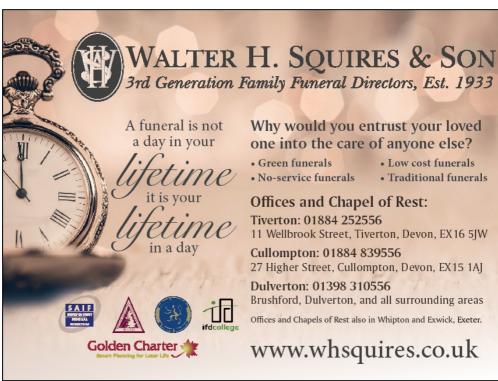
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God's love for us is breathtaking!









From Matthew 19, Jesus says come to me as if you were little children, come to me in all innocence and openness. There is a beautiful and natural ease to our belief and trust in God that is so easily hindered by our own sophistication. Querying the simplicity of entering by the front door in these enlightened times, weighed down with nuance, we can become aware all too late that there is no more to it than simply trusting in God. Standing still we watch the little children sweep by.

Spiritual change is simple because it is done for us, God has prepared us, we have no choice. With humility we give over the keys of the car to Jesus and as we swap to sit in the passenger seat of our life, we see the stress, anguish, anxiety and performance pressure of our former way of living relieved. Knowing that God is in control, we no longer carry the burden we once bore. Worldly perceptions of our success diminish and simple Godly service prevails. In faith we live ever bolder to create harmony and goodwill, to reassure and affirm, to love all others and to promote what is good. With prayer, God grows in us an undivided heart.

His love for us truly is breathtaking. As we increasingly recognise his greatness and we consider our littleness, we realise our need for grace and it's that recognition that calls us to rethink our worship. We can know a lot of things but it'll have no spiritual impact on our lives. It is with recognition and the humility that follows, that calls out a change in our worship. Through worshipping with our whole hearts comes a sincerity and hunger that draws us deeper into the arms of God.

So in this season of increasing darkness as the clocks fall back, call in God's light to shine through you ever more brightly. Worship him, praise him, glorify him and give thanks to him, and see that light in you and around you grow, and let's see the presence of God burn bright across this town. This is an exciting new season and God is at work—his spirit is with us!

A new kind of Remembrance poppy

For the first time in 28 years, there is a new kind of poppy for Remembrance Sunday this year: it is plastic free.

Director of the Poppy Appeal, Andy Taylor-Whyte explains: "We are very proud to introduce the plastic-free poppy. It will not only enable people to support our Armed Forces community but also continues the RBL's commitment to sustainability."

The new poppy has been three years in the development and making. The aim was to reduce the use of single-use plastic and to "be economical, sustainable, and less impactful to the environment."



The new poppy design has a 40% smaller carbon footprint, and it made from "bespoke red and green paper." The paper comes from a blend of renewable fibres, 50 per cent of which has been recovered from the waste used in the production of coffee cups.

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Many thanks to Pam!

Pam Cornwell recently celebrated the 20th anniversary of being licensed as a Reader. She faithfully served our parishes and others for many years since then. It is so special for someone to show unwavering dedication over such a long period of time.

So Pam, we thank you sincerely!

Chevithorne News

We offer sympathy to the family of Colin Cobbledick who has recently passed away.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the harvest weekend which resulted in £600 being raised for Tiverton Hospital League of Friends. Well done to all.

Margaret



Tiverton Mothers' Union



Our November meeting is in the Baptist church rooms at 2pm on Wednesday November 22nd, entitled "CHRISTMAS CRAFTS" and we are planning to make some simple and easy Christmas items for members to take home. BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP" We are looking for one or two "CRAFTY" people who would like to show us how to produce something appropriate and quick to make, so that we can offer a variety. Could you be that person, or do you have a friend who could come to our aid. There will be tea and cake to follow and lots of laughs!

For more details (and offers), please contact Nickie Johnson on 07957198388. Thank you.

