

Useful Information

DOCTORS

Doctors Surgery: 01647 24272 or 24025

Patient Participation Group, Contacts: Jean Martin 24586, Caryn Tripp 24582

Surgery (No Appointment Necessary) 8 – 9.30 am Monday to Friday.

Out of Hours: Ring 111

IN EMERGENCY RING 999

MINOR INJURIES UNIT

Okehampton Hospital, open 7 days a week, 8 am – 10 pm

POLICE

For all *non emergency* contact please ring 101

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| Crimestoppers | 0800 555 111 | |
| Neighbourhood Watch: | Jean Martin | 24586 |
| | Brian Bryon-Edmond | 24696 |

EMERGENCY SERVICES

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| Electricity | 0800 365 900 |
| Gas | 0800 111 999 |
| Water | 0344 346 2020 |
| Highways Agency | 0300 123 5000 |
| Streetlights, potholes etc: | 0345 155 1004 |
| | csc.roads@devon.gov.uk |

SCHOOL, PRESCHOOL, YOUTH and OTHER ORGANISATIONS

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Cheriton Bishop Primary School | 24817 (termtime only) | Federation Head: Mrs Sue Leyman | |
| Head Teacher: Miss Joanna Nation | | Fed. Chair of Governors: Terry Tume | (fax) 61338 |
| Secretary: Mrs Linda McCracken | | PTFA Chairman: Sarah Walker | 24009 |
| Cheriton Bishop Preschool | | | |
| Play Leader: Christine Grist | 281205 | Cubs: Karen Morris | 01647 252375 |
| Young Farmers: David Rowell | 07792 518439 | Scouts: Ollie Milverton | 07706 695928 |
| Walking Group: Jane Hancock | 24092 | | |

LOCAL CHURCHES

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|---|--------------|
| Anglican Team Ministry: Rev. Martin Wood, The Rectory, Church Lane, Cheriton Bishop | 24119 |
| Church Wardens: Alan Greenslade 24002, Janet Jeffery 24414 | |
| Crockernwell Methodist Minister: Rev. David Easton, 21 Dunsford Road, Exeter, EX4 1LG. | 01392 255791 |
| Church Secretary: Mrs A MacDonald 24446 | |
| West Down Chapel: Derek Coren 24264 | |

HALLS & MEETING ROOMS

VILLAGE HALL

Bookings: Tim Gorringe 24789

SPALDING HALL

Bookings: Jean Martin 24586
Key: Jan Mitchell, Underhill, Church Lane.

ACORN COMMUNITY SUPPORT CO-ORDINATOR: Sylvia Tripp 24267

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Parish Councillors

| | | |
|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| Chairman | Gill Westcott | 24789 |
| Vice Chairman | Tim Vooght | 24593 |
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| | Chris Carter | 24774 |
| | Phil Dicker | 24450 |
| | Peter Endacott | 24580 |
| | Sasha Metters | 24146 |
| | Paul Mitchell | 24405 |

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Crockernwell

Crockernwell Ward Parish Councillors: Bill Savage, email: bill.savage@drewsteigntonparish.co.uk

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Mid Devon District Councillors

| | |
|-------------|--------------|
| Derek Coren | 24264 |
| Peter Heal | 01363 884277 |

County Councillors

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|------------------------------|--------------|
| Nick Way (CheritonBishop) | 01363 777903 |
| James McInnes (Crockernwell) | 01837 861364 |

Member of Parliament

Mel Stride MP (Central Devon)
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[Updated March 2016]

The Parish Newsletter, April 2016

The sun has returned, the soil is beginning to dry out a bit and become workable again and small birds are beginning to flit about with a sense of purpose, their beaks crammed full with nesting material – spring is with us again!

After such a particularly dark and wet winter I think everyone is likely to feel relieved to reach these lighter days. Suddenly there is so much on offer close at hand for us to participate in. So read on and come out of hibernation because a month of parochial activity awaits!

Spring Show

This show is always an impossible one to predict and on many occasions it just hasn't happened at all because the flowers haven't appeared on time. This year it might be a case that they are all over by the time the show date arrives. However, the show is about more than just daffodils and there may well be other flowers that are usually too late for the show but are at their best this time round. There is also a rather tasty recipe given on page 7 that you might like to make for the show – I happen to have had some of the try-out one (made by Sally B) and it was delicious!

Preserve your name for posterity!

There is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to include yourself in the history of the village, detailed in the Churchwarden's news on page 11. In a hundred or hundreds of years time your name could still be there as part of the fabric of the church, ready to be rediscovered by future generations. This is a fun way to celebrate the restoration of the roof and in the coming weeks there is also an opportunity to meet a female bishop in the parish church for the first time in the whole of its 700 year history!

A Spring Clean for the village

This tradition of our annual spring clean may well be the envy of some other villages. Each year it seems that more and more people turn up to help with this timely clean up. It will probably be especially important this year with the extra mud that has been stirred up by passing cars and almost obliterating road signs in some cases. If you have a spare hour or two why not come along to help? Details are on page 6.

