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**From The Assistant Editor****Phew! What a scorcher!**

Well it has been really warm over the last few days. But even as I type, the thermometer is slowing edging its way back down to a more normal reading. It even rained a bit this morning, first time in 16 days!

It was quite warm on the *Huntshaw Walking Treasure Hunt* on Sunday. I had made up my mind that I would join them whatever the weather but had not reckoned on a heat wave. I hadn't done much walking for a while and I knew it would be a bit of a challenge. The excessive heat just added another dimension. Luckily I got to the Church just as Kath and Jim arrived from Newton Tracey. Joining with them on the hunt for

clues was a real bonus, so thank you both.

Finding **Honey Wood Orchard** was another treat. If you like a good drop of apple juice or cider then check them out. Their website is:

[www.honeywoodorchard.co.uk](http://www.honeywoodorchard.co.uk)

As well as pressing their own apples they also have a distillery and produce bespoke gin and rum, so something for everyone...

Covid is still making its presence felt. I know more people who have it or have just had it, right now than when it was at its peak last year. I know we have to learn to live with it, but the key word in that sentence is "live". The good news is, it seems to be less severe than previously. So, take care and stay safe.

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For routine messages that **do not** require prompt action.

### Friends of All Saints Church Supporters Club

Thank you to all of you who have renewed your membership and a big welcome to our new members. We have been able to increase the value of the prizes for this year.

#### The winners of the July draw were:

1st Prize	Adrian White	£25
2nd Prize	Liz Moore	£15
3rd Prize	Sandra Clements	£10

If you are interested in joining our supporters club please contact Louise Saunders on: [louisesaunders4bp@gmail.com](mailto:louisesaunders4bp@gmail.com) or 858522.

### A Date for Your Diary

At Huntshaw Parish Hall

*A Halloween Skittles*

*Night*

**Saturday October 29th from 7pm**

**£5 Entry on the door - Raffle.**

**Fancy Dress optional - but there will be prizes!**



### From the Rector

It's not been a good summer to be a supporter of Kent County Cricket Club. "We've" finished bottom of our T20 group and have only won a single match in the county championship. In total we've won 4 out of 23 matches. Still, its not long until the football season starts and surely one of my three teams will have a good season. If you are interested, they are Watford from where my family hail, Wrexham where I was a vicar for 8 years and Cray Wanderers the little local team to where I grew up in Kent.

As Alexander Pope wrote, "**hope springs eternal**"!

The bible has a lot to say about hope. One of the strangest, written by St Paul in Romans 5.3-4, is: "we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope." Paul faced more than his fair share of challenges in life, but he understood that it's as we persevere through those tough times that our character grows and with it hope.

St Paul wrote to the church in Colossae that the Christian has a 'hope stored up in heaven'. Things may not look great now, but Jesus has conquered evil and death on the cross and one day he will return to put the world to rights – when all that is good will be gathered up into a new heaven and earth, and all that is evil consigned to hell. Those who have received spiritual new birth and life through faith in Jesus can be sure that they will get to enjoy heaven for ever. Because God has taken on human nature in Jesus and lifted it to heaven, we can be confident that he will be able to do the same for us.

There are so many things in the world that we might worry about just now. There may be things in our own lives and families that are causing us pain and anxiety. But if we are part of "team Jesus" we can know that we are on the winning side. Evil and death's days are numbered. Good will win. And that gives us the hope we need to persevere, however good or bad things might look just now...

*Rev Gary Owen*

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**Events at Alverdiscott Methodist Chapel**

**Coffee Mornings**

Our July meeting for Over and Above raised £156, well done all who attended. On August 4th the charity will be the **MWiB Buranpur Hospital Appeal**, and then on 1 September it will be in aid of *Action for Children*. 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**

Garden Club meetings are on the last Monday of each month (except Bank Holidays when it will normally be the Monday before) at 2.30pm in the chapel schoolroom. Our next meeting will be on 22 August. Everyone is welcome and the cost is just £1.00.

