.30pm.

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

Paul Baker MCP Chair



MIDDLEZOY METHODIST CHURCH

First, a 'thank you' to the editors of the MOMSS who produce such an interesting and newsworthy magazine. We hope that some kind of magazine can follow, but wait to see how and when that will be.

The Peekaboo Gang

Mums and Tots continue to meet every Friday in term time from 10am – 12noon. Drop by whenever you like for as long as you like. No charge, but a small donation is welcome. Our last Friday will be 17 July for this term. Thank you to Jean, Natalie and Zena for hosting the sessions – we really appreciate all you do.



Families Event

We shall see if we can arrange a families event during the summer – and let you know through local publicity if it looks as though we can arrange this.

Salads and Sweets at the Chapel

The next one will be on Tuesday 21 July, at 1pm – do come along and enjoy the delicious food with friends. Suggested donation of £7. Raffle



The Back Room

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

July Services

Sunday 12th - 10.30am United Service at the Chapel

Sunday 26th - 6.30pm Service of Holy Communion led by Rev Deborah Kirk

Anniversary

Advance notice of our Chapel Anniversary on Sunday 30 August, 5pm Cream Tea, followed by a Songs of Praise celebration.

Do come!!

Booking the Methodist Church for your events:

You will remember that we are not allowed to have alcohol on the premises, but the room will be available to hire by members of the village community – for meetings, children's birthday parties and other events. Contact Jill Darby on 01823 698000.

Reverend Deborah Kirk

Superintendent Minister, Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor Methodist Circuit

Deputy Chair, SW Peninsula Methodist District 01823 334854

WEEKLY MONDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

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

We do welcome visiting stallholders usually near to Easter and Christmas but if anyone would like to come along during the year, do please contact me.

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

Jill Darby (Co-ordinator)



MIDDLEZOY WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB

Reminder: The summer outing this year is on Tuesday 4 August to Weymouth with a stop at Dorchester en route. If you are aged 67 and above and you have not yet received an invitation please let me know.

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

MIDDLEZOY VILLAGE SHOP

The recent spell of sunny weather has certainly brought people into Middlezoy Village Shop, where our wonderful team of volunteers has been kept busy serving plenty of ice lollies and stocking up on BBQ favourites for local families and visitors alike.

We're delighted to announce that Black Sheep Butchers of Langport are now supplying the shop with an excellent range of locally produced meats. Deliveries arrive every Tuesday morning and include sausages, bacon, burgers, faggots, black pudding and their ever-popular meat pies. If there's something specific you'd like, we're happy to take advance orders.

Friday remains a favourite day for customers, as Winnie's Bakery delivers its delicious selection of freshly baked bread, sourdough loaves and irresistible pastries.

For those with a sweet tooth, Nicki's Cakes of Langport continues to provide a tempting range of homemade cakes every week. Choose from classic sponges, loaf cakes and slices in a variety of flavours, with customer favourites including Coffee and Walnut, Lemon Drizzle, Victoria Sponge and the ever-popular Florentines.

We're also continuing to stock a fantastic selection of Choice Kitchen frozen curries, making it easy to enjoy a tasty meal with minimal fuss.

With our growing range of local produce, there's always something new to discover, so it's well worth popping in and having a browse.

A customer recently told us "This shop is a community gem!"

It's comments like these that remind us how special our village shop is. Whether you're picking up everyday essentials, supporting local producers or treating yourself to something delicious, our volunteers look forward to welcoming you soon.

We always welcome new volunteers: contact middlezoyvillageshop@outlook.com

Follow us on Facebook for shop and Post-Office updates. Opening times at back of this magazine.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

MOMSS Magazine

The PCC wish to thank and congratulate the various MOMSS Committee members and volunteers who over the years have produced and delivered the MOMSS magazine. To find advertisers, edit and collate the articles and have the magazine published and delivered within a two week period every month for so many years is a tremendous feat of endurance.

Drinks and Cheese Evening

On Saturday 4 July the church is hosting a Drinks and Cheese evening in the church commencing at 6pm. Profits will be used to contribute to the annual running costs required to keep the church open and churchyard maintained.



