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**From The Assistant Editor**

Welcome to the June edition, hope you are enjoying the warm sunshine. It's such a pleasure to be able to dump the mac and feel the sun on your face.

You should have found a Flower Show schedule in the May edition. If it was missing, or you need another copy just let us know.

As always, there is a lot going on. There's the Coffee morning, Garden club, Bingo night, Music at the Church. If you want a bit of exercise combined with good food there is the Safari Supper and if that's not taxing enough there is the Treasure Hunt and BBQ at Huntshaw where you can burn-off a few calories and then put them straight back on. A very efficient use of time!

There are also rumours of a new

Arts and Craft club being set-up. More on that when I get it.

The Big Breakfast was a bit busy, we served 161 breakfasts. All of which raised just over £1500 for the North Devon Hospice. Well done to all.

Spring Lunch was also a bit of all-right. I particularly liked the minted pea soup.

The martins are flying around overhead but don't seem to have started any nests yet. The great tit has set up home in our meter cabinet again. I really want to open the door to have a look but so far I have been good and left them alone.

The grass has been cut, and it does look much better for it. But it's growing so quickly I swear you can see it moving!

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On the Palestinian 'West Bank', the Israelis have broken international law again and again in their treatment of the Palestinians. As regards to Gaza, we have seen pictures of the devastation and loss of life everyday on our TV screens.

How can I support the position taken by the Israeli government? It doesn't offer any path to a future settlement or road to reconciliation and peace. We continue to pray for a cease-fire and an end to the loss of life so that a way forward can be discussed and explored.

Stuart Fuller

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## Dilemma

There are many Jews amongst people I greatly admire. Daniel Barenboim together with his Palestinian friend Edward Said founded the youth orchestra (West-Eastern Divan Orchestra) that brings together young people from different nationalities, especially Jewish and Palestinian, to make music together and so develop friendships across the barriers.

I also admire Jacob Epstein, the sculptor who designed the image of St. Michael defeating the devil, on the wall of Coventry cathedral.

I admire heroes who survived the Holocaust, as well as those who died in the concentration camps and gas chambers, sometimes with great self-sacrifice for the sake of others.

And, of course, Jesus Christ, whom I regard as the greatest religious and moral teacher, humanity has ever known. I am not anti-Jewish.

But I am confused by the attitude of Benjamin Netanyahu. Yes, the attack by Hamas on the Jewish communities on October 7th was an atrociously wicked event, but the Jews are the people of the Old Testament. Their prophets set the ethical standards that have so influenced the whole world that they are the basis of many international laws. **“An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth” was designed to limit retaliation not increase it. (Exodus 21 v23).** The prophets fought for justice, the defence of the weak, equality for the poor. “What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God” (Micah 6 v8) “Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never failing stream! (Amos 5 v24). “He {the God of Jacob} will judge between many peoples and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide. They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war any more.” (Micah 4 v3)

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## From the Rector

On Sunday 23rd June our curate, Rev Ally Hope will be ordained priest by the bishop of Crediton at a service in St Giles Church. Ally has been with us now for a year, focusing largely on Beaford. For the remaining two years of her curacy we plan to get her around the mission community more, in preparation for taking on the role of vicar or rector in another mission community.

The Sunday afterwards, in Atherington, we will be holding a service to mark Rev Julia completing her curacy and licensing as a fully qualified deacon in our group of parishes. Julia is a familiar face around the mission community, having worked for many years as our parish nurse, supporting parents at toddler groups, and supporting the elderly, sick and terminally ill. She will combine her role of parish nurse and deacon.

Everyone from our villages is welcome to join in these celebratory services.

As we celebrate Ally's ordination and Julia's licensing, I wanted to pay tribute to, and say thank you to, everyone who works so hard to keep our churches open and ministering. St Paul compares the church to a body, with each part contributing to the whole and enabling the body to function well. Some parts are more visible, others less so; but all are important. In his letter to the Ephesians, St Paul writes, “For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do”.

Church works best when everyone plays their part, whether it's preaching the sermon, or fixing the church roof so that people can sit and listen in the dry! So, thank you to all of you who are doing your bit... and if you feel you have something to offer that we are not making the most of, please get in touch... we'd love to hear from you!

*Rev Gary Owen*

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**Events at Alverdiscott Methodist Chapel**

**Coffee Morning**

The Coffee Morning in May was for Methodist Chapel funds and raised £180. Thank you to everyone who came along. The next event is on **Thursday 6 June, and all monies raised will go to Action for Children.** After that on 4 July we will be raising money for **Over and Above**, the after care unit at NDDH. So please do come along - between 10am and noon - and support these important causes, hope to see you there.