Embroidery Fair

As a nice bit of light relief on the same day as the clean up (and on the Sunday too), the local embroiderer's are staging their annual exhibition and fair again in the village hall. If you have any preconceptions of what embroidery is you might be astonished at the variety of needle-craft that goes on

in Cheriton Bishop. Please see page 8 and come along during the weekend of the fair. If you come at lunchtime you could have a lovely meal there too!

A Slap-up English Breakfast for St George

This village has got something of a reputation when it comes to food. There are regular lunches, frequent coffee mornings, monthly afternoon teas, and fabulous evening banquets several times a year. What more could we wish for? Well, breakfast, of course! The Pre-school mums and dads have obviously seen a gap-in-the-market and are stepping into this culinary breach. Please see page 9a and be prepared for your mouth to water!

Songs of Praise

How about a nice afternoon of hymn-singing in the village Hall at the beginning of May? It's all in aid of a very good cause and followed by tea and biscuits. (See page 12). Or, if you can't wait that long, the Stowford Meadow Singers are coming to a 'chapel near you' at West Down in April (Page 14).

Is this *your* fantasy?

Do you watch every episode of The Musketeers with a desire to be part of the action? Do you still recall certain Errol Flynn movies with a romantic yearning? Do you consider yourself to be a bit of an Aiden Turner type (or would you like to duel with one?!). Are you dimly aware of the inner-swashbuckler's heart beating within your manly (or womanly) chest? Then yearn no longer – help is fairly close at hand. Simply turn to page 19 and steer your snow-white steed towards Bridford.

With best wishes for April from Jenny and the Newsletter team.

DON'T FORGET THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE!: Friday 22nd April at 6PM.

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Regular Meeting dates

Parish Council

Contact: Derek Madge 01392 833969

every second Monday evening in the month

Coffee Mornings at Crockernwell

Contact: Mrs A MacDonald 24446

every second Saturday in the month

Preschool

Contact: Christine Grist 281205

*Mon, Tue, 9.00 – 11.30, Wed, Thurs 9 – 3.15
“Lunch Club” until 12.45 pm on Mon/Tues.
All during term time only*

Scouts

Contact: Ollie Milverton 07706 695928

every Monday evening during term time

Cubs

Contact: Karen Morris 01647 252375

every Thursday during term time

Pilates

Contact Adele 07976 427941

*every Friday morning, 8.55 am and 10.00 am,
during term time*

West Down Bible Study & Prayer

Contact: Derek Coren 24264

every Monday evening from Oct – May

Horticultural Society

Contact: Jenny Grist 281110

*usually the third Monday evening in the month
during the Autumn and Winter*

West Country Embroiderers

Contact: Janet Grist 281637

every first Tuesday afternoon in the month

Short Mat Bowling

Contact Nos: Pat Hill 24201 or David Tripp 24582

*every Wednesday, Sept – May
(Membership full at present)*

Baby Clinic

The Surgery 24272

*every 4th Wednesday of the month 2 – 3 pm
(Clinics held in CB Surgery)*

Cheriton Bishop Baby and Toddler Group

Contact: Find us on Facebook

*In the School Hall every Friday 9-10.30 am
Term time only*

Young Farmers

Contact: David Rowell 07792 518439

every 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings

Art at Caribarn Studio, Pitton Barton

Contact: Sue Bloomfield 24840

usually every last Friday of month 9.30–12.30

Spiritual Discussion Group

Contact: Penny Gare 24639

Monthly

Walking Group

Contact: Jane Hancock 24092

*usually 3rd Sunday in month 1.30 pm
(see posters and CB Website for details)*

Has your organisation been left out? Please let us know so that it can be included on this regular page.

Has someone just moved in next door? Why not pop round with this newsletter and let them know what goes on in Cheriton Bishop and Crockernwell?

The Mobile Library: Monthly on Tuesdays (in week 3 of each month in 2016)

Crockernwell:

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| Stanbury's Orchard | Arrives 14.35 | Departs: | 14.55 |
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Cheriton Bishop:

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| Glebelands | Arrives: 15.05 | Departs: | 15.35 |
| Hescane Park | 15.40 | | 16.10 |

[amended March 2016]

Diary Dates for April

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| Friday 1 st | YFC Wine & Wisdom | TSM Village Hall | 8 pm |
| Saturday 2 nd | Spring Show | Village Hall | 2.30 pm |
| Tuesday 5 th | West Country Embroiderers | Village Hall | 1.30 – 4pm |
| Wednesday 6 th | Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's | | |
| Thursday 7 th | Acorn Lunch | Woodleigh CH | 12.30 pm |
| Sunday 10 th | Slate Tile writing | Parish Church | 2 - 4 pm |
| Tuesday 12 th | YFC Bingo | Village Hall | 7 for 7.30 pm |
| Wednesday 13 th | Annual Parochial Church Meeting | Spalding Hall | 7.30 pm |
| Saturday 16 th | Village Spring Clean | Stone Cross | 9.30 am |
| Sat/Sun 16 th & 17 th | Spring Embroidery Fair | Village Hall | 10 – 4 pm |
| Sunday 17 th | Walking Group | YFC building | 1.30 pm |
| Monday 18 th | Cuppa and a Chat | Spalding Hall | 2 - 4 pm |
| Wednesday 20 th | Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's | | |
| Saturday 23 rd | St George's Day Breakfast | Village Hall | 9 –12 noon |
| Sunday 24 th | Open Mic Afternoon | Old Thatch Inn | 4.00 pm |
| Monday 25 th | Annual Parish Meeting | Spalding Hall | 7.30 pm |
| Wednesday 27 th | The Hermitage Ensemble | Chagford Church | 7.30 pm |