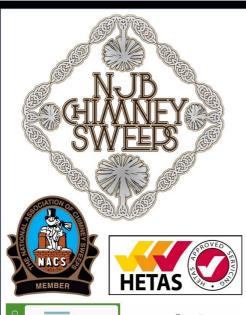
We welcomed Heather Sayle Exeter Diocesan Chairman to our meeting. Heather joined MU in 1986 after suffering a long illness for 16 weeks and her local MU supported her and her young family during this difficult time.

Heather has now been back in the South West for 8years. During Covid Heather led a worldwide discussion on Zoom, on Parenting. To illustrate her talk "Believing is Belonging" we were asked to think of groups of people we have time with doing craft work etc, we share faith in working together. Sharing faith and prayer Exeter Diocese have been able to send 35 sewing machines to Melanesia, something they really needed to make a difference to many lives.

Heather had a large variety of buttons different sizes and colours she asked us each to choose one to keep and remind us of someone who has been instrumental in bringing us as individuals to faith and to remind us of the importance of belonging to God.

Sheila closed our meeting with many thanks to Heather for a meaningful and thought provoking talk followed by tea cake and biscuits and lots more chat.

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"October" by Laurence Dunbar

October is the treasurer of the year,

And all the months pay bounty to her store; The fields and orchards still their tribute bear. And fill her brimming coffers more and more. But she, with youthful lavishness, Spends all her wealth in gaudy dress, And decks herself in garments bold Of scarlet, purple, red, and gold. She heedeth not how swift the hours fly, But smiles and sings her happy life along; She only sees above a shining sky; She only hears the breezes' voice in song. Her garments trail the woodlands through, And gather pearls of early dew That sparkle, till the roguish Sun Creeps up and steals them every one. But what cares she that jewels should be lost, When all of Nature's bounteous wealth is hers? Though princely fortunes may have been their cost, Not one regret her calm demeanour stirs. Whole-hearted, happy, careless, free, She lives her life out joyously,

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Nor cares when Frost stalks o'er her way And turns her auburn locks to grey.

Reflecting faith – Remembering Our Loved Ones

Editor: by the Revd Dr Jo White

For the last couple of months, we've been looking at seating in the church building.

Perhaps you've noticed that on the more 'special' items there are dedication plaques to the person who donated the money to buy the item or in whose name the item was purchased.

In some churches, pretty much everywhere you look you will find such labels, whilst in others they are much rarer.

Of course, many people donate financially and give specific items in their own name or in memory of someone else without wishing for this to be publicly noted. But often when folk donate something they do like it made clear.

A couple of centuries ago people would leave money after their death for a mass to be said for their soul. In some rich cases this would be every day for a year or even longer.

The 'very' rich paid for a new altar to be placed in the church building or even in an extension to the building – a chantry. This is where their personal mass would be conducted each day. In these cases, a stipend

would also be paid to cover the cost of a separate priest to do this task, rather than the rector or vicar having it as an extra daily task.

A room would be provided for that priest above the chapel often.

This all stems from the belief that we have sinned and will be punished in purgatory or hell but can 'buy' time off through prayers.

Today our theology has moved back to a more biblical understanding, that Christ is the one who bore our sins on the cross, and we can't earn our way to heaven; we can only get there by faith in Him.

But we still love and think about the people whom we loved, even though they are dead. Some Christians believe that, as we prayed for them in life, why should we stop just because they are dead?

As C.S.Lewis wrote;

"I pray because I can't help myself. I pray because I'm helpless. I pray because the need flows out of me all the time, waking and sleeping. It doesn't change God. It changes me."

This month

As you remember your loved ones whom you see no more, hold them close in ways that make sense to you, and reflect your faith in God's loving grace and mercy.