**Arts and Crafts Club**

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 or hobby and enjoy a pleasant morning with friends. The cost is just £1.00. Next meeting will be on 9 August.



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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“It’s a ...”

There are 14 to find.

BOY	DOGS LIFE	KNOCKOUT	TRAP
DATE	DRAW	PITY	WRAP
DEAL	GIRL	SECRET	
DISGRACE	HARD LIFE	SMALL WORLD	

**Last time the word was: Energetic**

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 - Cryptic?

Word count 12 = Good. More than 16 = Very good!

R	S	R
C	O	D
W	S	O

Leisure

Su Doku Puzzle No. 188

Good Luck...

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Solution to Su Doku No. 187

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

Anglican Community - Team Rector Rev Gary Owen  
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**In Memory of Bridget Isaac**

'The family of the late Bridget Isaac of Westacombe Farm, Eastacombe, and formerly of Alscott Barton, would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to so many in the community who have sent cards and messages of sympathy. Huge thanks also extended for the wonderful acts of kindness, help and support received, together with the generous donations given at the funeral service held at All Saints Church, Alverdiscott in memory of Bridget for her chosen charities;  
**North Devon Hospice and Cancer Research U.K'**

**Alverdiscott Methodist Chapel**

**Minister Rev Robert Blackhall is currently on sabbatical until 9th August. Until then, in his absence please contact Rev Andrew Vidamour on 01237 478453.**

**Services planned at Alverdiscott Chapel for August**

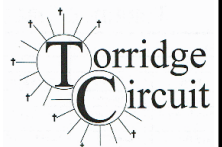
**7 Aug 11 am Lorna Dawe**

**21 Aug 11 am Julia Spencer**

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**Huntsraw Bell Fund**

On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July we had over 40 taking part in Huntsraw's Walking Treasure Hunt of about 4 miles starting and finishing at the church with a BBQ in the shadiest part of the church yard we could find (the front ally way). There were 30 clues spread around the route that went through footpath, field and Huntsraw Woods – taking in the ancient Manor of Great Huxhill (mentioned in the Doomsday Book), the majestic views from Berry Castle and even a very welcome halfway stopover point at Honey Wood Orchard to sample an apple juice or cider.

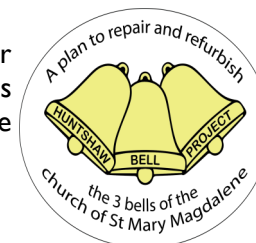
To the quizmaster's surprise (on what seemed like the hottest day of the century), when asked if they enjoyed it as they staggered round the corner back to church in the intense heat, almost all said that they did! Team PPA won the prize with 26 points – a handsome mixed box from Heddon's of Woodtown, closely followed by Hilary & Colin and 'Sizzling Heat' on 25 pts, Team Overton on 24 and the 'Huntsraw Hotties' on 23 (and so on!).

Special thanks go to Les Birch who had the hottest task of standing by and cooking all the burgers for us. After setting off at 2ish all walkers were back by 5.30pm and most stayed on in a social group round the bbq till about 7pm. In all we raised another £414 for the Bell Fund and many who couldn't make it because of the heat have promised a donation as they're keen to do the walk when its cooler. (If anyone would like the question pack just email [rsears2017@gmail.com](mailto:rsears2017@gmail.com) and I'll email it back for free).

We hope to put on a concert on October 15<sup>th</sup> but details to follow on this one. Out of the £30k needed for repairs we have another 5.5k go so definitely light at the end of the tunnel now. (And, if any want to make a donation, however big or small by becoming a 'Sponsor,' and receiving a souvenir pamphlet on the bells at the end – please feel free to do so via the email above).

Lastly, special thanks go to Honey Wood Orchard for staying open beyond their normal closing, and to Heddon's of Woodtown, for their generously discounted box for the prize.

Richard Sears.



## Parish Council News

**Notice of Parish Council Meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be at  
Huntshaw Parish Hall on  
Wednesday 14th September at 7:30pm.

**Parish Councillor Names and Contact Numbers**

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