Diary Dates for May

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| Sunday 1 st | Songs of Praise | Village Hall | 3 pm |
| Wednesday 4 th | Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's | | |
| Thursday 5 th | Acorn Lunch | Woodleigh CH | 12.30 pm |
| Sunday 8 th | Afternoon tea to celebrate Church Roof | Parish Church | |
| Sunday 15 th | Walking Group | YFC Building | 1.30 pm |
| Saturday 21 st | Produce Market | Village Hall | 10 –12 noon |

Forthcoming Events

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| Saturday 25 th June | Hort Soc Mid Summer Show | Village Hall | 2.30 pm |
| Saturday 13 th August | Hort Soc Village Show | Village Hall | 2.30 pm |
| Saturday 24 th September | Giant Coffee Mornin g | Village Hall, Surgery & Field | 10-4 pm |
| Saturday 12 th November | Hort Soc Annual Dinner | Village Hall | |

If your organisation has a one-off event planned for 2016, why not let other organisations know in advance so that dates don't clash?

For much more information about Cheriton Bishop, Crockernwell and the surrounding area please visit the Cheriton Bishop Web Site:

www.cheritonbishop.org.uk

Contact for Website: Tony Bott email: anthonydbott@aol.com

PARISH COUNCIL: Report on Meeting 14th March

Moor Park building work

After the discussion about difficulties resulting from building at Moor Park last month, Mr Prinsloo, the site manager, came to the public open session to answer queries. They have tried to keep the road clean and are investigating better drainage from the site. Mr Prinsloo is often on the site and open to hearing from residents.

Devon Air Ambulance – Search for night time landing place

The PC felt it would be of great benefit to the village to have such a site. We are invited to propose one to DAAT. This will be discussed at **the Annual Parish Meeting on April 25th** at the Spalding Hall, so if you have views or suggestions about this, please come along. There is a cost involved for appropriate lighting.

The road between Four Cross Ways and Honeyford Bridge is getting so bad that it presents a safety risk. The more people who report this as a hazard to Devon County Council the more likely it is that it will be repaired. The Highways Department are very stretched and at present the wait is expected to be three years before this section of the road can be repaired.

Other matters

We were urged to observe the informal **one-way system** at school starting and collecting times up past the church and school and thence to Four Cross Ways. Efforts are being made to revive the Walking School Bus to keep traffic to a minimum.

The PC continues to seek funding to replace at least the bus shelter by the former Mulberry with a better structure.

The new Parish Council website (mandatory for Parish Councils to have one) is nearly ready.

Mid-Devon will henceforth need to charge for cutting the grass on the Village Green.

A Macmillan Coffee Morning and Fun Day is being prepared for September 24th. Please save the day.

And nearer in time, dates to remember are:

Village Tidy Up Day is on 16th April. Meet at 9.30 at the Cross

Annual Parish Meeting 25th April Spalding Hall – a good opportunity to hear about what's going on in the village, and for questions and comment.

The Cheriton Bishop Annual Parish Meeting

will take place

at 7.30 pm on Monday 25th April 2016

at The Spalding Hall Church Lane

Your opportunity to hear what's been going on in your Parish

The meeting is open to the public and press

Please come along and tell the community what your organisation has been doing over the past year



Cheriton Bishop **Spring Village Clean Up**

On Saturday 16th April 2016
Meet at the stone cross
At 9.30am

Your help and support is needed 'please' !
Most of the work is done in the morning
and elevenses are provided.

Please come along!!!!
Bring your own hand tools

Contacts: Peter Endacott 24580 and Tim Vooght 24593

Please let us know if there is a particular area in the Village
you think requires specific attention

Poster designed by Cameron Vooght.

Cheriton Bishop Horticultural Society

Spring Show

Saturday 2nd April, 2.30 in the Village Hall

(Entries in by 7 pm on Friday 1st April, staging and judging of entries on the Saturday morning).

The schedule for this show is available from the box at the Village Hall. If you would like it sent to you electronically and haven't found it on the village website please email Jenny at jennygrist@talktalk.net. Please have a look and see if you can enter something! Entries to all classes are open to anyone who lives within five miles of Cheriton Bishop Church or is a member of Cheriton Bishop Horticultural Society. Entries in Junior Classes are open to anyone 14 years or younger.

Points are awarded in each class. 1st - 4pts, 2nd - 2pts, 3rd - 1 pt. The person who wins the most points will receive a prize of £5 and a cup donated by the late Mrs. L. Lowry. Second highest points scorer will receive £3, and the third highest points scorer will receive £2.00. The Junior classes will be scored in the same way. Highest points scorer £1.00, 2nd 75p, 3rd 50p. In the event of a draw on points, the prize money will be divided. The best exhibit in the show will receive a prize of £3.00. However, it's the fun of taking part that is most rewarding!