Other Events Planned in 2026

Other fund raising events planned are:

Sunday 30 August Open Tower

Saturday 10 October Brunch

Saturday 21 November Brunch and Fayre

Saturday 28 November Concert

HOLY CROSS ECO CHURCH

There are two important things happening in Middlezoy in July.

On Sunday 5th the pilgrims who are travelling round the UK showing the Coat Of Hopes are coming to

Middlezoy in the evening. They will be staying in the church overnight but are also hoping to meet us from 7pm to 8.30pm up in the church. It is a chance to wear the coat and meet the pilgrims. There is no need to book, just come along and hear their story as they promote their work for making us aware of the climate situation.

No need to book and you can turn up any time between 7pm and 8.30pm

Look up their website to find out more www.coatofhopes.co.uk and see page 18 for more information.

On Wednesday 22nd in the Village Hall we will be screening *The People's Emergency Briefing*. This is a thought provoking 45 minute film which aims to raise public awareness of climate and environmental risks and is well worth watching.

It will start at 7pm. Just come along as there is no need to book. PCC Middlezoy

ARTS ALIVE IN MIDDLEZOY

The Middlezoy Arts Festival guys may have hung up their boots after providing us with years of amazing events, and we thank them all. But as you know, it is almost impossible to keep the amazing and creative talent of this fantastic village down. This year will see the final instalment of the *Symphonic Picture Books* performed at Holy Cross Church on Sunday 29 November. You have seen Ted, the teddy bear, reach his star at the top of the Christmas Tree. You have seen Ruke and Aelra, the turkeys, learn how to fly to escape the Nor Folk.

Now in November it is time to witness Tripp the hapless squirrel and his group of friends, including a narcissistic fox, a manic-depressive wolf, a show-tune loving bear and a very nosy owl trying to find his nuts after a heavy snowstorm; all in the pursuit of true love. A proper Christmas miracle.

If that's not enough to keep you going, there is a very special birthday in July of next year. Keep an eye on the local Facebook pages and posters around the villages for more information.

We will quite literally be lighting up the skies and streets of Middlezoy as we celebrate the 1,100th anniversary of the creation of England as a country.

We are always looking for performers, readers, writers and creatives to make these amazing events take place, so if you are interested in getting involved, please email beatfourfour@gmail.com.

Mark Whitford-Williams MMus BA(Hons)



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.

34TH ANNUAL OTHERY STREET FAYRE

See page 22 for a report and photos.

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 home-made marmalade and sometimes chutney! There is a selection of books for sale (25p per book) with a variety of authors and a lending library of jigsaw puzzles for those of you who fancy a challenge. This is a great opportunity to meet up with friends and relax for a while, so please do join us – you'll be made very welcome.

Scilla Tempest

OTHERY BOOK GROUP

***The Razor's Edge* by W Somerset Maugham**

Larry Darrell is a young American in search of the absolute. The progress of his spiritual odyssey involves him with some of Maugham's most brilliant characters – his fiancée Isabel, whose choice between love and wealth has lifelong repercussions and Elliott Templeton, her uncle, a classic expatriate snob.

The most ambitious of Maugham's novels, this is also one in which Maugham himself plays a part, as he wanders in and out of the story, observing his characters struggling with their fates.

Of those members present the majority found the book interesting although one member found it "dated and a very tedious read" (it was set in the 1920s and 1930s and included the Wall Street Crash of 1929 although not a great deal was written about the effects of that shattering event). Another said that although she had quite enjoyed it she would not be tempted to read another by the author. However, others loved the "style, language and craft of the characters to the point where just the artistic appreciation of the book made it worth the read".

Our book for July is *The Other Half of August Hope* by Joanna Glen.

Scilla Tempest



OTHERY VILLAGE HALL

It's almost time for the annual Village Hall barbecue! In case you did not see in June's MOMSS's 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!

Friday 24 July – Annual Summer Barbecue.

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

Friday 30 October – Annual Halloween Party.

Friday 13 November – 3rd Annual Beer Festival.

Sunday 6 December – Annual Village Christmas Party.

