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From The Assistant Editor

So the dry weather went on for 23 days during which there was only one wet day in the Webbery area. Then my annual weekend trip to the Cotswold Beer Festival at Postlip Hall, near Winchcombe, in the county of Gloucestershire, came around and what happened?

It started to rain. Fortunately I managed to avoid most of it, although the rain on Friday night was **really** heavy. My tent remained dry inside and the festivalgoers were not put off, so a good time was had by all. The venue at Postlip is fantastic, the beer is housed in a 15th century Tithe Barn which is stone built with walls several feet thick. The roof is a beautiful construction of oak beam trusses. It really is a joy to be there. The barn stands in the grounds of

what was Postlip Manor House which nestles in a small valley surrounded by the wonderful Gloucestershire countryside. Which is almost as wonderful as Devonshire countryside...

Anyway, back to the grindstone!

I understand that the Safari Supper went off really well, so congrats to all involved and to you if you attended.

The next event at Alverdiscott Hall is the Flower and Produce Show on Saturday 10 August. It's not too late to enter so if you are still thinking about it just make up your mind and do it. If you need a schedule contact the Rag and if you want to enter contact Liz White on 01271 858441.

Hope to see you there.

And finally...

Events still to come at Alverdiscott Community Hall.

Taw and Torridge Cavy Show. Saturday 3 August - all welcome.

Alverdiscott Flower and Produce Show. Saturday 10 August. And if you can donate a cake or 2 for the Cake Stall that would be excellent!

Harvest Supper. Friday 20 September. Details to follow.

Autumn Big Breakfast. Sunday 27 October.

Firework Party. Friday 8 November. Details to follow.

Taw and Torridge Poultry Show. Sunday 10 November - all welcome.

Filleighwood Ferret Show. Saturday 30 November. Details to follow...

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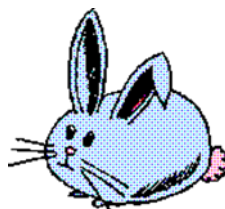
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Horwood Events

*Come and join us at St. Michael's, Horwood
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Sunday August 25th @ 9:15am. An
opportunity to thank
God for all our pets and pray God's
blessing on them and us.



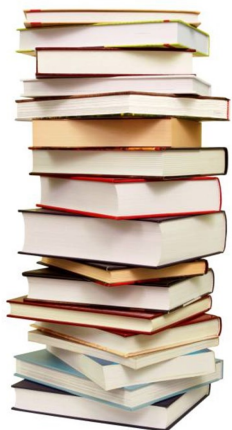
We look forward to seeing the usual and the extraordinary.
Dogs on leads please, Cats in hands
Tigers, lions and reptiles????

Let's gather and thank God for our many blessings
Refreshments after the service.
All welcome even if you do not have a Pet.
(PS. don't forget those little bags)



*St Michael's Church Horwood
Coffee Morning*

SAT 7th SEPTEMBER 10.00am until 12.00pm
Refreshments with Books & Cakes to buy.



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UPDATE ON THE CHURCH AT HUNTSNAY

Building/Repair work

We are pleased to announce the award of £7,000 from **ChurchCare** on behalf of the Wolfson Foundation which means that we now have the necessary funding to carry out Phase I of our renovation work. So, in August and September repairs to the vestry floor, the pew platform at the rear of the nave and the west door will take place. The tower repair will begin on 1st October and should be completed by the end of November. Services will continue but we have decided to postpone other events until next year. We are very grateful to ChurchCare and the Wolfson Foundation, Devon Historic Churches Trust, Allchurches Trust and the Coastal Recycling Community Fund as with their generosity our church will enter 2020 as a weatherproof, secure and comfortable building in which we can meet God in his love and his grace.

Our finances

We all agree that primary function of the church is to worship God and our two services each month serve and unite our community. On a practical level, we are charged with managing the church and preserving it for future generations. It currently costs £4,500 to run the church for one year the majority of which pays the Common Fund (£1,400), insurance (£1,500) and other Diocese expenses (£700). Our main income source is from our investments which generate approximately £2,000 per year. For the remainder of our income we rely on collections at services and the generosity of those who make donations to whom we are grateful.