There are a number of classes for various types of daffodils (narcissi). If you don't know what sort yours are put a question mark beside your entry on the entry form and we'll sort out which class it needs to be in on the morning of the show. There are also classes for other bulb or corm flowers such as tulips, crocus etc., and classes for primroses, and indeed any other outdoor flowers or flowering shrubs. There is a Floral Art class for an arrangement of seasonal flowers, and cookery classes for a jar of marmalade, and a picnic loaf made to the recipe below:

Picnic Tea Loaf

1lb (400gms) mixed dried fruit

8 oz (200gms) soft brown sugar

1 Half pint (250ml) warm tea

2 tablespoons of marmalade

1 lb (400 gms) self-raising flour

1 egg

A little milk if the mixture is too stiff.

Soak fruit and sugar in the tea overnight. In a large bowl, stir in egg, marmalade, and flour, add a little milk if still stiff. Divide into 2 1lb loaf tins. Bake at 170C, 325F or gas 3 for approx 1 and three quarter hours depending on your oven.

The mixture may be halved using one small egg

Children will be very welcome to enter any of the classes and for the under-fives there is a special competition for a Collage.

Jenny Grist, Secretary.

The Next Local Produce Market **in Cheriton Bishop Village Hall**

10am - 12pm
Saturday 21st MAY

Please note there is no market in April!

This is YOUR local Market!
Meats, Game, Cheeses, Bread, Ready Meals, Vegetables, Flowers, English & French
Cuisine, Soft Fruits, Crafts, Garden ware: Bird boxes & Wooden items
Veggie boxes etc.

This month's charity refreshments: Simnel Cake!

Anyone interested in a place or for more information telephone:
Rachel on 01647 24566

Spring Embroidery Fair

To be held at Cheriton Bishop Village Hall
On Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th April
10.00 am – 4.00 pm
Admission Free

Cheriton Bishop branch of the WCE warmly invites you to our Spring Embroidery Fair in April 2016. Now into our eighteenth year of this annual event, we hope to again provide a lively exhibition. On show will be a varied mix of embroidery and textile art, with examples of members' work resulting from workshops and day schools, as well as individual member's displays and stands, with some items for sale. There will be on-going demonstrations throughout the weekend and a number of trade stalls with fabrics, threads and books, making this fair a real celebration of all aspects of contemporary and traditional embroidery.

A draw for, otherwise reluctant, spouses are our delicious homemade lunches and children (and everyone else too!) are very welcome to 'have a go' on our demonstration table. So there is plenty to keep everyone happy and interested while you enjoy the embroidery!

The Hermitage Ensemble
from St Petersburg
A renowned group, coming to us from Wells Cathedral and
many of the best known Cathedrals in Europe
Russian Sacred and Folk Music
St Michael's Church, Chagford
April 27th 7.30 pm
Tickets £8 from 01647 24789

ACORN LUNCH
THURSDAY 7th April 12.30p.m.

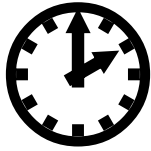
THE COACH HOUSE

Chicken casserole, vegetables, dessert,
Tea or Coffee
£7.00

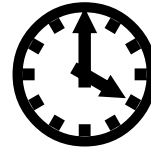
PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDER BY 4th April
With Jean 01647 24586
Tell her if you need a lift

Come and entertain us...

Sunday 24th April Open Mic Afternoon The Old Thatch Inn 4.00 pm



Pop in for a chat and a drink



on Monday 18th April 2016

at The Spalding Hall

any time between 2pm and 4pm

Everyone is very welcome!

Choice of hot and cold drinks

There is no charge but we do put out a pot for any donations towards costs

Need a lift from your home?

Ring Jean on 24586 beforehand

Music Evening in March

I should like to thank all of you that came to the music evening in the Village Hall, in aid of St Mary's Church Roof Fund.

It was certainly lovely to see you all and a fun evening, thanks to Mariners Away and the Bishops Jazz group, who kept us entertained and laughing.

I should also like to thank all of those dedicated cooks who helped provide food, to those who were unable to attend and sent a donation.

The amount made, which I believe to be in the range of £500, will help tremendously towards the roof repair which is due to be started in the very near future.

My thanks, once again.

Jean Martin

Young Farmers

Cheriton and Tedburn YFC has had an exciting start to 2016. Firstly our drama performance at QE lower school was a big success as they won the group round and went on to come second in the county round in Torquay. Thank you to those who came to support us; we hope that you enjoyed the performance! Also performing at QE were the group's choir and ballroom dancing teams made up of members from all clubs in Haldon group.

Congratulations to the choir for coming second at the county finals and to the ballroom dancers who, having won the county round, went on to win the Southwest area round and therefore will be going to the national finals in Blackpool in May!

Coming up in April we have our wine and wisdom at Tedburn village hall on the 1st at 8 pm. We are also holding a charity bingo at Cheriton Bishop village hall on Tuesday 12th, doors open at 7.00 pm, eyes down at 7.30 pm. We hope to see you there for an evening of fun for all the family.