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

Regular events

Friday night social from 7pm including happy hour (and a half) on the first Friday of the month – enjoy 50% off!

Pilates, Western Front Association and Somerset Levels Stargazers as advertised on the village hall website www.OTHERYVILLAGEHALL.ORG.UK

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 Tel: 07456 653252

Email: OTHERYVILLAGEHALL@hotmail.co.uk Website: www.OTHERYVILLAGEHALL.ORG.UK



MOORLINCH VILLAGE NEWS

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Polden Wheel Prayer and Bible study groups

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 6 July Joint PCCs meeting Polden Wheel and Moorlinch with Stawell at 7.30pm at Shapwick Church

Weds 15 July Moorlinch and Stawell PCC meets at The Manor at 5pm.

JUMBLE SALE – Saturday 31 October

We intend to hold a Jumble Sale on Saturday 31 October from 10am to 12 noon to raise funds towards the installation of a church hearing system.

Refreshments will be available.

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



MOORLINCH PUB QUIZ

Thursday 16 July

We had a good turnout at the May one. The donation went to the Moorlinch Fingerpost Fund, which is the fund refurbishing, repainting and refitting the various old SCC fingerposts around the village. The next quiz date was set for Thursday 16 July and being presented by the 'Weakest Link' team, who gallantly volunteered.

Where: Ring O' Bells, Moorlinch

When: Thursday 16 July 2026, 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**

ROUND UP FROM MOORLINCH CHURCH HALL

Sadly this will be the last printed MOMSS. The final ever MOMSS will be an electronic copy in August. So I am taking the opportunity to remind you about all the events coming up at the hall in the next few months. In future we will rely solely on the village email and social media and aim to put up a few signs and posters. But in the meantime a reminder that we have.....

Tuesday 14 July, Boules with bread and cheese. This will need to be booked in advance. Watch email and FB for further information.

Saturday 5 September Village BBQ plus harvest celebrations later in the month. **Tuesday 27 October** Halloween Bingo

Thursday 17 December Christmas Whist.

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!

Thank you MOMSS and all who have helped over the years

As this is the final printed copy and penultimate ever copy of MOMSS, thank you to editors, village coordinators and everyone who has written and contributed articles that help our communities stay up to date and bring us together.

Also to the coordinators and all the people who deliver it by hand around the village each month and have done so since it started.

Sam Dawe, Chair, 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



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.....

Audrey Warner



BENEFICE, DEANERY AND DIOCESAN ITEMS

PROCESSES WHILE WE ARE IN VACANCY

The Churchwardens are the people to contact for arranging baptisms, weddings and funerals during the vacancy of the post of Priest-in-Charge for the United Benefice of MOMSS&G.

Details of normal regular services are being arranged with the Area Dean and 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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Both meetings will be held at Othery Church Room at 7.30pm

Tuesday 7 July Wardens and Reps meeting to plan the end of benefice get-together.

Monday 20 July Wardens and Reps meeting..

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms:

Delilah Thompson was baptised at Holy Cross Church Middlezoy on Sunday 21 June. Rev. Andrew Neaum officiated.

Deaths/Funerals:

Stewart Burrows, formerly of Middlezoy, passed away on Sunday 24 May, aged 97 at his nursing home in Burnham-on-Sea. His funeral service was held at Sedgemoor Crematorium in Wednesday 17 June. He joins his wife June who passed away on 30 October last year aged 94. May they both rest in peace together.

Beverley Nelson (daughter)

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

'The Go Team' (Bath and Wells Diocese) are promoting a Week of Prayer for Children and Young

People across the diocese for the week of 6 to 10 July. There is a Prayer Guide to use each day if you so wish to use these resources. This can be downloaded on their website. It is also part of the 2026 Year of Prayer and offers five daily themes. Please pray for children and young people as they journey through uncertain times that they may face today.

Pauline Davies.



