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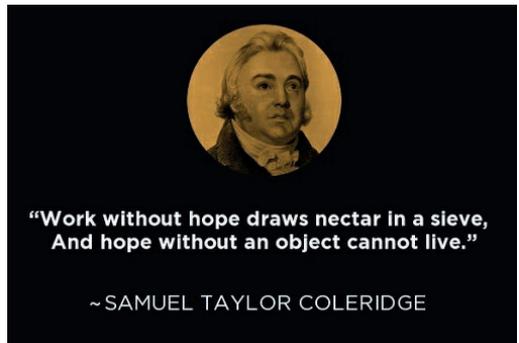
Work without Hope

The film, “Groundhog Day” is about a television weather man who rather reluctantly covers a story about a weather forecasting groundhog or “rat” (as he calls it). It is his fourth year covering the story, and he makes no effort to hide his frustration. On awakening the ‘following’ day he discovers that it’s Groundhog Day again, and again, and again. At first, he uses this to his advantage, but then comes the realisation that he is doomed to spend the rest of eternity in the same place, seeing the same people do the same thing every day.

Saying something is “like Groundhog Day” has become a phrase used to describe any repetitive experience, whether it bears any resemblance to the goings-on of the film or not. I wonder as we continue through Lockdown 3, if many of us feel stuck in our own “Groundhog Day”! The previous nine months or so have been difficult for all of us – more challenging for some than others. For many, hope is a word that seems to be more distant than ever, and hope is so important.

In his poem “Work Without Hope”, Samuel Coleridge observes the busyness of nature around him even though it is still winter: the bees stirring, the birds on the wing, the plants and trees awakening at the thought of the coming spring. In contrast Coleridge bemoans his own inactivity in the midst of what is going on around him – he is the only element of the surrounding environment that is not working; that has nothing to do. His poem concludes with the insightful lines:

“Work without hope draws nectar in a sieve, and hope without an object cannot live”.



As the world looks forward to the coming spring, we also look forward with hope to the end of this dreadful pandemic. Whereas the natural world has continued on, our hope is that our enforced inactivity will not last.

We hope that the coronavirus vaccines will be rapidly distributed, administered and will prove to be wonderfully effective – giving thanks for the scientists who have worked to produce an effective vaccine, and the key workers who have worked tirelessly to keep us going up to this point. We hope that life will return to “normal”. Even when the pandemic is under control, however, we know that we will all face challenges and difficulties ahead – so widening the view to capture all of life – what is the object of your hope?

Hope without an object cannot live. Christians also look forward with hope, to a day when illness and pandemics are not simply managed and inoculated against, but when they are a thing of the past. The Bible speaks of *“a new heaven and a new earth... [where] there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”* (Revelation 21:1 and 4). It is a hope not based on our busyness, our best efforts or ingenuity, but one based on the work of Jesus Christ. This is a hope that is *an anchor for the soul* and is a hope that is available to all.

With ongoing prayers and best wishes,

Rev Andy



With grateful thanks to Pedro Landers for giving us permission to feature one of his wonderful photos for our front page. “Sunshine through mist” See his website aneyetothehills.com

Lent Course - 5 weeks

beginning Tues 23rd Feb
at 7.30 pm via Zoom

The Psalms have been called the hymnbook of the Bible; a Psalm is basically a poem set to music and sung. For centuries the Psalms would have been the most familiar part of scripture to people who had no access to books.



They are not only an integral part of the shared experience of the church but they also reveal God’s character, communicate His wisdom and guidance to this world, and encourage his people.

Join us for our Lent Course as we revisit some of these ancient poems and songs that have stood the test of time; which in one way or another mirror our own struggles and joys today, and point us to the one in whom we can have hope both now and forever.



Update - hub news

As we continue with the current lockdown restrictions, the weeks and months ahead are still likely to be challenging for many people. It is important that we continue to care for friends and neighbours, those who live alone or are vulnerable, and those who are self-isolating.

To that end the Buckland Cares food hub, located in the Buckland Chapel, continues to support anyone that is in need. We have changed our opening hours and they are:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10:00 to 12:00.

Although a reduction in hours, we are continually monitoring these hours and will adjust as required. So, a great big thank you to the volunteers who continue to support the hub and in turn supporting our local villagers.



