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### From The Assistant Editor

And then suddenly it's November!

I know I've said this before but there's always a lot going on locally, you should never be bored.

The next Coffee Morning is for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - details on p4.

The Musical Lunches have been popular and well attended throughout the year. The final one for 2024, at All Saints, is on 25 October. See p6.

However there is a possibility that they may relocate to the Methodist Chapel, in the old schoolroom, which means they could keep going WTS...

I mentioned it last month, we then have our "dream double" Breakfast and Lunch opportunity at Huntshaw and Alverdiscott - details on p9. It's almost as if they planned it!

Then we have an invitation to **"Get to know the ropes"** at Saint Mary Magdalen Church Huntshaw - details on p13.

And finally, the "C" word appears on p14 - there's a Christmas Quiz night at Alverdiscott Hall on 7 December.

And apparently New Tracey wasn't the only place to experience the "effects" of extended Road Works. Huntshaw have had their share, and you can read Highways response starting on p7.

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halves would take much longer to complete and we thought that given only a few properties were along this route that was the best option. **However, we take on board the comments from the residents and in future we will engage the CLO on sites such as this to ensure residents are kept fully up to date on a daily basis on the work being undertaken.**

I am advised that the gang were not working on both sides at the same time and therefore the official diversion route was available for use and the use of Forde Lane was only an additional option and done so at the residents own risk. Again, we take on board the comments from the residents and in future will ensure alternative routes that are likely to be used by locals, are inspected and the landowner contacted. Please note it is the responsibility of the landowner to maintain their hedges throughout the year not DCC.

***I will do everything I can to ensure this does not happen again in the future.***

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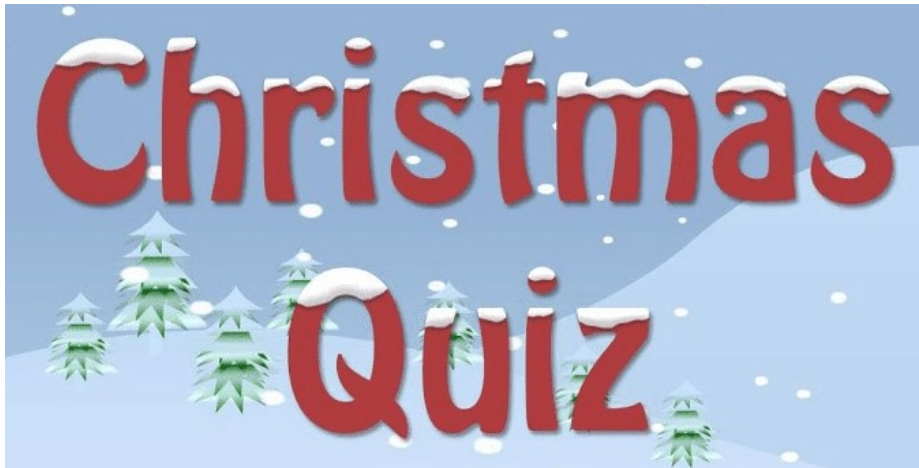
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**From the Rector**

November holds some significant dates for both the Church of England and for our society. On the 1st of November, Christians celebrate All Saints' Day, and on the 2nd we remember All Souls Day. These two days fall very close to the pagan festival of Halloween or Samhain, in fact, All Saints Day is also known as All Hallows Eve.

Whilst pagans believe that the 31st October was the time when the veil between life and death was at its thinnest, Christians celebrate and remember those who we believe to be resting with God.

The differences in celebration are stark, with pagans trying to confuse evil spirits by wearing costumes and carving vegetables, because they are fearful of what may happen to them. Christians celebrate the hope of eternal life for their loved ones who have died in the faith and they remember Christians who have gone before them, sharing the gospel message of hope with others.

In November we also celebrate Remembrance Day, both in Christian and secular life. A day when we can all thank God for those brave people that lay down their lives so that we could, and still do, live in freedom. Jesus said 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.' (John 15.11-14). As we remember those who have died on the battlefield, or even just remembering those who we love that are no longer living among us, Jesus assures us that we have that promise of eternal life in heaven with him.

Two Rivers Mission Community has another date to look forward to in November, the 17th is when Reverend Gary Owen will be back among us after completing his sabbatical.

**Rev Ally Hope.**

### Events at Alverdiscott Methodist Chapel

#### Coffee Morning

The Coffee Morning in October was for The Moorings @ Barnstable, a mental health charity. and we raised the wonderful sum of £110.

**Then on Thursday 7 November we will be raising funds for The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.** The final date for this year will be Thursday 5 December when we will be raising money for The Harbour Community in Bideford, so please do come along - between 10am and noon - and support these local causes, hope to see you there.

