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Let's have a great New Year - together!

As the dust settles on the past year, our minds turn to wondering about what 2024 will bring? If, like me, you are sometimes staggered by the unpredictability of our new world, you're ever grateful for our faith, which gives us the perspective and stability we need.

So with this in mind, surely we have to be thinking about the need to prioritise our prayer life? And why not 'go big' - let's be ambitious! Let's invest in our local community and work with God on this place that God has planted us in. We can pray in new ways to bring God into every part of our lives and every part of the community - for the revitalisation of every element of our society to be filled with joyful expectation for the year to come. Investment and prosperity for shops and businesses, peace and well-founded hope for all the schools and the younger generations.

As God takes our hand and helps us to our feet, we can feel able again to push back on the pervasive worry and anxiety that the media tries to smother us all in. As we meditate on loving God with all our heart, our love for the community keeps growing. We will change 'the conversation' by telling a better and more hopeful story, in what

is naturally such a very beautiful part of the country.

Life is so fleeting and hurried, and our busyness can diminish our weeks to become an endless list of chores (I should know!). We must make more time for those things that 'feed the soul', and share them around! Let's make it a priority to support more life affirming community events, making every effort to help the community get back together again. We're all responsible, post covid, for playing our part in rebuilding truth and hopefulness for ourselves and the generations that follow us. We need to reinvest in a healthy society, actively doing some replanting, and being Christians that means the 'praying in' of God's presence. Darkness will flee as we pray in the light and life will be good - our churches will become filled and renowned as beacons of hope in a weary world. Let this dream become our prayer as it becomes our vision for good life.

Jeremiah 6:16 Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.

With my love and prayers for 2024

Rev Christian

EAST DEVON CHORAL SOCIETY'S - 50th ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

December 9th 2023 7:30pm St. Peter's Church Handel's Messiah

The buzz in St. Peter's was palpable, the months of planning, the individual rehearsing, the endless tinkering - here we were - all finally brought together to hopefully - *Enjoy & Celebrate* - 50 years of Choral singing by East Devon Choral Society. Ticket sales had been sluggish, but OK considering climate - both economic and seasonal; a slight queue as doors opened, but this didn't ease as normal after 5 minutes, it grew and grew, until it was continual down to the church gates! - AND SO - within this atmosphere and with baton raised, the choir and orchestra arose to perform Handel's '*MESSIAH*' - his glorious oratorio with all its many beautiful melodies.

I write these words a week after our performance, but still the excitement of hearing those wonderful choruses echoing throughout St. Peter's is 'real' and from the continual feedback I'm hearing, many others are feeling it too - certainly Fiona Mclean-Buechel, Leader of the Orchestra, has repeated that she truly felt this concert had a

really special energy to it and was absolute proof that live music is thriving and so necessary in these turbulent times; surely no one could have failed to have been moved, not only by the sound reverberating from the stage, but by the words and scriptures being sounded within the text of the score.

I feel a huge 'Thank You' has to be said to Church Warden, Bill Zarrett - his help and guidance, from the very start, was immeasurable - the closeness of the teamwork that built up carried us over many lumps and bumps within the process - both mentally and physically!

Finally, may I say that most definitely, I felt it was an immense privilege to be part of this undertaking, certainly as the whole audience rose to stand for an, as always, memorable *Hallelujah Chorus* yet, possibly, the most impressive moment of the entire evening was the final chorus *Worthy is the Lamb* which was totally stunning as the choir's powerful sound resonated into all parts of St. Peter's with the final '*AMEN*' bringing this amazing concert to a close One can only gently ponder - 'and what will the next 50 years bring?'

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The first meeting in 2024 will be our A G M. Wednesday January 24th January the Baptist church rooms. This is a very important meeting to attend and discuss the groups future. After the business we will enjoy a Quiz followed by tea/cake and chat. All are welcome who would like to find more about Mothers Union.