**Garden Club**

The Garden Club meetings are normally on the last Monday of each month (except Bank Holidays when it will usually be the Monday before) at 2.30pm in the Chapel schoolroom. The next one is on 24 June and then 29 July. Everyone is welcome and the cost is just £1.00.

For the latest information contact Philip Squire on 01237 473692.

**All Saints Alverdiscott**

A very warm welcome is extended to everyone at our Church service on Sunday June 30th at 11.00am

There will be Tea and Coffee served afterwards by the **Friends of Alverdiscott Church.**

Hope to see you there  
Barbara Ford



**Leisure**

**As promised...**

**A few more witty one liners**

Whose cruel idea was it for the word "lisp" to have an "s" in it?

So what is the speed of dark?

If work is so terrific, why do they have to pay you to do it?

If all the world's a stage, where is the audience sitting?

Why do we press harder on the buttons of a remote control when we know the batteries are dead?

If you take an Oriental person and spin them around several times, do they become disoriented?

If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?

When cheese has its picture taken, what does it say..?

More next month, sorry but there are still some more to come...

**Last time the word was: CRESCENDO**

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 - Border

Word count 18 = Good. More than 25 = Well done!

E	B	S
Y	R	R
H	B	U

Leisure

Su Doku Puzzle No. 208

Good Luck...

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	1							
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Solution to Su Doku No. 207

1	5	3	8	9	7	4	2	6
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6	2	5	1	7	8	3	4	9
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Anglican Community - Team Rector Rev Gary Owen  
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Huntsraw Church Services

Sunday 9th June: Morning worship, marking the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings; 11.00am.

Sunday 14th July: Morning worship; 11.00am.

A big thank you to all our church cleaners

Eleven of us gathered on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May for a short time of prayer for the parish and then a spring clean of church... and of course coffee and cake.

The church looks, and smells lovely.

The church is open for visitors, so do pop in and make the most of this beautiful place.

Alverdiscott Methodist Chapel

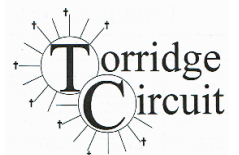
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Services planned for  
Alverdiscott Chapel during June - July - August

02 June	11.00am	Elsie Potter
16 June	11.00am	Linda Davis
30 June	11.00am	At Parish Church
07 July	11.00am	Rev Rob Blackhall <b>HC</b>
21 July	11.00am	Duncan Withall
04 Aug	11.00am	Lynne Burgon <b>HC</b>
18 Aug	11.00am	Frank Watson

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Our **Annual General Meeting** was held on Tuesday 30th April in the church. Disappointingly it was only attended by 8 people with three others sending their apologies. A report on our activities over the last year and the accounts were presented and approved by those present. The current officers were all re-elected. There were also discussions about other works required on the church.

Clearly we need to continue our fund-raising activities.

Liz White

## Save the Date!

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## Parish Council News

## Notice of Parish Council Meetings

Two vacancies have arisen on the parish council, one to represent Alverdiscott, and the other for Huntshaw. Council meetings will now take place **every other month on the third Thursday**, alternating between the two village halls.

**The next meeting will be on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July in Huntshaw Parish Hall at 7.30pm.**

We would welcome those interested in becoming a councillor, and invite you to come along and give a **(very!)** short presentation about yourself.

Graham White - Chair.

## Parish Councillor Names and Contact Numbers

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Alan Matthewman - Parish Clerk	01769 560740

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

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## County Councillor

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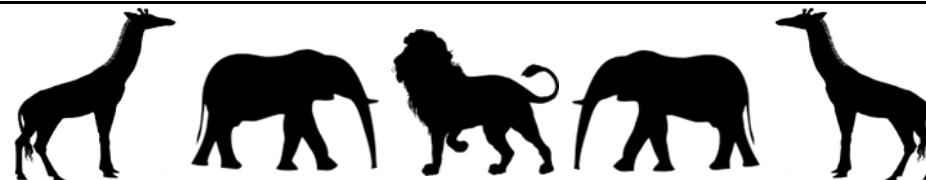


### **Friends of All Saints Church Supporters Club – May Draw Prize Winners**

1st	Louise Saunders	£25
2nd	Wendy Rickard	£15
3rd	John Courtenay	£10

Louise has very generously donated her winnings back to the Friend's funds.

The June draw will be the last of our current 12 months. Louise will soon be contacting club members to arrange renewal. Anyone who is not a member but would like to join should contact Louise Saunders on 01271 858522 or, [louisesaunders4bp@gmail.com](mailto:louisesaunders4bp@gmail.com)



**FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS ALVERDISCOTT**

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