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### From The Assistant Editor

Bats, bees and butterflies are all out and about at the moment. The bats are flying to and fro outside our sitting room window most evenings. They are small and very fast so presumable pipistrelles. The bees are bumblebees and there seems to be lots of them. No sign of honey bees yet. The butterflies are mostly speckled wood and peacock. We've also had a visit from a tawny owl. It perched on the fence outside our sitting room a few evenings ago. What a beautiful sight. We often hear them calling, sometimes even in the day time, but don't often get to see them up close.

A pair of robins have built a nest in the bank. I can see them coming and going, from the kitchen window. So far I have resisted the temptation to have a close look.

We also have a couple of robins that have mastered the art of hanging on to the feeders in the same way that tits and finches do. And there is a blackbird that tries to get in on the act but he isn't as adept as the others just yet. The craziest thing is that we now have a couple of rooks that are trying to copy the others. Given the size of a fat ball feeder and the size of a rook it is quite a sight. You have to give them full marks for even trying!

**And do please remember, we have a Spring Big Breakfast at Alverdiscott Hall on 1 May from 9am to 1pm.**

**And Alverdiscott Hall AGM is on Monday 9 May at 7.30pm.**

The pictures on the front cover have been gleaned from the internet.

### ALVERDISCOTT & HUNTSBAY PARISH COUNCIL

#### Vacancy for the position of Parish Clerk

The Clerk is the Proper Officer of the Council and is responsible to the Council for all aspects of administration of day-to-day business, preparing agendas and taking minutes of meetings, advising on regulatory and legal matters, and managing the Parish Council website.

The applicant must have good organisational, communication and IT skills and while it will be an advantage to hold the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) this is not essential.

The Clerk will mainly work from home and is required to attend 6 evening parish council meetings per annum (normally held bi-monthly), an Annual Parish Meeting and such other council meetings as may be decided.

This is a part-time post with hours proportionate to the workload at the time. The salary would be £1800 per annum paid on a quarterly basis, plus any expenses arising directly from the necessary activities involved.

This position may also be suitable for a Clerk to another Parish who is already processing incoming mail from DALC and District/County Councils who has hours available for additional responsibilities.

Further details are available on request from the Chairman of the Parish Council:

Graham White FCMA, Bulworthy Cottage, Stony Cross, Bideford, EX39 4PY

Tel. 01271 858441 - The Closing date for applications is Friday May 6th 2022.

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## From the Rector

### Have you ever tried praying?

I'm sure most people have. It might have been in a moment of crisis, but equally might have been in a moment of wonder at the beauty of the world around us.

Some people will find themselves praying almost despite themselves... not sure who they are praying to, but wanting to connect with something, someone, beyond themselves. If that's you, you might want to try the simple prayer, **"God if you are there, I want to get to know you. Please reveal yourself to me."** It could be the start of a wonderful relationship with the God who loves each of us. Jesus taught that "he who seeks, finds". It's got to be worth a try!

This May, churches across North Devon are joining together to encourage people to "Try Praying". We'll be popping up blue "Try Praying" posters to encourage people to give praying a try and we'll be offering of a free booklet with some suggestions for how to pray. If you'd like a copy of the booklet pop into your local church to find one or drop me an email on revgaryowen@gmail.com They're free!

We'd love to hear how you get on... or to offer some more help if you would like it. Please keep in touch. Gary.

## Confirmation

On Wednesday 4th May, Bishop Jackie the Bishop of Crediton, will lead a confirmation service for the mission community in St Giles at 7.30pm. All are welcome to come along to support the eight adults and one teenager who are planning to get confirmed. One adult is also renewing his baptismal vows. There's a glass of bubbly and cake to follow.

It's so encouraging that these ten people are willing and ready to make a public declaration of their commitment to Jesus. Please pray for God to strengthen them in their faith and help them live for Jesus in their daily lives.

## Mission Community Ascension Day service

Thursday 26th May, 10.30am in High Bickington Church

*Rev Gary Owen*

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## Events at Alverdiscott Methodist Chapel

### Coffee Mornings

Our next Coffee Morning, on Thursday 5 May from 10.00am until noon, will be for the **RNLI - again!** Last month we had a very low attendance for some reason and have decided to try again. Please do come along and enjoy a coffee, or tea, and a good old chat. All are welcome, hope to see you there.

### Gardening Club

From now on we shall be reverting to the last Monday of each month (except Bank Holidays) for our meetings at 2.30pm in the chapel schoolroom. Our next meetings will be on 30 May and 27 June. Everyone is welcome and the cost is just £1.00.

### Arts and Crafts Club

Meetings are now in full swing. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at the chapel schoolroom from 10.00am until 1.00pm. Tea, Coffee and light refreshments are provided. All are welcome, so why not bring along your craft/hobby and enjoy a pleasant morning with friends. The cost is just £1.00. Next meeting will be on 10 May.

Now more than ever is the time to  
take up music.

Ever wanted to try a sax, a flute  
or the liquorice stick (clarinet)?

Playing the piano can be so therapeutic.

My adult pupils have found it really calming during these trying times  
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### "Table" Words

There are 16 to find.

BEDSIDE	DINING	KITCHEN	ROUND
BILLIARD	FOLDING	OPERATING	SNOOKER
BREAKFAST	GAMING	PICNIC	WORK
CONSOLE	GARDEN	POOL	WRITING

### Last time the word was: Obedience

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 - Kitchen appliance

Word count 25 = Good. More than 30 = Well done!