Unfortunately, Morrisons are currently no longer providing food to our hub, as they are concentrating on the Tavistock food bank. They did however provide some very nice Christmas goodies. The Co-op at Yelverton continues to provide a food donation point which is very much appreciated.

We continue to receive food and monetary donations which is fantastic and keeps the hub topped up with food. Anyone

wishing to donate food can leave it at the hub during the above opening hours, or monetary donations can be made to:-

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Name and contact for a receipt and a thank you.

Regards

Gary Baird - Co-Founder



Hello!

Many, many thanks to Mark Woock and Denise Hume, who have been editing Outreach magazine for the past three years. We really appreciate their time and care on each issue, and as they are both stepping down from the role, we are now looking for one, ideally two volunteers to fill this role.

2020 has been a remarkably challenging year for us all, and many in our community have suffered tragedies in the family, and isolation from friends and loved ones for months on end.

Many people in our Parish work for the NHS and care sectors, and we pay tribute to their skills and dedication, as they strive to deliver the very best care to all in our community, whilst under great pressure to help unprecedented numbers of patients. We cannot adequately express our profound gratitude for all their hard work, but we look forward to the time when we are all are protected by vaccinations.

In the meantime, please stay safe, follow the guidelines, and visit some of the websites featured in these pages - there is so much happening behind the scenes!

News from the Editor's Desk



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**The deadline for articles for our
April /May (Easter) issue is 14 March 2021**

NEW EDITORS WANTED!

We publish six issues a year, so for one week every two months your Editors gather together all the latest local news from a dozen or more local contributors. We seek a balance between articles for the churches in the Parish, and articles for the local non-church-going community.

It is also part of our role to publicise our local firms and organisations, as it is vital that our local talent is not ignored in this digital age, so we provide a low-cost platform to publicise as many as we can.

We're all volunteers, and no-one gets paid, but it is very rewarding to hear from our readers who appreciate the magazine. That makes it worth while.

We're financially independent, relying upon our subscribers and advertisers to enable us to break even - Outreach is not funded by the Church or any other organisation.

Now, if this sounds like a project for you, and you have rudimentary computer skills, we would LOVE to hear from you! Currently, Nick and Diana have taken the reins from Mark and Denise, who have completed a 3-year stint.

We currently produce the magazine using a basic desktop publishing program called PagePlus X9, but the new Editors may want to use another method. It is good to share the Editor role, as Diana and I did for 9 years or more, and Mark Woock has recently shared the role with Denise Hume.

Please contact us if you would like to join the Outreach team. We will keep the issues going until we have new volunteers, as this little publication is too important for some to let it slide. If you can contribute a news article, send us a joke to share, or take over a role in the magazine, we would be very grateful.

Contact Nick or Diana Kilby on 01822 85361 or email editor@bucklandoutreach.co.uk

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Keeping in touch especially during Lockdown



Q. How do I connect with church during the lockdown?

A. Firstly, each week a full service is put on the website with prayers for the community, a message from the Bible, and songs. Go to

<https://bucklandchurchdevon.co.uk> and click on "**Sermons and Messages**".

Secondly, a Zoom session runs at 11am each Sunday, where we can catch up with each other in small "breakout rooms", talk over the week, or discuss any challenges we are facing. For an invitation, please contact secretary@bucklandchurchdevon.co.uk

Q. What is there for families with young children or teenagers?

A. Family Focus

videos are available

each Sunday (also under

"**Sermons and Messages**", as above), which is ideal for those with children or young teenagers to watch, perhaps over Sunday lunch. Youth and children's meetings will still happen via Zoom. For details contact youth@bucklandchurchdevon.co.uk

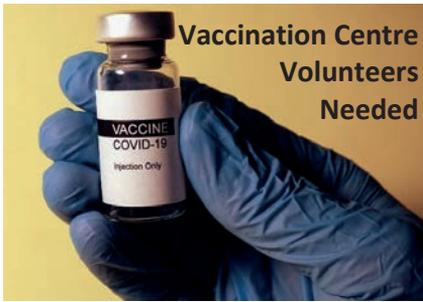
Q. How do I join a home group ?

A. Our small groups are currently meeting via Zoom most weeks to study the Bible together and support each other in

our day-to-day walk with Jesus. If you'd like to join one of our homegroups, please contact David Waine at homegroups@bucklandchurchdevon.co.uk and he will arrange for one of the leaders to contact you.