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HUMAN FLOURISHING FOR ALL



"Tell me about your school days" is a deeply illuminating question to ask. Our experience of school shapes us deeply our whole lives long. Schools mould our character and values. They develop our skills and expectations. They influence our relationships and our life chances. Rooted in our understanding of the Bible, Christians have been involved in schooling for many centuries. In the nineteenth century, the Church of England's National Society set up thousands of schools all around our country, established principally for the benefit of the poor. It is largely out of this heritage that our Diocese of Bath and Wells continues to have a stake in so many of Somerset's schools today.

We have 180 Church Schools, the majority of which are for primary aged children, with nine middle, upper or secondary schools and one specialist provision. Big and small, and found in all kinds of communities, our schools educate around 60% of Somerset's primary school children.

Our schools are Church Schools, they are not faith schools. We are open to everyone, of

all faiths and none. Our schools are guided by our Christian ethos, manifested in their engagement with the Bible and worship, in prayer and Christian ethics. More recently, this is expressed most fully in the Church of England's Vision for Education. This understands our schools' mission to be "deeply Christian, serving the Common Good" Our vision embraces the spiritual, physical, intellectual, emotional, moral and social development of children and young people. Our vision is of human flourishing for all. As bishop, I am privileged to spend lots of time in our Church Schools. The most fun I have is being grilled by young people who pose me questions about ethics and doctrine, our Church's life and faith. I'm certainly kept on my toes! What I value most is seeing played out in our young people the four main elements of our Church's vision - wisdom, hope, community and dignity.

+ *Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells*

NEW ARCHDEACON OF WELLS

Jo Stobart is to be the next Archdeacon of Wells and Residentiary Canon of Wells Cathedral. She will succeed Anne Gell who stepped down earlier this month after nine years in the role. Jo will be returning to Bath and Wells in the late autumn.

Bishop Michael said, "I am thrilled that Jo is coming home. She is someone with huge ability, who loves our diocese, loves Somerset and rural ministry. I am absolutely delighted to welcome her back with us as the new Archdeacon of Wells."

Speaking on her appointment, Jo, who is currently Chaplain to the Bishop of Exeter, said, "I am overjoyed and honoured to be the next Archdeacon of Wells and Residentiary Canon of Wells Cathedral. The call to serve in this role was a tug at my vocational heart strings that I could not ignore."

BEHOLD THE COAT OF HOPES

The Coat of Hopes is a patchwork coat that is on an ongoing walk through Britain. Made, worn and walked by hundreds of people during and since its pilgrimage from the south coast of England to COP 26, the UN climate summit, in Glasgow, autumn 2021.

The Coat is made up of pieces of blanket into which people have worked their griefs, remembrances, prayers and hopes for the place they call home. It carries an invitation to share our love and responsibility in facing this climate and ecological emergency.

We invite you to meet with and try the coat on when it stays in Middlezoy on Sunday 5 July. Meeting time: 7pm – 8:30pm
Location: Holy Cross Church, Church Road, Middlezoy TA7 0NU. Join us to meet, try on the Coat and hear the story and song of The Coat of Hopes before we travel on to Bridgwater on Monday 6 July.



Visit our website to find out more: <https://www.coatofhopes.uk/>

If you would like to walk with the Coat of Hopes, please email yes@coatofhopes.uk All are welcome. We would love to see you there.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!

In June we celebrated Volunteers Week and gave thanks for all our wonderful volunteers across Bath and Wells. In case you didn't see it, our Bishops, Archdeacons and members of support services shared their thanks to all those across our diocese who freely give their time, skills and gifts. Thank you for all you do to make a real difference as together we share God's love to help grow God's Kingdom here in Bath and Wells.

NEWS FROM OUR MPS



Ashley Fox, MP for Middlezoy and Othery

The defence of the realm is the first duty of any government.

Before anything else, a nation must be able to protect its people, defend its borders and support the brave men and women who serve in our armed forces. That is why I am increasingly concerned about the Government's approach to defence.

Earlier this month, I challenged Ministers in the House of Commons over the continued delay in publishing the Defence Investment Plan.

The Government has been able to set out welfare spending plans

years into the future, yet still could not tell our armed forces what resources and capabilities they will have in the years ahead.