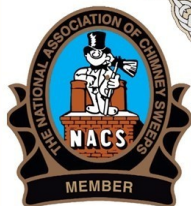
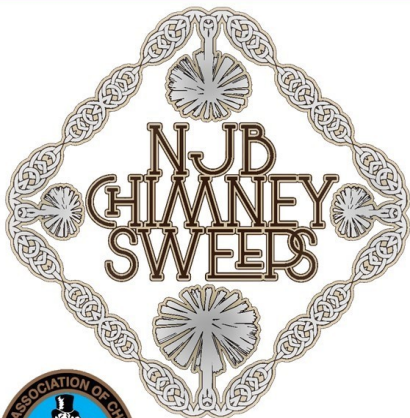
Our November meeting took the form of Christmas crafts, with lots of laughs and under the guidance of Nickie, Sheila and Sandra we made lots of tree decorations, mice, stars, drink mats using pipe cleaners, tiny beads, glitter, prepared stencils & sticky shapes a variety were made and admired. We were very pleased to have Aileen with us from Bampton to join in the fun.

Our Advent service carefully prepared by Nickie was a very meaningful service. We were very pleased to have Lyn Liddon with us to accompany our hymns finishing with "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came".

During the service Jeanne Barnett was admitted as an MU member by Branch Leader Nickie Johnson. We all joined Jeanne in affirming our commitment to MU. Welcome support and pray for Jeanne and each other. Jeanne was presented with the MU badge and membership card.

We look forward to the New Year with hopefulness.

Betty Thrall



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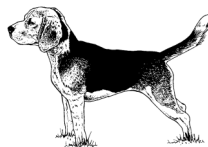
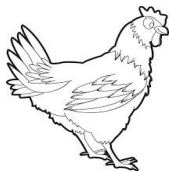
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Update on the Bells Project

Wow - You did it again! The November bellringers' coffee morning and Sunday craft sale raised an absolutely splendid total of over £1,000 for the bells project appeal. So, a big thank you to all who came and supported the events or gave donations despite not being able to attend. As a result, we have now raised over £16k towards our target of £25k. This includes a promised grant of £2,400 from the Devon Church Bell Restoration Fund.



The first phase of the tower work, the replacement of the wire mesh in the belfry openings to keep birds out, was completed in the summer. An excellent job was done by local firms Morrish Engineering and Rapid Scaffolding and the photo shows part of the new mesh in place.

The other two phases of the work – to overhaul the bell bearings, clappers and wheels and to repaint the main bell frame – are due to start this month (January). As a result, our bells will be silent on Sundays and Tuesday evenings for 7 or 8 weeks until early March. During the silent period a team of volunteers will work to repaint the frame. We are hoping for weather that is not too cold or too damp to speed our work. If anyone who is reasonably fit can assist us for a few hours a week during this time, please let us know (name and phone to lesboyce@gmail.com).

Finally, we have started to make plans for the weekend of 23/24 March when we will celebrate the centenary of the bells. It was on 23rd March 1924 that the new bells were dedicated at a special service and heard for the first time. We plan to mark their 100 years with a special service, a celebration lunch, plenty of bell ringing and possibly a concert. We hope to make the celebration something the whole community can be part of. Please put the date in your diaries!

Les Boyce

Chevithorne News

Wishing everyone a very Happy new year.

The church sound system is ready for use.

A successful Christmas quiz was held in the village hall, thanks to Dick Busby also an antiques evening is planned for early in the new year.

This was a prayer I used with my children – it needs a bit of thought!

God bless us all!

God bless all those that I love.

God bless all those that love me.

God bless all those that love those that I love

and all those that love those that love me!

Nickie Johnson

Black leather gloves

I have in my possession a pair of black leather gloves that don't belong to me. I lost mine when I attended Robert Gordon's funeral. When I went to church the following Sunday there was a pair of black leather gloves beside the door, so I picked them up, assuming they were mine, but when I got home and put them on they're too big for me.

So if you have a pair of black leather gloves that are too small for you and would like to have your own gloves back I'd be glad to exchange.