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November 2023 Diary

Sun 5 Nov	8:00am 9:30am 10:15am 6:00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Prayer Online Holy Communion Growing Your Prayer Life
Thu 9 Nov Fri 10 Nov	7:30pm 6:00pm	PCC Meeting Rehearsal - Time TBC
Sun12 Nov	9:30am 10:45am 6:00pm	Morning Prayer Online Remembrance Day Service Growing Your Prayer Life
Sat 18 Nov	9:30am	Visiting Ringers: Peal Attempt
Sun 19 Nov	9:30am 10:15am 6:00pm	Morning Prayer Online Holy Communion Growing Your Prayer Life
Wed 22 Nov Sat 25 Nov	2:00pm 10:00am	Mothers' Union Meeting Coffee Morning and Sale
Sun 26 Nov	9:30am 10:15am 6:00pm	Morning Prayer Online Holy Communion Growing Your Prayer Life
Sun 3 Dec	8:00am 9:30am 10:15am 6:00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Prayer Online Holy Communion Growing Your Prayer Life
Sat 9 Dec	7:30pm	East Devon Choral Society
Sun10 Dec	9:30am 10:15am	Morning Prayer Online Holy Communion

Local residents invited to Tiverton Pannier Market

Tiverton Pannier Market is inviting people in Tiverton, Chevithorne, Cove and surrounding areas to a packed series of events in November and December.

The historic venue, which has been a focal point of Tiverton for nearly 200 years, is staging a succession of Ready for Christmas Markets every Saturday in November and Christmas Markets every Saturday before the big day in December.

Each event is set to feature lots of stalls, food, drink, arts, crafts, gifts galore, family fun and live music by top local acts, alongside the market's in-house café and bar.

There will also be a Late-night Christmas Market on Wednesday 6 December, running alongside late-night shopping across the town centre.

The market will be hosting a Santa's Grotto on this date plus the five Saturdays from 25 November to 23 December inclusive.

On those five Saturdays, you can also take advantage of free parking in Tiverton's Multi-Storey Car Park.

As well as the Saturdays, the venue will host general markets every Tuesday and Friday as usual, from 8.30am to 4pm.

Some will feature Christmas songs and dance by local groups and schools.

November

Saturday 4 November (9am to 2pm) – Tiverton Farmers Market
Saturday 11 November (8.30am to 4pm) – Ready for Christmas Market
Saturday 18 November (8.30am to 4pm) – Ready for Christmas Market
Saturday 25 November (5pm to 9pm) – Electric Nights Street Food (Christmas lights switch-on)

December

Saturday 2 December (9am to 2pm) – Tiverton Farmers Market (Christmas Special)

Sunday 3 December (10am to 4pm) – Tiverton Christmas Craft and Gift Fair Wednesday 6 December (4pm to 8pm) – Late-night Christmas Market (alongside late-night shopping across town centre) Saturday 9 December (8.30am to 4pm) – Christmas Market (including Santa's Lost Presents and family event)

Saturday 16 December (8.30am to 4pm) – Christmas Market

Saturday 23 December (8.30am to 4pm) – Christmas Market

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Prayer Diary for November

"Peace starts with a smile" Mother Teresa of Calcutta

- 1 All Saints'Day Give thanks for the example of all good people.
- 2 All Souls' Day remember all those whom we have loved and lost.
- 3 Give thanks for the beauty of nature and the colours of Autumn.
- 4 Pray for Aid Workers worldwide Christian Aid, CAFOD, MU and more.
- 5 4th Sunday before Advent May we be ready for the Coming of the Lord.
- 6 William Temple Archbp of York 1942 for his ecumenical/social influence.
- 7 National Cancer Awareness pray for all sufferers of cancer.
- 8 Saints & Martyrs of England for those who brought the Faith to England.
- 9 Pray for the PCC meeting this evening, that wise decisions be made.
- 10 Bring to God families whose lives have met with diversity.
- 11 Armistice Day pray for peace worldwide and those who suffer from war.
- 12 **Remembrance Sunday** give thanks for the work of the Armed Forces.
- 13 World Kindness Day give thanks for all who show us kindness and care.
- 14 Pray for the victims of knife crime and their perpetrators.
- 15 Pray for those who seek fair pay and working conditions.
- 16 International Day of Tolerance May we respect and tolerate others' views.
- 17 Give thanks for wonderful advances in medical science.
- 18 Give thanks for CHAT who help the homeless, hungry and hopeless.
- 19 2nd Sunday before Advent. "..and put on the breastplate of faith & love".
- 20 Pray for the families of victims of road deaths.
- 21 Give thanks for those who strive against the affects of Climate Change.
- 22 Pray for all those sick in mind, body and spirit, & those who care for them.
- 23 Give thanks for all who work in education, and those who benefit.
- 24 Give thanks for our Christian fellowship in Tiverton & Exe Valley MC.
- 25 Start of the "16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence".
- 26 Christ the King pray that we may see Christ in *all* whom we meet.
- 27 Ask that politicians make decisions for the good of all & not for political gain
- 28 Pray that we may all use Advent to prepare ourselves to greet the Lord.
- 29 Remember Tiverton MU meeting today and for the worldwide work of MU.
- 30 **St Andrew**, **Apostle** Pray that we may give up much to follow Jesus.