#### Garden Club

After a very successful season of garden visits our last visit for this year will be to Philip Squire's own garden at **Bron-y-garth** - on October 28th at 2.30pm.

Everyone is welcome and the cost is just £1.00.

For the latest information contact Philip Squire on 01237 473692.



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



#### !!!The monthly craft club!!!

**Monday 4 November 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 All Saints Church

Wednesday 18 December 7.00pm **Carol Service**

**With mulled wine & mince pies**

Sunday 29 December Details to be confirmed

### Get to know the Ropes at Huntshaw!

The bells have been chiming the hour in Huntshaw for just over a year now and for the start of services, all three bells ring out, at the press of a button.

This is because all 3 bells have electronic hammers on the outside and only one of the bells has the traditional clapper internally with a rope attached for manual use.

But in the first week of November Taylors are due to return to install the remaining 2 clappers and ropes into the 'empty' bells.

So, we are thinking when that's done maybe we could set a time to try them out and invite any would be ringers to come and have a go....? We'd arrange for some competent ringers from nearby towers to come and 'show us the ropes'.....to show how it's done. And although we don't expect an instant 'band' of ringers to be formed it might be a bit of fun for people to try once and learn a bit of the mechanics of how ringing works!.....And then, who knows!

If you are interested, or even only just vaguely interested, drop a line to [rsears2017@gmail.com](mailto:rsears2017@gmail.com) and when Taylors return in November we can let you know of a likely date.

(Also, in that first week in Nov we possibly could need some help with lifting some of the bell wheels, clappers and rope etc. up the tower, to assist the bell hanger). **Richard Sears**

### Last time the word was: CHOCOLATE

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 - Midriff

Word count 24 = Good. More than 30 = Well done!

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Leisure

Su Doku Puzzle No. 213

Good Luck...

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Solution to Su Doku No. 212

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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 Morning Worship  
 22 December 7.00pm Carol Service

Alverdiscott Church Services

18 December 7.00pm Carol Service  
 With mulled wine & mince pies  
 29 December Details to be confirmed

Please note that my day off is Tuesday and any emails received on this day won't be read until Wednesday. Rev Ally - [revallyhope@yahoo.com](mailto:revallyhope@yahoo.com) 01805 439085 or 07359 294056

Alverdiscott Methodist Chapel

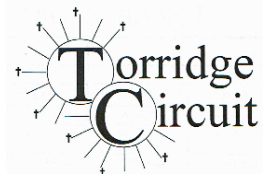
Minister Rev Rob Blackhall 01805 628041

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

03 November 11.00am Roy Harris  
 17 November 11.00am Rev Rob Blackhall – HC

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

There are currently two vacancies on Alverdiscott & Huntshaw 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**

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As previously advised, consultation was undertaken for this site. Two weeks prior to the works starting, letters were sent out to all the residents, as a result of this letter several phone calls were made from residents and the contractor explained how they would gain access to their properties. A few of them were even spoken to by the Agent when the road was marked out. **However in hindsight this site should have been referred to our Customer Liaison Officer (CLO) to ensure a higher level of consultation was available, something we will address in the future.**

It is normal practice to plane out the damaged areas ready for treatment throughout the whole stretch of road to be treated, the reason for this is to save time and money and cause less disruption to the public. As I understand, over the weekends, sections deeper than our safety defect measurements were not left open. For the work to be carried out in 2

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**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**

|                                |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
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| Gill Ross                      | 01271 858392 |
| James White                    | 01271 858580 |
| Paul Matthews                  | 01271 858652 |
| Alan Matthewman - Parish Clerk | 01769 560740 |

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Parish Clerk email [alvhuntpc@gmail.com](mailto:alvhuntpc@gmail.com) **Please note new address**

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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

**HUNTSRAW Road Works Update**

During the recent roadworks, in the Huntshaw area, I have received a lot of emails from people who were unhappy, particularly, and understandably, those in Guscott. I had various conversations with our neighbourhood highways officers manager, as she had the overview. In turn, I know she has gone back several times to the contractor, at my request, as I was not satisfied with the answers they were giving. Below is what she has sent to me, and it sounds as if some lessons have been learned. From my point of view, it all seemed to go downhill when the agent, Scott, went on holiday without leaving a named person for residents to speak to. Graham White.

**Highways said:-**

“I have spoken at length with the contractor regarding the various issues that have come up from the residents for this site. It is very unfortunate that the works here have caused so much upset to the local community, something we very much regret and wish to avoid in the future.

I can advise that although it may have appeared that emergency access was not maintained, in the event of an emergency vehicle requiring access then the work gang would have allowed them through, I understand there was no incident that required this access.

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