The conflicts in Ukraine, the Middle East and other parts of the world are a reminder that we cannot take our security for granted. The world is becoming more dangerous, not less. Recently, I was pleased to welcome Shadow Defence Secretary James Cartlidge MP to Bridgwater. We discussed the challenges facing our armed forces, the threats facing the United Kingdom and the importance of ensuring Britain remains a strong and credible military power.

Readers in Othery and Middlezoy will have family members who have served in our armed forces or continue to do so today, and many will understand better than most the importance of ensuring our armed forces have the support and resources they need. Our armed forces cannot plan effectively without certainty. Decisions on recruitment, training, equipment and infrastructure require long-term investment and clear direction from Government.

By the time you read this, the Government may have finally published its Defence Investment Plan however, the delay has done damage.

At a time of growing instability around the world, uncertainty over defence spending sends the wrong message. It makes Britain appear less certain of its priorities and risks encouraging those who wish us harm.

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

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



Tessa Munt, Minette Batters and Mel Squires

It's been another busy month, here and in Parliament.

I enjoyed lunch at the Bath & West Show with Mel Squires, previously South West Regional Director of the National Farmers' Union, and Minette Batters, farmer and ex-President of the NFU, discussing farming and food. Minette sits in the House of Lords as a crossbencher - she has no political party allegiance - and understands the challenges facing the farming community.

In Westminster, I asked Ministers about:

- * low mileage rates paid to those undertaking Jury Service
- * Councils losing income from recycling aluminium
- * breaches of export trade regulations for waste tyres
- * huge business rate hikes for rural micro and small businesses
- * long delays to the compensation scheme for victims of the medical 'mesh' scandal
- * the legacy of the Northern Ireland 'Troubles' Bill
- * when and who sealed the records of the June 1994 Chinook air crash for 100 years
- * whether training to increase understanding of state threats for the Police should be extended to 'front line' health, job centre and social services staff as well
- * habitual waste of NHS kit, time and taxpayers' money giving patients unsuitable wheelchairs, then replacing them

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

Friday 3 July from 11am to 12 noon at The Hub Café, Village Hall, East Brent

Friday 3 July from 6pm to 7pm at The Pub Night, Village Hall, Ashcott

Saturday 11 July from 9am to 10am at The Bluebird Café, Wedmore

Wednesday 22 July from 9.30am to 10.30am at The 'Talking' Coffee Morning, Village Hall, East Huntspill

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.



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.



WIs near us

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.

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

Westonzoyland WI

The meeting on Wednesday 8 July is a 'Western Sing-a-long', i.e. a sing-a-long session to Country and Western music. Come along and sing with us. 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 to November 2026 in St Mary's Church, Main Road, Westonzoyland, TA7 0EP.

Concerts start at 3pm and refreshments are available at a 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 has never yet been exceeded.

However, it should be noted that seats are available on a first come, first served basis.

In order to help with the artists' and other costs a raffle is held. In addition, donations



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are encouraged. It costs well over £400 to put on a concert. The Performing Rights Society supports tour events with their Charity discount. For further information contact: Frank Challenger 01278 699071 email: f.challenger@icloud.com

OTHERY STREET FAYRE



As another successful Othery Street Fayre comes to a close, I extend my sincere thanks to everyone who helped make it such a wonderful day. Thank you to all our visitors, our fantastic stall holders, exhibitors and entertainers and to everyone who contributed to creating such a great community atmosphere.

A special thank you goes to the residents of North Lane for their patience, understanding and support while the event takes place. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and helps make the day possible.

I would also like to

recognise the many volunteers and helpers who give up their time before, during and after the event. Most importantly, thank you to the Street Fayre Committee members who work tirelessly throughout the year behind the scenes, planning, organising and fundraising to ensure the event can continue year after year.

On a personal note, this year's Fayre marks the end of my time as chairman. After seven years in the role and 24 years of involvement with the Street Fayre, I have decided to stand down and focus on my career and other commitments. It has been a privilege and an honour to serve our community in this capacity and I am immensely



proud of what we have achieved together over the years. The committee will be seeking a new chairman and also a new treasurer. These are rewarding opportunities to help safeguard and develop an event that means so much to our village. If you would be interested in either position, or would like to find out more, please get in touch with the committee.