If you're looking to explore who Jesus is and what being a Christian means, a **Christianity Explored course, via Zoom**, will be starting soon. For details please contact bucklandandmiltonce@gmail.com



Vaccination Centre Volunteers Needed

NHS Devon needs hundreds of volunteers to help at new Covid mass vaccination centres being set-up across the county. The work will include car park marshalling, reception work and stewarding. Volunteers need to be 69 or under and will work in 4 hour shifts over the next few months. There is no minimum time commitment. All volunteers need to fill-in a simple application form on the Our Plymouth website.

Visit

www.ourplymouth.co.uk/volunteer-opportunity

The NHS is also looking for volunteers for a number of roles in the community like collecting medicines, offering lists to medical appointments and 'check in and chat' phone calls.

And we welcome a new member of our community



Many congratulations to Hellen and Mark Williams on the arrival in November of baby **Rosie**, a sister to Isaac, and we look forward to meeting her before she grows too much bigger!

Geek Factory Online by South West Youth Ministries

This two-day event for 11 to 16-year-olds is designed to attract those that love geeky things, such as gaming and quirky challenges. It will include lots of fun, challenges, and the chance to explore the deeper questions of life and to share the Gospel. It's accessible for all young people at any stage of their faith and is highly interactive.

Please ask Tom or Andy about this if you are interested!



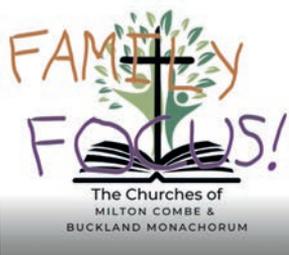
A very warm welcome to St. Andrew's new Head Teacher

We are delighted to welcome Sarah Lakey to the community, as she takes up her new role as Head Teacher at St. Andrew's Primary School. Do view the online video interview with Rev Andy Bowden (sermon 17th Jan), where Sarah talks about her background and interests, and her plans to lead the excellent teaching staff at our school.

We hope to publish an article about her first term in our Easter edition.



It's Official! Our new Youth and Children's leader, Tom Watson, is a bit bonkers, and you will see what we mean if you can see one of Tom's new Family Focus videos. The first ones



have been published on the Church website, and also on the Church's YouTube channel already, and more are planned to amuse, inform and inspire. If you know someone aged between 5 to 17, ask them check the links to Family Focus shown below.

From our Youth and Children's Worker

Lizzie and I are thrilled to have been able to meet some of the youth and wider church family on Zoom in the last couple of months – whether it's been a Zoom Challenge (Shallonge) Night, Zoom Coffee or a Zoom Central Prayer Meeting, we're grateful to have made some connections!



We hope the Family Focus slots have given you a chance to open the Bible together and discover more of who Jesus is, what he's like and his love for you.

We're also hoping that the guidelines in the coming months might afford us some opportunities to meet a few more of you in person, but even if we can't do that, we're excited with what's in store...

*We're going to be continuing midweek sessions looking at the parables in Luke. This is on a Wednesday evening during term time apart from the first Wednesday of each month. On those weeks we shall have a 'First Friday Social'. (**Friday 5th February** is the next one!)*

Keep an eye on the church website and Facebook page for more details on what is going on and please do get in touch with me if you have any questions or comments!

Tom

youth@bucklandchurchdevon.co.uk



To see Family Focus videos, either:

www.bucklandchurchdevon/services-and-messages/

Or search on YouTube for: **st andrews buckland monachorum**

If you would like to find out more about how our Youth and Children's Worker is shining some light on some subjects and supporting groups of children, please email Tom at: youth@bucklandchurchdevon.co.uk

The Red House provides new visitor centre

At times like this, being able to visit family and friends in care homes can be a major concern, for staff and visitors, and we applaud our local Red House care home for taking steps to make it possible, and safe for all. Here is their imaginative solution, as described by owner Paul Ewer.

"The room was built in the garden during the late summer and has been operating since November . It is insulated and heated and has a glass dividing screen. Our current visiting policy requires that an appointment is made, subject to Covid testing protocols, and may only take place in this room or in the open air.

We have been proactive in restricting visiting since March 2020 allowing visits only in the open air before the room was commissioned. Our first priority is and always has been the safety of our residents. I would like to pay tribute to the dedication and hard work of my staff and the understanding of relatives during this difficult time."

