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**From The Assistant Editor**

Well that month certainly flew by! Only seems a matter of days ago that I was sitting here typing just as I am now.

The Harvest Suppers have been and gone, and very nice too.

We can now look forward to:

Pub Games and Charity Race Night on 26 October at Huntshaw. See p7.

Then on 27 October there is the Big Breakfast at Alverdiscott. See p9.

But then on Sunday 24 November there is a Breakfast event at Huntshaw **AND** a Sunday Lunch at Alverdiscott! So, if you play your cards right, you could get to both of them and avoid the cooking and the washing up for a whole day!!! Details on p11 and p14.

The road works and associated road closures have finally come to an end but the traffic flow has not returned to the way it was. The lane from Alverdiscott to Bideford became very busy when it was part of the diversion route and OK, I guess I understand why that was. But what is apparent now is that things have not returned to the way they were. It seems that some of the traffic that had to come past our gate on the diversion has decided to carry on using our lane rather than go back to the route they were using.

I know it's a public road and anyone can use it but it really isn't up to the number of cars and vans that are now using it.

Some of them travelling far too fast and oblivious to the dangers. And don't get me started on those who can't or won't reverse...

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than me.

They seem much more wrinkled, from what I can see.

I've got "character lines," not wrinkles ... for sure,

But don't call me old ... just call me mature.

The steps in the houses they're building today

Are so high that they take ... your breath all away;

And the streets are much steeper than

10 years ago.

That should explain why my walking is slow.

But I'm keeping up on what's hip and what's new,  
And I think I can still dance a mean boogaloo.

I'm still in the running ... in this I'm secure,  
I'm not really old ... I'm only -----

Anon.

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# FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH

## SUNDAY LUNCH

Alverdiscott Community Hall  
24 November 2024



12.30pm for 1pm



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### From the Rector

September and October are the months for harvest services and harvest suppers in the church calendar, so as I am writing this, I am very much thinking about creation all around us and the work that goes into producing our daily meals.

The reading for harvest is Matthew 6 25 - 33, it speaks of God as the provider for all our needs and addresses our very human instinct to anxiously worry about not having enough. In society today, anxiety and worry seem to be a common feature, and I personally think that this is exacerbated by social media, marketing and advertising. It is hard to escape the constant messages we receive about what we should be spending our money on, the clothes we should wear, the car we should drive and the phone we should own. We receive constant messages about the most up-to-date devices that will improve our quality of life! When, if we are honest, what we really need is food, water, shelter, and love.

I think it is interesting to note that Jesus felt that anxious worry was one of the human conditions that he needed to address in his short ministry. Verse 27 says 'And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?' In our modern society we could add to this that anxiety might even shorten our life span as the physical symptoms can be increased heart rate, reduced sleep, digestive problems, and the list goes on.

So, how do we reduce our inclination to anxiously worry about not having enough? Maybe we need to practice gratefulness, acknowledging what we do have, especially when what we have is enough. Our harvest services do this well, joining in prayers of gratefulness for creation, for the food that is a product of both creation, and the hard work put in by farmers. It is also a time when we think about those who may not have enough and when we make an offering to those people, sending both food and monetary donations to the foodbank or the Freedom Community Alliance.

Jesus petitions us to not worry about what we will eat or what we will wear, but to be concerned about righteousness. He has given us the promise of a better life, in the kingdom that is yet to come, it will be a kingdom where food and clothing is not a concern. To prepare for this, we should focus on higher things, like caring for others and fighting against injustice. This may well be petitioning against unjust systems that see people starving, while others throw food away.

For now, I will leave you with these words from verse 34, 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today'. Rev Ally Hope.

**Events at Alverdiscott Methodist Chapel**

**Coffee Morning**

The Coffee Morning in September was for the Farming Community Network and we raised £100. The next event, on **Thursday 3 October is for The Moorings @ Barnstable** a mental health charity. Then on Thursday 7 November we will be raising funds for The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, so please do come along - between 10am and noon - and support these local 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 visit to The Forge in Horwood was much enjoyed, and the weather was kind! Everyone is welcome and the cost is just £1.00. For the latest information contact Philip Squire on 01237 473692.

**The new Craft and Chatter group** got off to a flying start with a dozen "crafty types" getting together for a pleasant afternoon. The next meeting is on Monday 7 October. Details below.



**\*\*\*CRAFT and CHATTER\*\*\***



**!!!The new monthly craft club!!!**

**Monday 7 October from 2pm to 4pm.**

Meeting in the School Room at Alverdiscott Chapel.

Bring your knitting, crochet, sewing, painting or whatever craft you enjoy.

Plenty of parking. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided all for £1.



For further details contact Wendy on 01271 858539.