David Rowell

Cheriton and Tedburn YFC secretary

Churchwarden's News

The scaffolding is up and the roofers have started work. Their first task is to dismantle the guttering and take it away to be sandblasted, repaired as necessary and then repainted. By the time this newsletter is published they should have started work dismantling the old slates from the roof. The church will be staying open during the work, which should take about 8 weeks. On Sunday May 8th Bishop Sarah from Crediton is coming to celebrate the repaired roof. We are planning an afternoon tea in the church, to which everybody who has supported the project in any way is invited. There will be a short celebratory service afterwards, which we hope most people will want to stay on for.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be on April 13th at 7.30pm in the Spalding Hall. Any parishioner is welcome to come and find out more about the activities and finances of the church. This meeting is usually short with coffee and cake served afterwards. I am planning to stand down as churchwarden when the roof project has finished, so there is a vacancy pending. If this is something you would like to do please contact Alan or me for the appropriate forms.

Some people have expressed an interest in having their name or their family's names written on the back of a slate. The roofers are very happy for us to do this and will make sure the slates are used early on in the project. I will therefore be at church from 2 – 4pm on Sunday 10th April and anybody who would like to write their name on a slate is welcome to come and do so. There is no charge!

Janet Jeffery (24414) and Alan Greenslade (24002)

SERVICES AT ST MARY'S CHERITON BISHOP

AND OTHER CHURCHES IN THE NORTH KENN MISSION COMMUNITY

APRIL 2016

Sunday 3rd

| | | | |
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| 9am | Whitestone | <i>Easter 2</i> | |
| | | Holy Communion | Canon John Tutton |
| 9.30 | Holcombe Burnell | Holy Communion | Revd Prof Tim Gorringer |
| 11am | Tedburn St Mary | Informal Worship | Lay Led |
| 3pm | Pathfinder | Holy Communion | Canon John Tutton |
| 6pm | Cheriton Bishop | Evening Prayer | Lay Led |

Sunday 10th

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| 9.30 | Holcombe Burnell | <i>Easter 3</i> | |
| | | Holy Communion | Revd Martin Wood |
| 9.30 | Whitestone | Parish Communion | Revd Prof Tim Gorringer |
| 11am | Cheriton Bishop | Family Service | Revd Martin Wood |
| 3pm | Pathfinder | Prayer and Fellowship | |
| 3pm | 21 Southway TSM | Tea and Fellowship | Revd Martin Wood |

Sunday 17th

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| 9am | Tedburn St Mary | <i>Easter 4</i> | |
| | | Holy Communion | Revd Prof Tim Gorringer |
| 11am | Christow Village Hall | Deanery Service | |

Sunday 24th

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| 8am | Cheriton Bishop | <i>Easter 5</i> | |
| | | Holy Communion | Revd Martin Wood |
| 9.30 | Tedburn St Mary | Parish Communion | Revd Prof Tim Gorringer |
| 11am | Holcombe Burnell | Family Service | Revd Martin Wood |
| 3pm | Pathfinder | United Service | |
| 3pm | Whitestone | Evensong | Lay Led |
| 6pm | Cheriton Bishop | Taize Prayer | |

EACH THURSDAY

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| 10.30 | Pathfinder | Holy Communion. | Revd Martin Wood/ Canon John Tutton |
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*A warm welcome to all who attend our services.
Please note that the Spalding Hall is open for the use of the toilets during service times.*

From the Rector

April showers and new life

Last month, I talked about mercy falling like gentle rain from heaven. The month of April is also associated with lots of rain or should I say showers.

And themes of mercy and forgiveness still run through this Eastertide. However, Easter although celebrated on the last Sunday in March, is also celebrated for fifty days until Pentecost (Sunday 15th May). One of the key themes of Easter is new and abundant life. It is no coincidence that Easter and Spring go hand in hand. As we watch Spring bring new life and new growth, I marvel at its delicacy and intricacy. There is also a real freshness to the new greens that we see all around us. I am always aware how fast things grow at this point, they appear to almost grow as we watch. What lies behind this new life are the key ingredients of light, warmth, water and nutrients. It feels like the winter stores up goodness waiting for spring to unleash it with brighter warmer days.

Like nature around us, spring puts new life and new hope within us. We look forward to starting up things that the winter curtails; we often have new resolve to tackle a new project. The lighter evenings allow us time to be outside in the evening. We feel a little like being roused from our winter hibernation.

This Eastertide has the same theme of new and abundant life. One of the key messages is that Jesus goes looking for his disciples after the resurrection. His disciples had been scattered and were afraid for their lives. Some of them had denied any knowledge of Jesus and some were on their way home, they had had enough. They were by any measure failures and had let their friend Jesus down badly. Surely in modern terms, Jesus' first task would be to gather a new group of followers who were up to the task and were not like those other failures. But Jesus does something quite remarkable, he meets and walks alongside his disciples in their failures and draws them from despair to hope. He transforms their sadness into joy and excitement. He demonstrates practically two key themes of Easter, forgiveness and transformation. We are told that if we want to know what God is like, look at Jesus' life. After the resurrection, Jesus becomes the shepherd in the parable of the lost sheep. For Jesus it was not just about finding his lost disciples, it was about turning them around and focusing them on what God wanted to do with them, to take his message to the world.