Jam and Jerusalem

Some of you can remember that back in 'Covid' times we did a Christmas Goodies Sale like no other, all ordered on line and delivered to your door, all under Covid rules.

Many, many Christmas Cakes, mince pies, shortbreads and Christmas puddings were made, and this is Gills recipe for the super puds.

For 2 puddings in 2 pt basins or 4x 1pt basins.

8ozs shredded suet
1 heaped teasp mixed spice
1/2 teasp grated nutmeg
1/4 teasp ground cinnamon
4ozs SR flour
1lb soft brown sugar
8ozs white breadcrumbs
8 ozs sultanas
8ozs raisins
1 1/4 lbs currants
2ozs skinned & chopped almonds
2ozs mixed peel
Grated rind of 1 orange and 1 lemon
1 apple peeled, cored & finely chopped

4 standard eggs

5 fl ozs barley wine

5 fl ozs stout

4 tabsp rum

Put the suet, flour, breadcrumbs, spices, & sugar in a bowl, mix well. Then gradually mix in all the fruit,

peel & nuts, and lastly the chopped apple, orange & lemon peel.

In a different bowl beat the eggs with the rum, barley wine and stout. Then add this into the dry ingredients and stir very hard. You may need a bit more stout to get a good dropping consistency (that is it should fall from the spoon when tapped sharply against the side of the bowl).

When mixed cover the bowl with a cloth and leave overnight. Next day grease 2 (or 4 smaller ones) pudding basins and pack the mixture right up to the top. Cover each basin with a square of greaseproof paper, with a square pudding cloth on top. Tie these round the rims of the bowls with string, then tie the corners of the cloth together on top.

Steam for 8 hours, keeping an eye on the water, topping up with boiling water. When cooked cool, replace the paper with fresh and store in cool dry place.

On Christmas Day Steam for 2 hours....enjoy.

Tip... I use my slow cooker for cooking the puddings and reheating. If you have an AGA you could cook them overnight in the bottom oven, sitting the puddings in a deep tray filled with boiling water.

DONT FORGET! To make a wish with the final stirring of the mix. Sally x

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Editor: This is a special year for Remembrance Sunday – it is 60 years since the official end of the National Service. We have adapted the following from the British Legion website at https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/remembrance/about-remembrance/remembering-national-service

Remembering the National Service – 60 years on

This year marks 60 years since the end of National Service. The Royal British Legion and the nation will be celebrating all that a generation of young men did for this country during those years, when conscription became just a part of growing up.

National Service drew in a staggering number of young men – more than two million of them were conscripted between the end of the Second World War and May 1963, when the last serviceman was demobbed.

Conscription had come about following the war, when there was a huge demand for military resources in Britain. Young service men were badly needed to retain the Empire, and to contribute to the occupation of Germany and Japan. Yet low birth rates in Britain in the 1930s meant there were fewer young men available for military service.

And so the 1947 National Service Act was brought in as a solution. It meant that young men aged 18-26 were required to serve in the Armed Forces for 18 months. They were sent to posts in the UK and to British garrisons around the world. Some fought on the front lines, and some worked as clerks. Some taught in the Education Corps, and some were on sentry duty.