**Alverdiscott Church Harvest Thanksgiving Service**

There will be a Harvest Thanksgiving service at Alverdiscott Parish Church on Sunday September 29th at 11.00 am.

Followed by light refreshments and fellowship.

We do hope you will be able to join us for this traditional service.

**Barbara Ford**

**Recognise any of this..?**

I'm not old, I'm only mature  
 Today at the drugstore, the clerk was a gent.  
 From my purchase, this chap took off 10 percent.  
 I asked for the cause of a lesser amount;  
 And he answered, "Because of the Seniors Discount."  
 I went to McDonald's for a burger and fries;  
 And there, once again, got quite a surprise.  
 The clerk poured some coffee which he handed to me.  
 He said, "For you seniors, the coffee is free."  
 Understand — I'm not old — I'm merely mature;  
 But some things are changing, temporarily, I'm sure.  
 The newspaper print gets smaller each day,  
 And people speak softer — can't hear

what they say.  
 My teeth are my own (I have the receipt),  
 and my glasses identify people I meet.  
 Oh, I've slowed down a bit ... not a lot, I am sure.  
 You see, I'm not old ... I'm only mature.  
 The gold in my hair has been bleached by the sun.  
 You should see all the damage that chlorine has done.  
 Washing my hair has turned it all white,  
 But don't call it grey ... saying "blonde" is just right.  
 My car is all paid for ... not a nickel is owed.  
 Yet a kid yells, "Old duffer ... get off of the road!"  
 My car has no scratches ... not even a dent.  
 Still, I get all that guff from a punk who's "Hell bent."  
 My friends all get older ... much faster

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**Last time the word was: REARRANGE**

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 - Milk or Plain

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Word count 18 = Good. More than 24 = Well done!

Leisure

Su Doku Puzzle No. 212

Good Luck...

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Solution to Su Doku No. 211

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Anglican Community - Team Rector Rev Gary Owen

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Huntsraw Church Services



10 November 10:50am Remembrance Service  
 08 December 11.00am Sunday Service  
 22 December 7.00pm Carol Service

Rev Gary's sabbatical: 27th July to 18th November.

During Gary's sabbatical, the first point of contact for church will be the Rev Ally Hope, our curate, on revallyhope@yahoo.com or 01805 439085, or 07359 294056, or your local church focal minister or church wardens.

Please note that my day off is Tuesday and any emails received on this day won't be read until Wednesday - Rev Ally.

Alverdiscott Methodist Chapel

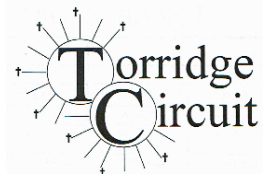
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Services planned for Alverdiscott Chapel during Sept - Oct - Nov.

29 September 11.00am At Parish Church  
 06 October 11.00am Rev Rob Blackhall - Harvest  
 20 October 11.00am Rev Paul Booth  
 03 November 11.00am Roy Harris  
 17 November 11.00am Rev Rob Blackhall - HC

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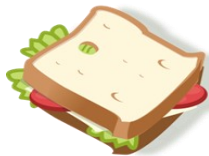
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**FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

**MUSICAL LUNCH AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

27th September

Light lunch available from 12.30pm, music from 1pm.



**DO YOU WANT TO HAVE A SAY IN THE FUTURE?**

There are currently two vacancies on Alverdiscott & Huntsraw Parish Council, and there will shortly be a third.

Are you prepared to spend a few hours a month to help influence the future of the local area, including housing, roads and infrastructure?

It is important that the residents of this area have a say in these, and especially with the advent of the Moroccan power line into Alverdiscott, we need a full council consisting of residents with knowledge of the area.

I am sure that you do not want our affairs run solely by the District Council, which is what will ultimately happen if we are unable to run without at least a minimum number of members.

If you feel that you would have something to contribute, please get in touch with me, or any of the other councillors – our contact details are in the Rag.

**Graham White**  
**Council Chairman**

**\*\*\*Huntshaw Village Breakfast\*\*\***

**Sunday 24th November**

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**Details in the November Rag...**

### Parish Council News

#### Notice of Parish Council Meetings

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 21<sup>st</sup> November in Huntshaw Parish Hall at 7.30pm - all are welcome.**

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

Graham White - Chair	01271 858441
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Helen Bolton	01271 858885
Caroline Lewis	07890 764234
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James White	01271 858580
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Alan Matthewman - Parish Clerk	01769 560740

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

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

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#### County and District Councillors and Police & Crime Commissioner

##### County Councillor

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# Pub Games and Charity Race Night

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# Big Breakfast



**Alverdiscott Community Hall**

**Sunday 27 October**

**From 9:00am to 1:00pm.**

**Adults - £10 Under 10s - £5**