We are not just found by God and then we wait around for heaven. God has a purpose for us, to share his love around the people we know and we meet. Surely our world still needs transformation?

Rev. Martin Wood. The Rectory, Church Lane, Cheriton Bishop EX6 6HY 01647 24119 (Tuesday to Sunday)

WEST DOWN EVANGELICAL CHAPEL

Yeoford Road, Cheriton Bishop. Telephone 01647 24660/24264

Services for April 2016

Sunday 3rd April

11.am Morning Worship

3.p.m Family Service with
Matthew Pitts

Sunday 10th April

11.am Morning Worship

3.pm Family Service with
Rev David Cole

Sunday 17th April

11.am Morning Worship

3.pm Family Service with
STOWFORD MEADOW SINGERS.

Come and enjoy the music!

Light refreshments to follow.

Sunday 24th April

11.am Morning Worship

3.pm Family Service with
Mr Reg Cade

Bible Study and Prayer Meeting on Monday evenings at 7.30pm
4th Home Prayer Fellowship,, 11th & 18th Mr Reg Cade, ,25th Mission Focus

Holy Trinity, Yeoford

As I write this report it is still cold and wet so I am hoping that by the time you read it spring will be with us. Revd. Paul Fillery dedicated our new renovations at the last service in February, our thanks to Paul. At the moment we are preparing for Easter and we hope to have a Good Friday Service run by the Messy Church team in the village Hall.

Revd. Jenny Francis will be taking our service on Easter Sunday. Jenny is familiar with Yeoford as Open the Book visit the school regularly.

Café Company is at 9-30 every Monday except bank Holidays.

April Services

Sunday 10th Holy Communion 9-30

Sunday 24th Holy Communion by Extension 9-30

Carol Price
01647 24468

Coffee Morning

The Cheriton & Teign Valley Memory Cafe would like to thank those from Cheriton who came and supported their fundraising coffee morning at Dunsford Village Hall this morning (12th March). It was lovely to see you all, especially making a special journey to be with us. It proved to be very successful and we are grateful to everyone who put in so much work to make it such an enjoyable morning.

Many thanks

Margaret Barker (for the Memory Cafe team)

ACORN COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Cheriton Bishop Lunch Club – This is the first Thursday of each month. This month it will be 7th April and 5th May. If you would like to come along and meet new people please phone; Jean Martin 01647 24586 for more details.

Minibus trips to Sainsbury's from Cheriton – Dates are Wednesday 6th, 20th April and 4th May. Please phone Sylvia on 01647 24267 or Jackie on 01647 252701. Help is provided in store and a wheelchair service is also available. The fare is now £4 return.

Teign Valley Memory Café - This month it will be 14th, 28th April and 12th May. Please call Margaret on 01647 252622 for more details. Meetings are held 10.30 – 12.30 at Strawberry Hill, Dunsford on the B3212 – look out for the sign.

Acorn Coffee Morning at Teign Valley Hall – The Bowden Room, Teign Valley Community Hall 10.30 - 12. This month it will be 5th, 19th April and 3rd May. Please do pop in for a coffee and a slice of homemade cake and meet up with friends, everyone welcome. Please ring Jackie on 01647 252701 if you need a lift.

Acorn Services - Should you need transport to an appointment, a prescription delivered or any other Acorn service, please phone Sylvia Tripp on 01647 24267. Please leave a message on her answering machine if she is not at home and she will call you back. If you have not heard back within 24 hours please call Jean Martin on 01647 24586 or Jackie in the Acorn office 01647 252701 – answering machine available 24 hours.

Walking Group News

The walking group is into its third year and I am pleased to say we have managed to arrange a walk each month with no gaps....so far! We regularly have an attendance of 10 to 15 people, and sometimes more. There is nearly always one dog, and sometimes lots and we'd love it if more children fancied coming along. The walks are planned by members of the group and we are always open to suggestions of places to go. We have discovered that the same route walked in the opposite direction can be very different and also that even walks with which we think we are familiar can show us different and interesting things.

The January walk took us to the moor above Okehampton Camp on a rather grey and misty day but was still a lovely outing made even better by tea and cakes at the station café. There were 17 of us that day and the streams were running high because of the constant rain we had over the winter so, ever flexible, the planned route was adapted 'on the hoof' to avoid very wet feet, very appropriate!

In February we had a taste of culture by first walking a route through, around and overlooking the University grounds with a coffee stop on campus and then following the sculpture trail ([website link http://www.artsandcultureexeter.co.uk/sculpture-collection/](http://www.artsandcultureexeter.co.uk/sculpture-collection/)) on site. Who knew there were so many there?

March's walk is at Haytor. Not up the rock, unless anyone has a particular urge to do so, but on a route which partly follows the route of the old granite tramway that took granite from Haytor quarries to the Stover canal, then by barge to Teignmouth, and exported by sea from there. We are expecting the ice cream/tea van to provide us with refreshments this month.

April's walk is yet to be decided but will be on April 17th. A date for your diary.

We continue to meet on the third Sunday of each month at 1.30pm. We congregate outside the YFC, share transport and set off by 1.45. Come and join us. Many of our walks have more or less taxing routes, but they all involve refreshments and the chance for a good natter.