Thank you once again to everyone who has supported Othery Street Fayre over the years. Your continued enthusiasm and commitment are what keep this wonderful community event alive.

I leave the role with many happy memories, great friendships and enormous pride in what our community can achieve when we work together.

Anthony Betty, Committee Chairman

USEFUL INFORMATION

FOODBANKS DONATION POINTS

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

Othery: St Michael's Church Porch.

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

Stawell: The Old Post Office, Stawell

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

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

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

Langport Cares email: langportcares@foodbank@gmail.com

The Glastonbury Community Fridge is organised by the charity Love Glastonbury. It is situated at Town Hall, Magdalene Street, Glastonbury and is open daily 9am - 4pm. Help yourself to food, there is no charge. There are no contact details, other than by Facebook: search for Glastonbury Fridge. 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	Can't come in person? Contact us on Facebook for a delivery
COMMUNITY FRIDGE 	COMMUNITY PANTRY 
Fresh food available to all	Long-life food if you are in food crisis
Open 9am-4pm every day	Open Wednesday 1-4pm and Saturday 10am-1pm
Restocked daily	Choose up to ten items
Please only take what you can use	Voluntary suggested donation £2.50
Located in front of the town hall	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 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 July, 5 August

Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks: Wednesdays 1, 22 July, 19 August

Garden Waste Bins, every other week: Mondays 6, 20 July, 3 August

OTHERY

Recycling Boxes, every week: Fridays 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 July, 7 August

Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks: Fridays 10, 31 July, 21 August

Garden Waste Bins, every other week: Mondays 6, 20 July, 3 August

MOORLINCH, STAWELL, SUTTON MALLET & GREINTON

Recycling Boxes, every week: Wednesdays 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 July, 5 August

Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks: Wednesdays 1, 22 July, 19 August

Garden Waste Bins, every other week: Fridays 10, 24 July, 7 August

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: 24 July, 21 August

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 JULY 2026

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
July 5 Sunday (Fifth after Trinity)	10.00 am	United Benefice Communion service	St Mary's, Moorlinch
12 Sunday (Sixth after Trinity)	10.00 am 10.00 am 10.30 am	Sea Sunday Service Morning Worship Joint Worship For All	St Mary's, Moorlinch St Francis, Stawell Methodists Chapel, Middlezoy
19 Sunday (Seventh after Trinity)	10.00 am	United Benefice Communion service	St Francis, Stawell
26 Sunday (Eighth after Trinity)	10.00 am 10.30 am 11.45 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Morning Worship Baptism Circuit Communion Service	St Michael's, Othery St Francis, Stawell St Michael's, Othery Methodists Chapel, Middlezoy
August 2 Sunday (Ninth after Trinity)	10.00 am	United Benefice Communion service	Holy Cross, Middlezoy

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

DATE	SEASON	READINGS
July 5 Sunday	Fifth Sunday after Trinity	OT: Genesis, chapter 24, verses 34 to 38, 42 to 49, 58 to 67 Psalm: 45, verses 10 to 17 Epistle: Romans., chapter 7, verses 15 to 25a Gospel: Matthew, chapter 11, verses 16 to 19 and 25 to 30
12 Sunday	Sixth Sunday after Trinity	OT: Genesis, chapter 25, verses 19 to 34 Psalm: 119, verses 105 to 112 Epistle: Romans, chapter 8, verses 1 to 11 Gospel: Matthew, chapter 13, verses 1 to 9 and 18 to 23
19 Sunday	Seventh Sunday after Trinity	OT: Genesis, chapter 28, verses 10 to 19a Psalm: 139, verses 1 to 11 Epistle: Romans, chapter 8, verses 12 to 25 Gospel: Matthew, chapter 13, verses 24 to 30 and 36 to 43
26 Sunday	Eighth Sunday after Trinity	OT: Genesis, chapter 29, verses 15 to 28 Psalm: Psalm 105, verses 1 to 11 Epistle: Romans, chapter 8, verses 26 to 39 Gospel: Matthew, chapter 13, verses 31 to 33 and 44 to 52
August 2 Sunday	Ninth 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