A	I	R
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## Leisure

## Su Doku Puzzle No. 185

Good Luck...

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## Solution to Su Doku No. 184

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3	8	5	6	4	7	2	9	1
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4	3	8	9	7	5	1	6	2
8	7	9	4	6	2	5	1	3
6	4	1	5	8	3	7	2	9
5	2	3	7	9	1	4	8	6

Anglican Community - Team Rector Rev Gary Owen  
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## All Saints Church Alverdiscott

## FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH ALVERDISCOTT

We will be holding our AGM on Wednesday 4th May in the church at 7.30pm  
Please come along and hear our reports of the last year and help us plan ahead.  
Tea and coffee will be available.

On **MAY 29th** we have a joint service at 11.00am  
to which everyone is invited.

Please see [Two Rivers Mission Community](#) for current information.

## Alverdiscott Methodist Chapel

Minister Rev Robert Blackhall - 01805 628041

We continue to live in difficult times.

If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to ask.  
I might not immediately know the answer, but I will endeavour to find out.

## Services planned at Alverdiscott Chapel for May

1 May	11am	Paul Bate
15 May	11am	Margaret Price
22 May	5pm	Elsie Potter Explore
29 May	11am	At All Saints

Current Covid advice from the Methodist Church can  
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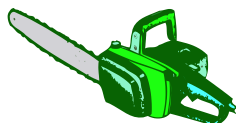
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Having recently created an accessway to drop down the bells for later this year, in letting **Taylor's** the bell people know they said as they had a job cancellation, they could offer to remove the bells in the last week of March.

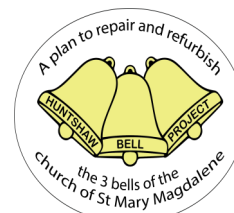
We did explain to them that we've only got 17k out of the required 30k, but they were happy to come and remove the bells, invoicing only a small amount for this first stage. The bigger costs of specialist welding of the cracked No 2 bell, and renewal of fittings and bearings will be done later in the year. So, we hurriedly assembled a rota of volunteers to help Taylor's and they were taken down over a 3 day period.

**"The Art and Science of Bells and Bell Ringing."****On Sat 14th May at 2.30pm - with Ian Campbell.**

Ian will bring an 8 ft high bell stand and large bell into the church to demonstrate ringing in the "up" position and when down. He will also bring a set of handbells and volunteers to demonstrate change ringing, and on his laptop connected to speakers he will demonstrate the "Magic of Bells." - Ian says his talk will be more like 'entertainment' than a talk and afterwards everybody will have a chance to try to ring the bell. Whilst this is happening there will be Cream Teas (with pink bubbly), **Devon Guild of Ringers** displays and models to view, and activities for the children with some small prizes for them, a bell-shaped cake raffle and a "guess the weight" of a handbell (the handbell being the noisy prize!). We also found a 600 year old hand made nail when renovating, in pristine condition, so at about 4pm we're going to hold an auction for it (It will be framed and with certificate of provenance).

**Further ahead: - on the afternoon of Sunday 17th July we are holding a "Walking Treasure Hunt" of about 3 to 5 miles ending at the church with a "Beer and Burger BBQ!"**

**Richard Sears**



**Parish Council News****Parish Meeting & Annual Parish Council Meeting**

The **Parish Meeting** will be held at Huntshaw Parish Hall on  
Wednesday 11th May 2022 at 7:00pm.

This will be followed immediately by the  
**Annual Parish Council Meeting** at 7:30pm.

**Parish Councillor Names and Contact Numbers**

Donald Easterbrook	07971 278984
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Jean Huxtable	01271 624199
Peter Ley	01271 858230
Graham White (Chairman)	01271 858441

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**PCC for Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly**

Alison Hernandez [alison@alisonhernandez.co.uk](mailto:alison@alisonhernandez.co.uk) 01392 459808

**Huntshaw Parish Hall Events****Parochial Church Council AGM**

Sunday 15th May at 4:30pm at Huntshaw Parish Hall

To entice you a cream tea will be served.

The meeting will be preceded by a brief service in the church at 4pm

You would be most welcome at one or both of these events.

**Jubilee Street Party - Huntshaw Sunday 5th June from 12 Noon**

Come and join us in Huntshaw for a delicious buffet lunch and street party.

A wonderful array of dishes and puddings fit for the summer celebration!

Fun for all the family, with games and activities for the kids big and small, and a ceremonial tree planting.

Book your tickets now by calling Jenny on 01805 624490

£10 adult. £5 child under 15s.

Family ticket £25 (2 adults 2 children)

**Grab a Shovel and Plant a Tree!**

Make your mark in Huntshaw and do something that will last a lifetime. Join us and plant a tree! Trees are a natural way to help combat the climate crisis – but we need more of them! In honour of the Queen's Green Canopy to mark the Platinum Jubilee we want to plant 70 trees in Huntshaw over the next 12 months.

**What do you have to do?**

Just come along to our Jubilee Lunch on Sunday, 5th June from 12 midday where one tree will be given to each household along with an invitation to match the donated tree with one of your own. We will also ask you to capture and share your fantastic tree stories through photographs, videos, paintings, poems or in any other way you wish. The Local Rag and/or social media are waiting! If you can't make it to the lunch but would still like to get involved, then just let Audrey know.

The trees are from the Woodland Trust. They are cell-grown saplings, which means that they can be planted all year round. If your garden is already packed with trees and you can't squeeze in anymore then we will find you space within the village.

**For more information call - Audrey on 07952 028013  
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