Please note the dates for the rest of the year are:

May 15th; June 19th; July 17th; August 21st; September 18th; October 16th; November 20th; December 18th (this date is likely to be changed because of its proximity to Christmas)

If you would like more information please contact Jane on 24092



Snippets from the Classroom and Beyond

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Isn't it funny how a sequence of events can lead to the memory banks being stirred into motion? I was thinking about having a salad for lunch and thought it would be nice to have a hard-boiled egg with the salad, but, I had no eggs. "Ah", says I to myself, "you can get some eggs from Hooperton Farm can't you?" So I got in the car and made my way to Hooperton and a lovely stack of full egg boxes awaiting purchase. As I put my money in the box, I must have sensed the near presence of our illustrious editor. No, she was not in the shop, but her office is nearby. 'Twas sufficient for the conscience to kick in and tell me to check on deadlines in the March newsletter. Having driven home I checked the newsletter and, yes, the deadline was upon me. Unfortunately my main PC is ill as, indeed, is my printer. This means I am having to write this on my Apple MacBook laptop computer. The net result of this is that there may be a number of mistakes/errors in this edition of Snippets because I usually write using Microsoft Word. I have to admit that I have just found one major advantage of this setup. I can work in my kitchen using the laptop and numerous cups of tea can be brewed with little inconvenience! *(The Editor should perhaps point out that other eggs are available!)*

Oh my gosh, I have prattled on a bit so far, haven't I? I'd better get on and dig out some school goings-on. Amy Sparkes, a local author, visited the school during the last week and was faced with questions from the children of Classes 1 and 2. The children were attentive and well behaved. I think they should be getting a reputation for good behaviour, it certainly serves them well. However, there is a small cloud on that reputation in the form of misbehaviour on the West Exe bus taking pupils to the soccer courses at West Exe. I'm sure that this is being dealt with. There is a poster displayed in each bus and taxi used which lays down the behavioural guidelines and expectations. I'm sure the children will take heed in future.

Last Saturday saw the "80s Disco" arranged by the PTFA in the village hall. I haven't got any feedback on that event but I am assuming it went off well. The amount of effort put in to these occasions is tremendous and they deserve success.

I'm sure we've all seen the efforts being made by a host of celebrities from all walks of life who are doing their bit for 'Sport Relief'. Away from the limelight, a vast number of organisations and individuals are putting in their efforts. The School will be doing their bit for this worthwhile charity by inviting the children to come to school in sports clothing and a donation of £1.00 per child. Further to this, they will be encouraged to take part in the following activities: running a mile, skipping, basketball shooting, penalty shoot out, hurdles and throwing activities. Hmmm.....I wonder how many will take part in running a mile when there is a penalty shoot out available? It promises to be fun though and it looks as though the weather will be kind over the rest of the week.

Looking ahead to Easter, the children are being asked to design and make an Easter Garden. The finished articles will be taken into school during the last week of term for display in the resources room. It will be interesting to see the children's 'take' on a traditional theme. I have no doubt that there will be a parental input!

I don't normally make mention of mundane things like the menus for meals but I am making an exception in this case. On the last day of term the lunch menu has changed to a bagged meal of, yes, Harry Ramsden fish and chips. These are reputed to be the best fish and chips in the British Isles! "Please Miss, may I come up and have some fish and chips?"

Incidentally, years 5 and 6 have been on their Residential Course. As well as being great fun, these courses are character building as well. I'm sure Years 5 and 6 will have enjoyed their time there.

Right, now it's calendar time and it looks like this:

18th March - Sport Relief
24th March - Easter Service in St Mary's Church - 1400
24th March - End of Spring Term
11th April - First Day of Summer Term
2nd May - Bank Holiday
27th May - Non Pupil Day
30th May-3rd June - Summer Half Term
6th June - Non Pupil Day
20th July - Last Day of Summer Term

Did you go to the show on at the Village Hall on the 5th March? If you didn't you really missed out. Bishop's Jazz Band were superb and the foot tapping to their rhythm must have almost worn holes in the floor. It was super to hear traditional jazz in that way. Mariners Away certainly enjoyed themselves on stage and are always astonished by the food that CB puts on. They were not disappointed. Ladies of the village, you are a grand lot and the spread put on was almost out of this world. I know all the Mariners would want me to thank you ... I was going to say "from the bottom of their hearts" but I suppose it should be "from the bottom of their stomachs!" I ought to mention here that the concert raised nearly £500.00 towards the repair of the church roof. Thanks to everyone involved.

Now, I am going to mention here an event that I always forget, in the hope that I will remember this time - the Local Produce Market. Yes, it's this Saturday (18th March) in the Village Hall from 1000 to 1200. Please give it your support if you can.

Also another one I seem to forget often, the Spalding Hall gathering for a chat and a drink is on next Monday (21st) between 1400 and 1600.

The railway has been heartened by the news that we will be stationing a Class 47 locomotive on the railway in the not too distant future. In the meantime look out for publicity as we are hoping to start services over the Easter weekend.