Paul Ewer - Crocus Care

Note: at the time of going to press, there are two vacancies - please call Gemma Trawally for details.



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Rambling on It's been an interesting couple of months for me in relation to local wildlife.

Arriving at Lopwell one late afternoon, a small object captured my attention - a second later it was gone. I was sure I knew what it was as sticks don't sink: this submerged, it didn't dive. I had to wait for some considerable time, until my hunch was confirmed, a snout penetrated the water not too far away in the dwindling light, followed by a head. It had been three years since my last sighting of a grey seal at Lopwell.

Returning home a few days later after a failed attempt to view the seal again, I noticed a deer in the adjacent fields. It had been many years since we frequently encountered deer in this area. As we slowly drove forward more deer came into view beyond the trees, and I was surprised that I was looking at red deer instead of roe deer. This small herd consisted of stag missing an antler and at least 5 hinds.

It was also that time of year where I like to keep a close eye on cattle grazing in certain fields of kale: you'll see many little egrets feeding amongst these cattle, yet over the past few years including this year, I've also found cattle egret amongst them. From a distance these rarer cattle egrets are very similar to little egrets, yet on closer inspection their yellow bill is a giveaway.

Over Christmas I hired a superior lens for my camera to the one I currently own. The main subject I wanted to focus on were kingfishers, as I'd like to be able to capture one diving. Tides and the weather need to be favourable, not to mention my



novice photography skills need improving. I didn't capture the shot I wanted, but it's so enjoyable watching them hunt for their prey.

I've also been happily surprised that at least one red kite has decided to stay in the local vicinity for the winter season. In Devon they are scarce outside the spring period.

I've saved my favourite encounter to last. I had learned where a certain owl nested and reared some chicks earlier last year. Hoping to be lucky I staked out the area just prior to lockdown, luck was on my side. Appearing from a doorway a white bird came into view, I froze to take in the moment, with its circular face it flew directly towards me and passed very close to my right, this amazing experience was my first with a wild barn owl.

Shane Willson

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Over the last two years the preschool has forged an excellent relationship with the Foundation class at St. Andrew's School and joins them for various activities throughout the school year including having the use of the swimming pool once a week during the summer term which is great fun!

After a successful bid from the National Lottery's "Awards for All" fund, the Village Hall garden was redesigned with play equipment supplied by local company Green Scheme Solutions Ltd, and all made from recycled plastics.

The daily sessions are packed with fun activities to stimulate the children's enquiring minds including caring for two guinea pigs, a goldfish and occasionally taking the preschool dog, Walter for walks around the village.



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Lockdown News . .

The geography of Milton Combe lends itself to there being a close community here. The 150 or so people who make up the community still see their neighbours, although socially distancing, because the narrow valley means they cannot avoid each other entirely.

It also means that we naturally check on each other to ensure everyone is well and provided for.

In normal times there tends to be a lot going on.

Sadly no events have been able to take place since March last year and the Village Hall is closed until further notice. We have, however, recently held a "Facebook Auction" in aid of the Village Hall and a Decorated Door Competition, in the run up to Christmas.

To make up for the lack of the annual Milton Combe Christmas, many villagers made a great show of their Christmas lights this year and even the bus stop at the bottom of the hill was decorated.

Also unable to currently take place is the weekly Villager's Night meal at the pub. Whilst not limited to villagers, it is often an ideal time for people to catch up with each other and is sadly missed.

I'm sure we all look forward to being able to resume our close social life in Milton Combe but in the meantime, we are doing our best to keep our chins up and giving a friendly wave to people we see. Val Bolitho

. . From Milton Combe

By the time some of you get round to reading this it will be a full year since we first had to close the pub. It's been a strange time for us all, we've all stopped, started, stopped and started again and currently we are waiting for the lights to change to green once more.

Serving you face to face at the bar seems almost like a different lifetime and whilst certain things have changed what we have noticed is that the community spirit in Milton Combe remains arguably stronger than ever. Only yesterday help was offered to us by a villager asking if there was anything they could do to help at the pub whilst we are closed. You don't get that in city pubs, you don't get that in many village pubs and we feel incredibly fortunate to be part of the community Val has spoken about in her article.

