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From The Assistant Editor

April is almost upon us so we are well into 2023. British Summer Time starts on 26 March, just a few days away. The temperature outside right now is barely into double figures. January was cold and really wet with just over 6ins of rain, but February was really dry with less than 0.5ins of rainfall. In fact it was the driest February since records began (well, my records anyway). What all of this adds up to I'm not sure. But the seasons do seem to be merging into each other and that will make life difficult for us, and our wildlife. There was a blackbird in our garden this morning, with its beak full of moss which suggests it might be building a nest. Lets hope he's not too early.

There are local elections due on 4 May. New rules mean that we all

now need some form of photo ID when we go to the polling station to vote. On p4 I've listed some of the acceptable forms of ID.

The Chapel Coffee Morning in March raised £160 for the Turkey/Syria earthquake appeal - well done all who contributed. On Thursday 6 April all money raised will be in aid of the ongoing **manmade** disaster that is Ukraine. We need to raise a similar amount so please do come along and support the cause.

Plans for the Charles III Coronation celebrations are firming up. More details are on p9.

But before that, don't forget the **Big Breakfast at Alverdiscott Hall** on Sunday 16 April - 9am to 1pm. See you there I hope... See p7.

THE DAYS ARE GETTING LONGER...

... which means we are entering the season of **Lent** (lengthening) and that will lead us up to the festival of **Easter**.

At St. Giles in the Wood the display of pictures by **Elsie Anna Wood** has been changed to reflect the stories of Christ riding into Jerusalem on a donkey, followed by his arrest, trial and crucifixion, and then the triumph of his resurrection.

The church is open each day from 9am till 4pm. On Fridays the church helpers are serving soup and rolls between 12 noon until 1pm. All free but you are invited to make a donation.

Stuart Fuller.

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

Thank you for all the Support

Over the past few years it has been a pleasure to play the organ and appear at various occasions and venues. I have recently been offered an organists post in Barnstaple, so my time in the local area will be much reduced. I have, however, started a **youtube** channel on which I am slowly recording music on the organ I built in my house. The channel is called **The North Devon Organist**. You can search in the search box of **youtube** for it as well. There are four music videos on there so far. I am happy to consider music requests too. Here is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTKiD7NrxGayUI06XHXaAUQ>

Stuart Mair

Your Help is Requested!

Local boy returning from New Zealand for the summer, May to October, needs to find work, Farming, Gardening, Driving anything considered!

I can be contacted by email on jackyandrich@hotmail.com

Or ring Pat on 01237 237228.

Thank you!

Newton Tracey Cricket Club

Newton Tracey Cricket Club welcomes new members for the 2023 season.

Good range of senior and junior cricket available ,

Saturday league - Sunday league plus friendlies.

We are also holding a **QUIZ NIGHT** at

Alverdiscott Community Hall on Friday 28 April.

Please contact me, Graham Moore, on 07760 197550 for full details.

A message from the Rector

Blessings for Holy Week and Easter

It feels like Spring is finally (like the new-born lambs) springing and we will soon be able to put a long winter behind us. My first tomato plants are bravely poking their head above ground... albeit on a heated windowsill. Even more optimistically, by the time you read this article I will have spent my first day of the season watching cricket at Taunton... happy days!

Spring itself brings joy, but it also points to the long hot summer to come. Spring lifts my spirits.

Holy week and Easter do much the same.

This month at church we will spend Holy Week and Easter retelling the story of Jesus' last week on earth: his triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a donkey and his last supper with his disciples, when he washed his disciples' feet and told them to love each other as well as giving them communion as a way to remember him. We'll remember his death on a cross and his rising to life again.

As we tell these stories, I'm reminded of God's love for me in Jesus. I'm reminded that I'm forgiven my sins and made a child of God. I'm reminded that my old self died with Christ and now He, Christ, lives in me. But like Spring points to summer, so the resurrection of Jesus points to the hope I have of eternal life with Jesus. Because Jesus has died and risen again, I can trust his promise that when I die, he will raise me to live with him for all eternity.

Let me encourage you to take a little time over the next few weeks to ponder the Easter story. With the bible now freely available online it's never been easier to simply sit and read the story for yourself. The YouVersion bible app is a really good for downloading onto your phone. Look up one of the gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke or John) and near the end you'll find the story of Jesus' last week on earth, his death and resurrection. Pray and ask God to reveal himself to you, read, and then share your thoughts with him.

And of course, you are very welcome to join us in church to reflect on the story with others... and given that Spring is coming, our buildings are even starting to feel a little bit warmer!

Rev Gary Owen

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www.tworiversmissioncommunity.org

Events at Alverdiscott Methodist Chapel

Coffee Morning

On 2 March we raised £160 which has been sent to the Disasters Emergency Committee in support of the Syria, Turkey Earthquake appeal.

On Thursday 6 April, we shall be supporting All We Can and their ongoing **Ukraine Emergency** appeal.

Please do come along between 10am and noon - to support our worthwhile appeals.

Garden 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 24 April. Everyone is welcome and the cost is just £1.00.

Arts and Craft Group

The Arts and Craft Group has started up again. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 11 April, in the chapel schoolroom, from 10.00 till 12.00.

Chapel Quiz Night *CANCELLED*****

Local Council Elections

On **Thursday 4 May 2023**, local elections are taking place across Torridge. At these elections, you will need to bring photo ID to vote at a polling station.

Acceptable forms of Photo ID include:

A Passport	Driving Licence
Blue Badge	Older Persons Bus Pass
Biometric Immigration Document	Defence Identity Card
Pass Card (ID Card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme Hologram).	

You can still use your Photo ID if it's out of date, as long as it looks like you.