Last Saturday, at fairly limited notice, we hosted a short visit by a UK Rail Tours excursion from London – all twelve coaches of it. They certainly seemed to enjoy themselves during their short stay. A Pathfinder Railtour will be visiting us on 7th May but they will be spending more time in Okehampton. Things are looking up. That's all I have at present – keep smiling.

PGR

SAVE THE DATE !

Cheriton Bishop and Teign Valley Practice are supporting Macmillan Cancer Support by holding a Giant Coffee Morning and Fun Day on: **Saturday, 24th September 2016, 10.00 am – 4.00 pm**
....at Cheriton Bishop Village Hall, Surgery, Car Park and adjoining fields.
Come and join in what is going to be a HUGE event.

ALL FUNDS RAISED ARE GOING DIRECTLY TO MACMILLAN
ANY OFFERS OF RAFFLE PRIZES OR ANY OTHER HELP PLEASE EITHER SPEAK TO
SARAH STRONG AT CHERITON BISHOP SURGERY OR EMAIL TINA MCLEOD ON
tinamcleod@nhs.net

West Country Embroiderers in April

Tuesday April 5th 13.30- 16.00 P.A.T. testing and cream tea

Thursday 7th April - ART VAN GO Day School (Booking essential)

Spring Embroidery Fair -Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th April 10am -4 pm

ALL events at Cheriton Bishop Village Hall

We have three events in April and new members are more than welcome to join us at any time. The P.A.T. testing is to ensure that all our sewing machines and any other electrical equipment is electrically sound. There is a nominal charge for this service. If you are thinking of joining, pop along and find out about WCE and enjoy a cream tea with us. We have over 40 members and are one of the most vibrant groups in the South West.

Art Van Go are one of the leading Textile Art companies in the UK so we are delighted to welcome them to Cheriton Bishop. The topics are 'Fuse Effects' and 'Basically Speaking', we anticipate a very lively day and hopefully some original creations for the Textile fair later in April.

Please contact *Nicky Westcott* 01835 82517 or westcottnick@gmail.com for the list of things you will need for this month's class.

And finally - please come along and see what we have been doing over the last year at our Spring Embroidery Fair. Full details of this are elsewhere in the newsletter.

Elaine Clark

Letters to the Editor:

A really good night out!

None of the “full house” at the Village Hall on Saturday 5th.March would surely deny that it was a fantastic evening, with great entertainment from Bishops Jazz Band plus humour and excellent harmony from Mariners Away. Add to that a spread of food that was quite incredible in its quality and range. And all that for a tenner! Unbelievable!

One thing went missing that night – the entertainers were praised – and rightly so, but the evening ended so abruptly that no one was able to thank the team of Jean Martin, Alan Greenslade, Janet Jeffery (to name but three), and all the other “helpers” that contributed so much time and effort to its success. So thanks belatedly.

Incidentally, a “straw poll” suggests that this event should be annual – we don’t want to wait two years for the next one!

Brian & Pat Bryon-Edmond

Dog Owners please take note!

I’m getting fed up with the number of people who are exercising their dogs in Glebelands and allowing their dogs to foul the grass area in the middle. I have also come home tonight, parked my car up in front of my garage, got out and trodden straight into a pile of dog mess left on the forecourt. This is anti-social behaviour and should not be tolerated. I have 2 dogs myself and would never dream of leaving their mess behind and am continually frustrated by those dog owners that do as I feel that we all get tarred with the same brush.

Michelle Stevens

News from Elsewhere

Bridford Blades welcome new members.

Small keen friendly adult group who learn fencing in Bridford Village Hall would welcome new members when new term starts on April 15th.

Have you always wanted to fence with a sword?

Duelling at Dusk?

This is your chance!

All equipment supplied .

Any queries ring Andy on 01647 253 588.

News from the Castle

Hello all

The new season has lifted off in style and we are looking forward to a fabulous year. We officially launched our new exhibition 'Truth and Triomphe' which features a tapestry by contemporary artist Grayson Perry. This tapestry, which will be on display for this year only, is shown opposite one of our very own tapestries that is over 300 years old. Old meets new!

We had lots of exciting things happening in February. We hosted our third school cross country run with over 150 local children taking part. I'm sure you heard the cheers! It was a great event and the weather was simply glorious. We also welcomed a team of young people from the Princes Trust who spent 3 weeks working in an area of woodland where dormice live, helping us to make the habitat more dormouse friendly.

Looking forward, we have our Festival of Arts launching on Friday 13 May with a free community open evening. Doors open at 6pm until 9pm. There will be live music, games and sneaky peeks in to the castle. Please spread the word and come along armed with a picnic. Don't forget to bring some sunshine!

We are also launching a new year of community workshops in partnership with Learn Devon. We have a wide variety of workshops from willow obelisk weaving to silk painting. The tutors are all great and the location of Drogo is good for inspiration! For more info, dates or to book please contact the Learn Devon team on 01822 613701.

Finally, latest news about the project is that protection work in the Entrance Hall has now been removed and we are able to see the beautiful windows again. Also, we are now taking groups of visitors on guided tours round the south end of the castle and in to the chapel. It's been 3 years since we were last able to see the chapel and the windows in the Entrance Hall. It's a clear sign that this project of ours is moving in the right direction!

Best wishes and see you soon,

Paula

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