Margaret Wallwork (07891 524354)

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Sun 7 Jan

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)
 9:30am Morning Prayer Online
 10:00am Morning Prayer Chevithorne
 10:15am Holy Communion

Sun 14 Jan

9:30am Morning Prayer Online
 10:15am Holy Communion

Sun 21

9:30am Morning Prayer Online
 10:00am Holy Communion Chevithorne
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Sun 28

9:30am Morning Prayer Online
 10:15am Holy Communion
 4:00pm Choral Evensong @ St Andrew's

Sun 4 Feb

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)
 9:30am Morning Prayer Online
 10:00am Morning Prayer Chevithorne
 10:15am Holy Communion

From the registers

Funerals

- 30th November: Robert Gordon (St Peter's)
- 13th December: John Lake (St Peter's)
- 21st December: Ann Warren (St Peter's)



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Some Saint Peter's members sang at Saint Georges Home on December 1st. Singing Christmas Carols and sharing Christmas readings.



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Prayer Diary for January

Prepare to greet the new born King!

- 1st Pray for comfort for all who mourn at this time.
- 2nd **International Day for the Abolition of Slavery** – pray for Modern Day Slaves.
- 3rd **1st Sunday of Advent** – may this be a time of prayer and preparation.
- 4th Pray for the homeless and those who provide help – especially CHAT.
- 5th **World Soil Day** and for soil conservation and sustainable land use.
- 6th **St Nicholas** - aka Santa Claus. Give thanks for those who show kindness.
- 7th **Armed Forces Day** – remember all involved in conflict.
- 8th Pray for peace throughout the world and for those affected by war.
- 9th Give thanks for peacemakers and those seeking reconciliation.
- 10th **2nd Sunday of Advent** - pray for patience as you wait for the Lord's coming.
- 11th **UNICEF Foundation Day** – pray for the welfare of children worldwide.
- 12th Pray that the schools and parents visiting our churches may feel welcome.
- 13th Remember Tiverton MU as they welcome new members today.
- 14th Pray for all living in poverty with little hope for the future.
- 15th Schools break up – may children, parents and teachers enjoy the holidays.
- 16th Remember the elderly, the lonely, the unloved and the unlovable.
- 17th **3rd Sunday of Advent** – give thanks for John the Baptist and his message.
- 18th **International Migrants Day** – give thanks for the contribution of migrants.
- 19th Pray for parents falling into debt to provide presents for their children.
- 20th Give thanks for those who maintain public utilities in all weathers.
- 21st Pray for all those in retail at this busy time.
- 22nd Give thanks for those planning to feed the hungry this Christmas.
- 23rd Pray for those who will spend Christmas in hospital, both patients & staff.
- 24th **4th Sunday of Advent – Christmas Eve.** Welcome the Christ Child!
- 25th **Jesus – Emmanuel.** Pray for those spending Christmas on their own today.
- 26th **St Stephen 1st Martyr.** Give thanks for all who gave their life for their faith.
- 27th **St John, Apostle & Evangelist.** Praise God for the Gospel writers.
- 28th **Holy Innocents.** Pray for parents whose children have been killed.
- 29th **St Thomas Becket.** Give thanks for those who are steadfastly faithful.
- 30th Pray that all may be safe on our roads at this time of celebrations.
- 31st New Year's Eve. Pray that 2024 will bring peace and comfort to many.

Jam and Jerusalem

Well Christmas has come and gone for another year, but maybe you will still have an excuse to make this lovely dish. It's what you might call my 'signature' dish and quite often use it when we have visitors, or not????

You can make it with left over chicken, turkey or you can use freshly cooked chicken breasts, & with the sauce you are guaranteed a lovely moist meal.

So..... this serves 4.

Approx 8 ozs frozen or fresh broccoli.
8 slices of cooked turkey or ??? Approx 12ozs.
1x 300g (10ozs) can of condensed Chicken soup.
2 tbsp lemon juice.

3 tbsp dry white wine.
4 tbsp thick mayonnaise.
Salt freshly ground black pepper.
1-2ozs fresh white breadcrumbs.
1-2ozs grated mature Cheddar cheese.