It's been the theme since we arrived at the Whody....people are always there to offer help and assistance. With zero fuss and no agenda. There is something special about Milton Combe, you only have to wander through the village and see the hanging baskets in Summer or the Christmas lights in December to know that people care about their village. They care about their fellow villagers too and in a year that has seen so much thrown at us all we should take a moment to remember how lucky we are to live in the little village tucked away at the bottom of the hill, it's like the best kept secret around.

When we first closed in March our last post finished with the following sentence.

Be safe, Be Kind, Be Helpful.

Nearly a year on it's almost as if we had been asked to write a motto for Milton Combe.

See you all soon,

Best wishes, Matt and Hayleigh.

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INTERNET NEWS

As lockdown Mk3 begins to bite, more people are asking about replacing laptops and PCs, or just getting their current 'kit' going faster. With more of us working (and schooling) from home, decent IT has become a must-have. Parts for tower PCs are still readily available but unfortunately, laptops are in short supply due to the very virus which is keeping us in doors affecting production. But what should you be looking for anyway?

Well if you are thinking of buying a new Windows 10 laptop, then the things to look out for are these. Processor: Avoid anything that has an intel Celeron processor as in my experience, they slow down very quickly (there's an oxymoron for you!) and will drive you mad. But intel Pentium processors are OK but if you can find an 'i3' or 'i5' processor they are much better again. If it says AMD Ryzen 3 or 5, they are also great processors.

You want a minimum of 4Gb RAM, but 8Gb is better (more than that is a waste with day-to-day computing) and you want a minimum of a 256Gb Solid State Drive (SSD). Here, it is the SSD which is crucial as these drives are much, much faster than traditional 'spinning' hard drives.

Screen size is up to you but generally, 10in/11in are great if you travel a lot, (not much good at the moment obviously) and 14in/15.6in are perfect for day-to-day working at home. There are 17in laptops available too if you need a bigger screen. With all these, it is possible to connect a second screen, (usually now via an HDMI cable) for multi-screen working.

If you already have a laptop, but it now seems slow, replacing the hard drive with an SSD and a fresh install of Windows 10 will almost certainly give your laptop (or tower PC) a new lease of life. I am happy to advise you with this upgrade. Just send an

email or give me a call.

Keeping in touch with friends, relatives or business

colleagues has never been easier during a lockdown. Facebook, Whatsapp, Skype, Zoom, Microsoft Teams, etc, the variations are seemingly endless.

They all use the Internet as a connection medium, meaning there are no call charges, so you can contact your cousin/aunt in Australia for free.

I have held and taken part in Zoom meetings and it's really easy to do. If you are holding one for a group of people, (friends or business perhaps) then you will first need to create an account on the Zoom website.

Create your meeting by selecting a date and start time and Zoom provides a link for you to send to each person you want to invite. At the appointed time, you start the meeting and as your invitees click on their link, they are brought to the meeting's 'waiting room' and you click to allow them in. You don't have to use video if you don't want too, although that is part of the fun. A free account allows you about 45 minutes for your meeting but you can simply start another if you want to continue. For a longer meeting, you will need to pay a monthly, or annual fee.

You do need a reasonable broadband speed for Zoom but luckily for most of Buckland Monachorum, our broadband speeds are now around the 35Mbps (apologies if yours isn't). I have mentioned before about the differences but if you want know more, head over to the Buckland Computers website for more information. Take care and stay safe.

Stephen Fryer
Buckland Computers





Rotary Club of Yelverton

February News Update

Our thanks go to the shoppers at Yelverton who generously donated almost £600 to our Christmas charitable collection using our new, Covid-safe, collecting stand-alone bin. Some of this generosity must have been a 'sympathy vote' as the weather was awful on both days. Several donors also expressed their thanks for the music provided by our sleigh which had eased the drudgery of the hour-long queue for the butcher's shop.

We have noticed that the quality of the tapes being played in the machine in the sleigh has somewhat deteriorated over the years and we will be considering the replacement of the ageing tape player. If anyone has an old, but working, car CD player that they'd like to donate please get in touch.



Since the last report we've had an on-line Bingo evening and a very wide-ranging General Knowledge quiz. Our Christmas dinner was replaced by a Zoom cocktail party where we all learned how to make a White Lady and then tried to complete a 'missing words' story with car name answers. Most turned up dressed for a cocktail party – at least from the waist up – with many bow ties and dinner jackets on view, and the ladies similarly attired.