Contact Torridge Elections on 01237 428739 or elections@torridge.gov.uk

Leisure

A Few More Witty One-liners

**I know how much you enjoyed them last month
Go on, you know you did.**

How many tickles does it take to make an Octopus laugh? 10 - Tickles

How do you get down from an elephant? You don't, you get it from a duck.

Why do elephants have big ears? Coz they couldn't catch Noddy!

Why is an elephant large and grey? Because if he were small and yellow he would be a canary...

How do elephants hide in custard? They submerge and paint the soles of their feet yellow.

How do you know an elephant has been in your fridge? You can see their foot prints in the butter.

And there's still loads more where they came from...

Last time the word was: Overnight

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 - Compliance

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

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E	I	B

Leisure

Su Doku Puzzle No. 195

Good Luck...

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Solution to Su Doku No. 194

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

Anglican Community - Team Rector Rev Gary Owen

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Maundy Thursday - 6th April

6.30pm: Communion service Yarnscombe

Good Friday - 7th April

11.00am: All-age worship Huntsraw

11.00am: Good Friday service Alverdiscott

2.00pm: Reflections on the cross Yarnscombe

Easter Day - 9th April

9.30am: Communion service Huntsraw

9.30am: All-age service Horwood

9.30am: Communion service Newton Tracey

6.30pm: Communion service Yarnscombe

You can find out more at - www.tworiversmissioncommunity.org

Alverdiscott Methodist Chapel

Minister Rev Rob Blackhall 01805 628041

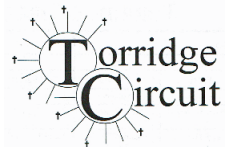
Services planned for Alverdiscott Chapel in April

Good Friday	7 April	11am	Rev Rob Blackhall
Easter Sunday	9 April	11am	Elsie Potter HC
	23 April	11am	Rev Rob Blackhall
	30 April	11am	At Parish Church
	07 May	11am	Paul Bate
	21 May	11am	Rev Rob Blackhall HC

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The proposed onshore works in Devon comprise: Approximately 14.7km of underground High Voltage Direct Current cabling, from landfall at Cornborough.

Construction of a HVDC to HVAC Converter Station site to the southwest of the existing National Grid substation located between Gammaton and Alverdiscott.

Following your feedback [from previous meetings] we took the decision to look again at the viability of potential alternative converter station sites. Work relating to the old showground site is ongoing and needs to consider both the benefits and the challenges associated with such a move.

Consequently, we are extending our project timeline and will not submit a formal planning application until the spring. Should any material changes be made to our proposals, we will enter a second period of consultation with the local community, including a second set of Public Information Days.

We remain committed to an open and ongoing dialogue that will ensure we have the fullest understanding of how to minimise disruption and maximise benefit to the region during construction.

These comments were copied from the Xlinks Website

<https://xlinks.co/devon/>

Parish Council News

Notice of Parish Council Meetings

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at Alverdiscott Hall on Wednesday 10 May starting at 7pm.

This will be followed immediately by a **Parish Council meeting**.

Parish Councillor Names and Contact Numbers

Graham White - Chairman	01271 858441
Bernard Hardwicke - Vice Chairman	01271 858676
Helen Bolton	01271 858885
Caroline Lewis	07890 764234
Peter Ley	01271 858230
Liz Meaney	01805 624990
Gill Ross	01271 858392
James White	01271 858580
Ann White	01805 622621
Paul Matthews	01271 858652
Alan Matthewman - Parish Clerk	01769 560740

E&OE

Parish Clerk email alvhuntpc@gmail.com **Please note new address**

Parish Council Facebook page: [@alverdiscotthuntshaw](https://www.facebook.com/alverdiscotthuntshaw)

Parish Council Website: <https://alverdiscott-huntshaw-parish.org.uk>

The Local Rag is available to view on the PC website

County and District Councillors and Police & Crime Commissioner

County Councillor

Linda Hellyer linda.hellyer@devon.gov.uk 07828 758360

District Councillor

Rosemary Lock councillor.lock@torridge.gov.uk 01805 804254

PCC for Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

Alison Hernandez alison@alisonhernandez.co.uk 01392 459808

The Spring Big Breakfast

Alverdiscott Community Hall

On Sunday 16 April from 9am to 1pm

Start with a choice of Porridge, Cereal or Juice
Then the Full English or Pick and Mix Your Favourites
All Followed by Tea - Coffee - Toast



Adults £8 - Under 12's £5

MUSICAL LUNCHES AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Our popular monthly Musical Lunches will be starting again in April in the church.

These will normally be on the last Friday of the month from April until October.

On 30th April we will be entertained by John Hobbs. Light lunch will be available from 12.30pm with music from 1pm.

We will be presenting different types of music each month. If you haven't been before why not come and give it a try. There is no charge for the event, we just ask for a donation. All money raised goes towards the upkeep of the church.



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3rd	Maggie Edwards	£10

HUNTSRAW HALL

TO CELEBRATE KING CHARLES III CORONATION
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ON SUNDAY MAY 7TH



3.00 PM AT THE HALL

No charge but please contact Jenny on 07785 921371 so we can make enough food! Text or phone NOW!

ALSO ON MONDAY 8TH THERE WILL BE A LITTERPICK IN HUNTSRAW AT 2.00 PM.

If you would like to help, please meet us at the hall.

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ALVERDISCOTT COMMUNITY HALL CELEBRATION OF KING CHARLES III CORONATION



SUNDAY 7TH MAY – 3PM BIG AFTERNOON TEA

This is a free event – **everyone** is welcome to come and celebrate



MONDAY 8TH MAY – BIG HELP OUT DAY

We are looking for volunteers to do some work around our community.

If you would like to come to the afternoon tea or will be available to help out on Monday 8th please let Liz know. bulworthy@aol.com