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FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS ALVERDISCOTT**A MUSICAL LUNCH AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

30 August



Activities at the Methodist Chapel

Our Coffee Morning in July raised £312.90 for Over and Above.

The next Coffee Morning, which will be on August 1st from 10am until noon, is for the **"Children's Air Ambulance"**. Come and enjoy good coffee, good company and support a very worthwhile cause. Our Coffee Mornings are very popular and enjoyable social occasions.

Café Worship - The next Café Worship is on Sunday 18 August at 5.00pm. Come and enjoy your tea and maybe learn a thing or two.

EXPLORE Services - An interactive Bible Study. Fellowship, starting with tea or coffee, with a choice of hymns and shared prayers. The next EXPLORE service will be a Sunday in September at 5.00pm.

Gardening Club - Details from Cynthia Courtenay on 01805 601323. Meeting fee is £1 which includes tea and biscuits. The next meeting will be on 19 August at 2.30pm.

Alverdiscott Craft Group - The Craft group meet at the Chapel on the second Tuesday of the month - next meeting is 13 August at 10.30am, but you can pop in when you want and leave when ready. The Chapel has ample car parking. Cost is £1 per meeting. All are welcome. For more information call Stuart Fuller on 01271 858258 or email stuart.fuller454@gmail.com

Dates for Your Diary

Harvest Festival Services

Sunday 6 October

11am and 6.30pm

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Leisure

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Names in the Royal Family

27 To Find.

GEORGE	ANNE	JOHN	CHARLOTTE	EUGENIE	EDWARD
ALBERT	ROSE	HARRY	ARCHIBALD	BEATRICE	CHARLES
CAMILLA	SARAH	KATE	ALEXANDRA	MARGARET	
MEGHAN	HENRY	MIA	ELIZABETH	WILLIAM	
LOUIE	MARY	PHILIP	VICTORIA	ANDREW	

Last time the word was: Universal

Only For Fun. You have 15 minutes to find as many words as possible using the letters shown in the grid. Each word must contain four or more letters, one of which must be the central square. No letter may be used more than once in each word. No proper nouns, plurals or foreign words allowed. There is one nine letter word for which the clue is - Catalogue

Word count 20 = Good. More than 25 = Well Done!

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Leisure

Su Doku Puzzle No. 155

Good Luck.

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Solution to Su Doku No. 154

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Anglican Community - Interim Rector Rev Tracey Doyle

August 2019



Sunday 4th Trinity 7

Alverdiscott	11.00am	At Chapel US
Newton Tracey	11.00am	Morning Worship
Tawstock	11.00am	PCC Led Service

Sunday 11th Trinity 8

Horwood	9.15am	Prayer Meeting
Huntshaw	11.00am	All Age Worship
Tawstock	11.00am	Holy Communion
Yarnscombe	11.00am	Tractor Run

Sunday 18th Trinity 9

Alverdiscott	11.00am	Holy Communion
Newton Tracey	11.00am	All Age Worship
Tawstock	11.00am	PCC Led Service
Yarnscombe	6.30pm	Holy Communion

Sunday 25th Trinity 10

Horwood	9.15am	Pet Service
Huntshaw	6.30pm	Holy Communion
Tawstock	11.00am	Family Service

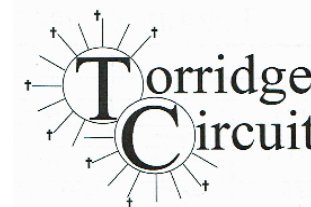
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04 August	11.00	Mrs Julia Spencer
	6.30	At Buckland Brewer for Sankey Evening

11 August	11.00	Mr Jim Wood
	6.30	No Service

18 August	11.00	US at PC
	5.00	Café Worship

25 August	11.00	Rev Rob Blackhall S
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Parish Council News

The next Parish Council meeting is due to be held in Alverdiscott Hall on Wednesday 31 July at 7pm. This will be the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the AGM, all are welcome. Any organisation wishing to apply for a grant this year should contact the Parish Clerk with an up to date copy of the accounts and a covering letter explaining what the grant is required for by 31st August. The Parish Council are sorry to announce the resignation of the Chairman, Peter Denard and wish to thank Peter for his time on the Parish Council. Anyone who lives and or works in the Parish and is interested in joining the Parish Council should contact the Parish Clerk.