At present we're not sure what our events programme is going to look like for the coming year but we are currently planning on holding our August school holiday Fun Day on the Harrowbeer airfield. The speed and effectiveness of the vaccination programme will determine whether we are able to hold our annual Easter Tea Party for the older residents of our community but we will put in place provisional arrangements for this.



Our meetings plan is filling up for the year ahead, this month we have a talk on Mercy Ships (fully staffed and equipped moveable floating hospitals) and a 'look-back' quiz for 2020.

As the Covid vaccination programme begins to take hold later in the year, and the restrictions begin to ease, we hope to be out and about much more with our usual activities and events.

To find out more about Yelverton Rotary Club: See our website:
www.yelverton.rotary1175.org

Or contact us at: president@yelverton.rotary1175.org

Ken Farnham

Do your days rush by at a hectic pace?

Have you ever stopped to think that your mobile phone and emails have not given you *more* time? Just *more things to do* in the same amount of time.

We leave our messages in one place while we take our bodies elsewhere. Instead of doing one thing after another, we shoot out a variety of tasks, and then swoop down on them later, needing to deal with them all at once.

In a four-minute clip from a street scene from an old Orson Welles film and a similar clip from a more recent film, you will see an amazing difference. In the early film, the camera records 'real time' – people get out of their cars, walk across streets, wait for lights, speak to other people, enter a bank. In the more recent film, a similar sequence was reduced to a half a dozen quick cuts. Transition time was eliminated.

Modern life teaches us that 'down time' is wasted. Time is money. So mobile phones, emails, etc, enable us to 'waste' less time.

The tempo of cultural life picks up, the heartbeat of daily life races, and our own body rhythms respond with adrenaline, cramped muscles and heart attacks.

To take time out for daily prayer, for a quiet walk that is not to the next meeting, for daydreaming or for Bible study becomes a cross-cultural act. Following Christ, waiting on Him, is a countercultural act.



One lovely biblical phrase is 'in the fullness of time, it came to pass'. This suggests four things: that time crests like a wave; that there is a right moment for things to happen; that it's not ours to plan that moment, but to recognise it; and that we are not the primary agents of what happens in the world.

So, feel free to accept God's offer of rest when you are weary; receive each moment of your life as a gift from God's hand; pray to discern what each new encounter you make requires of you, and freely entrust everything else to God's care.

*Revd Dr Herbert McGonigle
From Parish Pump*

What a very strange 12 months we have had! Who would have guessed last NYE that events throughout the year would lead to The Drake being closed for over 3 months during 2020. This has been particularly strange, as in my 31 years at The Drake not a day has passed when the Pub has not been open. This includes Christmas Day of course, which is a lovely busy couple of hours of fun and glad tidings, greatly missed by so many this year.

It is also peculiar having so much time on my hands, however we have worked hard on improvements, repairs and renovations, there is always something to do.

I am proud to be at the helm of The Drake. It means so much to so many people. A place to unwind after a stressful day, company for those who live alone, a community hub, and so much more.

Although these are challenging times I am confident that we shall weather the storm and we will be back full of energy and enthusiasm just as soon as we are able to do so. I have a great



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team, and really appreciate their support. In the meantime we are pleased to be offering our "Drakeaway Menu" every Friday night. This has proved hugely popular during previous lockdowns and also when we were able to trade relatively normally.

Saturday lunchtimes we offer our 'Pasty Shop'. Delicious West country pasties, freshly baked and available for collection from 12.00 - 1.00 PM. We will continually review the situation and may introduce more take away options as time progresses.

Our menu is published on Facebook on Tuesdays. You can also see this on our Latest News Page on our website www.drakemanorinn.co.uk.

Alternatively phone and I will tell you the options.

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I am truly thankful for the generous support and kind words the community have offered, it makes a real difference.

What a fantastic place we live in.

Mandy Robinson





Christianity Explored is an informal and relaxed course that runs over 7 weeks, and explains where good news can be found, even in a world plagued by pandemic. It is a place where people are free to ask questions or simply sit and listen.

Our next course begins on **Thursday 11th February**, starting at 7.45pm via Zoom - so you can join us with a cuppa, from the comfort of your own front room!