Cook the broccoli until only just cooked, and arrange in shallow overproduced dish.

Arrange the slices of turkey or ?? on top.

Combine the chicken soup, lemon juice, wine and mayonnaise, season well and pour over the turkey.

Mix the breadcrumbs with the cheese and sprinkle over the top.

Cook towards top of oven (200C.) 25-30 mins until bubbling and golden brown.

This is a very handy dish to have when entertaining as each stage can be done separately in advance, and just put together at the last minute.

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Sally



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Editor: David Pickup, a solicitor, considers a visit to other churches.

Visiting other churches

‘... this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord ... (Psalm 27:4)

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is this month (18th – 25th January), so it’s probably a good time to meet with other local Christians – or at least to visit one of their churches.

And when visiting other churches, it’s fun to have a good nose around.

Fewer churches seem to have guides nowadays, and probably not many are open every day. But when you next visit a church, why not look beyond the building itself and its monuments which show the history of the place? Try to discover *what is going on there now*.

First, ask yourself how easy it is to find out the following information:

- What are the services in the church, and when are they held?
- Who is who, and how do you contact people?
- Are the photos and notices up to date?

Secondly, is there a church magazine? They can be the lifeblood of the church and community, keeping people in touch with each other. Also, as church magazines can be delivered door to door each month, they are an excellent way of reaching out to local non-churchy people, reminding them that they will always be welcome.

Thirdly, why not keep an eye out for any good ideas that the church has got – and pinch them for our own church? This can work the other way, too – if you see something that does NOT work, make a note of that as well.

Above all, try and ‘get a feeling’ for what the church is really like to attend. Would you want to belong there? Some churches, like people, feel welcoming and alive, while sadly others seem to be struggling and downright gloomy. Whether it is ‘high’ or ‘low’ is not as important as whether it is welcoming and caring.

And what about our own church? How about inviting a non-church friend to come along and tell you their honest first impressions of our church? We might be pleasantly surprised!

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)

You'll have seen some changes in Lighthouse over the last year. We've had new faces join us with Kelsie joining the staff and a new trustee in the shape of Pete Bangs, who some of you may have met on his Monday volunteering. We've been back to opening on Mondays thanks to having taken on Kelsie, and Penny now has Monday as a regular day off. We've got new chairs in a nautical blue and white, to go with the new faces that have arrived as well. Who knows what changes the New Year may bring.

We do have a new year rapidly approaching which is, of course, the time many of us start thinking about making changes with resolutions to get fitter or eat better or watch less TV. We are often not gentle with ourselves and set too big a target leading us to fail in our aims. If you are one of those people who makes resolutions, or even if you're not, please take it easier on yourself in the new year. It's a cliché but life is a journey, and you can't do everything in a single giant step. Even three or four years in Jesus's company couldn't change Peter enough that he didn't t lop someone's ear off.

If the area you're looking to improve upon is your Christian prayer life, then Lighthouse is a great place to start. We've plenty of books and ornamental reminders to help with that to suit most tastes. There's also a regular Prayers for Tiverton meeting on Tuesdays that ranges far beyond the town boundaries at times. As a charity we are totally reliant on our wonderful volunteers and always happy to have more. If you've ever thought of volunteering a few hours once a week, come in and have a chat with Penny. It's a great opportunity to make a difference in your community, meet new people and have some fun.

Just to remind you, Lighthouse close at 1:00 pm on Saturday, 23rd December and reopen on Tuesday, 2nd January at 9:30 am. If you need your Bible reading notes for January 1st, remember to pick them up before Christmas.

That's it for the sales pitch, all that remains in to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all at Lighthouse.

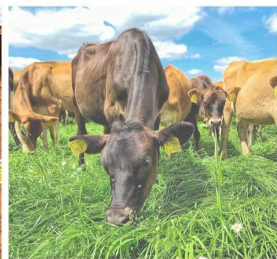


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ORGANISATIONS ATTACHED TO SAINT PETER'S CHURCH

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 4th 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.

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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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