Planning Applications

Application Number and Date	Description <i>Full Details Available from Torridge District Council Website - www.torridge.gov.uk/plans</i>	Parish Comment	LPA Decision And Date
I/0587/2019 FUL 02/07/2019	First Floor Extension to Northeast elevation with car port under. Huntshaw Mill, Huntshaw, EX38 7HD	Emailed	Awaited
I/0210/2019/ FUL 03/04/19	Erection of a dwelling and associated works Agricultural Building At Grid Reference 250454 123756 Huntshaw Devon.	Emailed	Awaited
I/0361/2019 TEL 24/04/19	Installation of telegraph pole, telecoms cabinet and fencing. Land at Grid Reference 253272 123140 Yarnscombe Devon.	Emailed	Approved 26/06/19
I/0399/2019	Proposed extension to shed, Staines Trailers Ltd Huntshaw Torrington Devon EX38 7HH	Emailed	Awaited
I/0511/2019	Proposed triple garage with store above. Twitchen Farm Huntshaw Torrington Devon EX38 7HQ	Emailed	Awaited

Drivers Targeted With Fake Fines What you need to know

Action Fraud have received an increase in reports and intelligence where elderly victims are being targeted by individuals purporting to be police officers or traffic wardens. The victims are being approached whilst parked in a car park and are told by the suspect that they have parked illegally or broken a speed limit and a photo has been taken of their car for '**evidence**'.

Victims are advised that they will face a substantial penalty fine unless they pay a smaller upfront fee immediately. Victims, who opt for paying the smaller penalty, will be directed to a parking meter and asked to enter their card and PIN. These parking meters have been tampered with by the suspect in order to retain the card.

Once the victim inserts their card and are asked for their PIN, the victims are **shoulder surfed** for their PIN by the suspect. Once victims input their PIN, the card is retained by the machine and victims are told by the suspect to seek help from the company who operates the parking meter or their bank.

What you need to do

If you are suspicious about the authenticity of the fine, do not pay it until you have verified it with your local council.

Always shield your PIN from view when using an ATM machine, and never share your PIN with anyone.

If your bank card is retained by an ATM machine, contact your bank immediately to inform them.

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Champing - The time has come to look seriously at income generation, and, having explored several options, the PCC are proposing that we encourage tourists and visitors to the church through champing. The champing scheme is run by the Church Conservation Trust (CCT) and involves people paying to camp in churches. It is a growing market and the CCT are actively seeking more churches to participate. We are proposing to let out the church at certain times during the summer months to small groups of campers. They would check in from 4 pm and leave by 10 am the next day. Some may stay for more than one night. The service is marketed and regulated by the CCT and we would pay a fee for this. We are planning to install a compost toilet and to install a security system to allow the church to be open during daylight hours. For more information see <https://www.champing.co.uk/>

We would like to hear your views on champing before 31st August 2019. Contact: Audrey Alimo at audreyalimo@yahoo.co.uk or Lesley Wall at lesleywall12@btinternet.com or talk to any PCC member.

See www.huntschwchurch.com/ for regular updates.

And finally... Wild-life friendly church yard

As part of our eco-friendly approach to the site we are about to create a wild-life friendly area around the yew trees in the church yard. New and tended graves will not be affected.

Facebook page - Did you know that there is a Two Rivers Mission Community FB page that will keep you up to date with all that is going on in our churches? It is managed by Sue Turner from Horwood and you are invited to use it for notices of events, news, comments and thoughts.

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