Over seven sessions in Mark's Gospel, guests find out more about the life of the person at the heart of the Christian faith - Jesus Christ



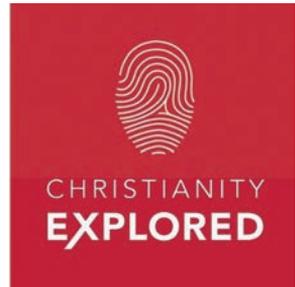
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Please contact Rev. Andy Bowden on 01822 852227 or vicar@bucklandchurchdevon.co.uk for login details and more.



Giggles



Pray with Grannie

A small boy went to church with his grandmother and joined her when she quietly slipped off the pew to kneel and pray. He even copied her example of burying her face in her hands. But after a few seconds his curiosity got the better of him. "Who are we hiding from, grannie?"

Bishop

An exam for R.E. asked the following question: 'What does a Bishop do?'

Came one answer: 'Move diagonally across the board.'

Disperse them

A young clergyman, fresh out of training, thought it would help him better understand the harsh realities his future congregations faced if he first took a job as a policeman for several months.

He passed the physical examination; then came the oral exam to test his ability to act quickly and wisely in an emergency. Among other questions he was asked, "What would you do to disperse a frenzied crowd?" He thought for a moment and then said, "I would pass an offering plate." He got the job.

The beginning Of the end?

By the time you read this we will be heading towards the beginning of the end of the final lockdown* and the building work (AWC project) which we have worked so hard to prepare will be well on the way



to completion in time for Easter. Spring will be in the air and there will be new hope and optimism like the snow drops which are appearing in our gardens.

I am writing on January 12th, 2021. Yesterday the builders started work on the Accessible Toilet project. The third lockdown was announced last week, and the Chapel has been closed to user groups with the exception of the Food Hub who have been working throughout the winter. We have been really encouraged by the giving of both the Church and the village community. Richard and Roger have put leaflets through the doors of the entire villages of Buckland and Crapstone and many have contributed as a result.

We have applied to several bodies for grant funding and hopefully some will have come to fruition when this article is published.

When the work is complete, we will be seeking help with decorating. Keith Topham will be pulling together and managing a team of volunteers to do this. All offers of help will be gratefully received by Keith and the rest of the team.

This is just the beginning of a process to make the Chapel ready for 21st century mission. We have more plans for improvement once this project has finished and these improvements will increase the usefulness and availability of the Chapel for the both the village and the church. Please continue to pray and support the Chapel. We provide a bridge to the community and a partner in mission for the Church in these strange and unprecedented times.

* Let's hope so!! (Editor)

Caroline Mitchell

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In the period leading up to Christmas, YelverCare organised two special Christmas functions. Covid-19 guidelines meant that it

was impossible this year to hold the monthly Lunch Club's Christmas event, so volunteers took the meals to guests instead. Fifteen YelverCare volunteers delivered traditional Christmas meals to sixty local residents, many of whom live alone. The meals were prepared by three local pubs, Buckland Monachorum's Drake Manor Inn, The Rock Inn at Yelverton and The Walkhampton Inn.

The following day, Rev. Andy Bowden kindly organised a socially distanced carol service at St Andrew's Church, specially for YelverCare and The Charleston Club. YelverCare volunteers drove 38 participants to the service. Both events were masterminded by YelverCare's Ann Davis and were hugely appreciated by those who took part.

YelverCare has also distributed £4,000 that was kindly donated by the Maristow Trust to residents in the area who it was thought might particularly benefit from support in this difficult year. It was distributed in the form of 80 Co-op Gift Cards.



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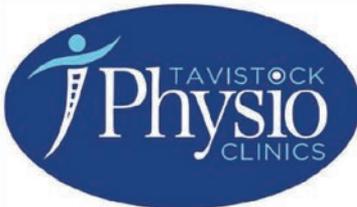
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It's an Ella-ver story . . .

I received this email from a fellow historian recently "I live in Kirkella on the outskirts of Hull in East Yorkshire and I was recently intrigued to find out that there is a Kirkella Road in Yelverton. Not only that, but there are also Westella, Eastella and Southella Roads, and we also have neighbouring areas of the same name! However, we do not have a Midella".

It reminded me of this popular question and an article written by Mary Osborn in our own local history journal no. 25 in 2005. I was able to provide a copy for the gentleman above which has produced more exchanges and information on the topic.