For many of them, it would have been the first time they lived away from their family, let alone left the country. So the National Service made great demands on them – and left them with a wide range of experiences.

Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life'. John 8:12 (NIV)

Macmillan Coffee Morning

It was a bit of a last-minute decision to hold the coffee morning at Lighthouse to help raise funds for the cancer support charity, which is why there was nothing about it in the last newsletter (although I did manage to send round an email about it). And, having made the decision, we found that only one date was available when all the right people could help, 20th September.

So, on a very wet Wednesday morning, Lighthouse held its first Macmillan Coffee Morning. As well as giving away tea, coffee and slices of cake, there were also several home -made cakes, made by the volunteers, that people could have. All we asked was that they put something in the Macmillan collecting box, and they Our very generous customers did. donated over £200 which has been passed on to Macmillan, thank you all very much. Not bad for two hours work, plus a lot of preparation by Penny, Kelsie and the volunteers beforehand.

The "C" word - Part 2!

Penny has finally had to admit that Christmas is coming and so is pricing up the Christmas stock, especially the cards, ready to put out. She plans to start putting the stock on the shelves towards the end of September, so by early October, most of it will be on sale.

If you want to be able to choose your cards from our wide range, you'll need to try and do your shopping early, as they sell quite quickly and by December there won't be quite the same choice. Our plan is to try to sell the last cards on Christmas Eve, so we don't have to carry any stock over to next year, and we often get very close to our target!

Penny has ordered in a variety of Advent Calendars, including one line with chocolate in the windows – always very popular. And don't forget that we have a wide range of other items ideal as Christmas presents, from stocking fillers for children to something a bit more substantial for your loved ones.

Nearly all our Christmas stock carries something to remind us that Christmas is not just a time for parties and presents, but to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus, when he came to dwell amongst us.

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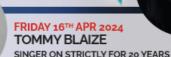
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YOUNG CHURCH

We welcome all children and young people of whatever age, and like to have them in the congregation with us. Our policy is to enjoy our children – to see and hear them. Supervised activities tailored to the needs of individual children are provided during the 10.15 service.

ALTAR TEAMS

Sacristans care for the altar, and with Servers assist at Holy Communion on Sundays. (Contact Susan Beale 252619)

CHOIR

New members always welcome. (Contact: Gill Heard music@stpeterstiverton.org.uk)

BELL RINGERS

Bells are rung on Sundays and for Weddings. Practice on Tuesday 7.30. (Contact Sheila Scofield, email—ringers@stpeterstiverton.org.uk)

MOTHERS' UNION

MU is a worldwide Christian organisation, concerned with the family, for women and men, married or single. At present we meet on 2nd Wednesday in the month from 2.00 to 4.00 in the Baptist Church Lounge, and we welcome visitors and potential members! Contact Nickie Johnson 07957 198388.

PRAYER CHAIN

For those in need of some supportive prayer. Offered in total confidence. (Contact Jean Jenner 256597)

FLOWER ARRANGING TEAM.

A team who decorate the church at festivals and throughout the year. New members always welcome. Beginners offered tuition.

SUNDAY INTERCESSIONS

If you are unwell and would like to be included by name in the prayers at Parish Communion, or if you would like the name of a friend to be included (having first got their permission) please contact Jean Jenner 256597.

TAPISSERS GROUP

The tapissers make kneelers for the church. To order a kneeler for a loved one, or to commemorate an event, or for a group connected with church activities, also if you are interested in making kneelers, please contact Jane Bonnick 243705.

²⁸ ST. PETER'S, TIVERTON

SUNDAY

8.00 Holy Communion (BCP) (1st Sunday only)

9.30 Morning Prayer online - joint with

The Exe Valley Mission Community

10.15 Holy Communion (CW)

THURSDAY

10.00 Holy Communion at St Paul's

(Other Services as on Notice Board in Porch)

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Baptized and communicant members of other Churches are always welcome to receive the Sacrament at Holy Communion