The land adjoining the Rock Hotel was sold by Maristow Estate in 1891 as 2 lots each of 4,500 sq ft being "exceedingly good and valuable building sites". It seems that development of the Ellas did not start for several years, but it was the builders who provided the connection with Yorkshire.



For some reason, local builder Edwin Piper (pictured above with wife Maude) had moved to Hull from Plymouth in the mid-1870s and remained there until the late 1890s, presumably living in the Yorkshire Ellas area somewhere. After Maude died, he returned to Yelverton to live at 'Hayesleigh'. By this time, his son-in-law, William Ernest Hiscock Howard, who had also lived in the same neighbourhood in Hull (he came from Kent) and had married Edwin's daughter, Clara, had gone into partnership with him. Although Edwin died in 1901*, the seemingly popular Ellas name was copied from Hull when building eventually commenced.

What about the name itself?

It is almost certainly associated with a common male name from the Anglo-Saxon period. Early sources record Ella as being the first king of the South Saxons, reigning in what is now called Sussex, from 477 to perhaps as late as 514. The first king of Deira (later Northumbria) was also called Aella. He ruled a large area of northern England with Eboracum (York) as his capital. Places named after Anglo-Saxon kings or chieftains are not unusual.

*Incidentally, Edwin Piper above, died in New Zealand. Apparently, he had been thrown from a horse and was seriously injured and travelled there to convalesce! The following appeared in the NZ Herald Feb 9th 1903: "It is announced that the estate of the late Mr. Edwin Piper of Rosemont, Yelverton, Devonshire, who died on October 12th at Lower Hutt, Wellington, NZ, has been valued at £88,065 gross, including £13,119 in net personalty". He is buried in Tavistock Cemetery.

Please note that although our Society is unable to resume our normal indoor talks, we are now experimenting with Zoom - more details

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Our first talk will be on Feb 16th at 7.30pm, entitled "The Dartmoor Georgian Improvers" by Simon Dell. Details from the Chairman.

On our doorstep

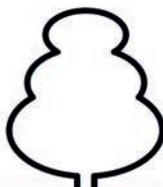
We received this ringing endorsement from Crapstone residents who decided to stay local.

"In mid-summer we decided we would like to buy a greenhouse and garden shed. After many attempts to buy far and wide, it became apparent it was only possible if we were prepared to wait a year for delivery.

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CHURCH CALENDAR for FEBRUARY 2021

As you may know, we have closed our churches for normal services until the end of February. They will be open for private prayer and reflection on **Wednesdays** and **Sundays**.

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CHURCH CALENDAR for MARCH 2021

2 nd Tuesday	7.30 pm	Lent Course (2) via Zoom
3 rd Wednesday	8.00 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom**
4 th Thursday	7.45 pm	Christianity Explored (4) via Zoom
5 th Friday	8.00 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom**
	2.00 pm	Women's World Day of Prayer

7th SUNDAY	9.15 am	Morning Worship at Milton Combe
3 rd of Lent	10.30 am	All-Age Family Communion

9 th Tuesday	7.30 pm	Lent Course (3) via Zoom
10 th Wednesday	8.00 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom**
11 th Thursday	7.45 pm	Christianity Explored (5) via Zoom
12 th Friday	8.00 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom**

14th SUNDAY	9.15 am	Holy Communion at Milton Combe
Mothering Sunday	10.30 am	Morning Worship
4 th of Lent		

16 th Tuesday	7.30 pm	Lent Course (4) via Zoom
17 th Wednesday	8.00 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom**
18 th Thursday	7.45 pm	Christianity Explored (6) via Zoom
19 th Friday	8.00 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom**

21st SUNDAY	9.15 am	Morning Worship at Milton Combe
5 th of Lent	10.30 am	Holy Communion

22 nd Monday	7.30 pm	PCC meet
23 rd Tuesday	7.30 pm	Lent Course (5) via Zoom
24 th Wednesday	8.00 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom**
25 th Thursday	7.45 pm	Christianity Explored (7) via Zoom

26 th Friday	8.00 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom**
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28th SUNDAY	9.15 am	Holy Communion at Milton Combe
PALM SUNDAY	10.30 am	Morning Worship

N.B. These services are subject to change, depending on the advice at the time.

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