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So what is my Ministry?

Time flies. We're constantly processing what's going on and doing our best to live in the moment, but imagine how hard it must have been for the 12 disciples of Jesus Christ! In John chapter 16, Jesus is teaching his Disciples that he's got to leave them so that they can receive the Holy Spirit. He says; "In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me." No wonder they struggled so often to make sense of what was going on. Things change so quickly; life goes on, their grief turns to joy and they share the stories of their remarkable history-changing life.

We make sense of what's going on in our world by being around other people, sharing news and sharing stories - our communities are strengthened or demoralised by the storytellers. New news comes thick and fast - new Government, new tournament, new season, new school; all good and all hopeful but this too will pass as everything keeps rolling on. We're often tempted to compare this world to the world we used to know, wistfully wishing for our 'greener grasses'. We label (and therefore limit) the younger generations, naming them with letters from the end of the alphabet because we love to compare and contrast. But let's stop and take a step back. Even if we feel disengaged from the modern world, we have a very important part to play when we engage in our conversations. Quite simply, the stories we share become the narrative of our time, shaping our families and communities. If we talk about it we place value on it and it's these gems (or grime?) that lift us or demoralise us, and become the fabric of our life.

A healthy family life begins with us. A healthy community life begins with us. A hopeful younger generation begins with us. There is so much that can be achieved for the good of society by many individual actions coming together for a common good. We can only let go of a negative story by intentionally taking hold and sharing a better story. Throughout history there has been a better story that has called us higher and not lower, into collaboration and not division, into responsibility and not passivity, into building and not tearing down.

We are all responsible, in our own way, for creating a community that is committed to providing a positive and hope-filled vision for the future. As Christians, with society in need and with younger generations growing in

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anxiety, let's think about how we can run to the rescue with love, knowing that peace will follow. This is how we bring the light of God to the people and places in need. This is the mission of every church, that we do what we can and then let God be God.

Rev Christian

St Peter's Pastoral Care Team

St Peter's now has a new Pastoral Care Team. We have recently completed the safeguarding training required and are now beginning to contact those who would like to be visited and making visits as requested.

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If anyone else would like to join the Pastoral Care Team then please contact us on the above email address.

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Explorer 6 – sending the first images of earth from space

Sixty-five years ago, on 7th August 1959, the USA launched the Explorer 6 satellite, which sent back the first images of the Earth from space.

The history-making achievement was not impressive at first sight. Described as “crude at best” and a “blocky, blurry mess”, the original picture was in black and white and unclear. But it did show a cloud-covered image of the north central Pacific Ocean from roughly 17,000 miles above Mexico.

The data, transmitted to an earth ground station in Hawaii, was described as limited and of extremely poor quality. But it inspired the imagination of many people who were looking to space as the final frontier – one that could be explored.

The satellite, small and round, was designed to study trapped radiation of various energies and cosmic rays, among other things. But it was the scanning device designed for taking pictures of the Earth’s cloud cover that got people interested. It was a forerunner of the TV camera systems carried on later, more advanced satellites.

At the time, the feat itself was hugely impressive. The craft was travelling at more than 20,000 mph and operating with 63 per cent power because only three of its solar cells were working.

Since then, astronauts have been able to look down and wonder at the earth, seen clearly as small and fragile but extraordinarily beautiful. It has frequently changed their lives. Their photos are among the most widely reproduced of all time.

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Editor: Canon Paul Hardingham looks forward to the 'easy living' of August.

Summer Holidays

'Summertime and the living is easy.' George Gershwin's words could be aptly applied to August, when many of us take holidays. It's a month to focus on summertime (weather permitting!!): family and barbeques; the beach and ice cream; long days with no school! It's a time to wind down from the hectic pace of normal routine.

However, while summer is a season, it is also a state of mind. We all have periods in life, which are summer-like, when life goes well. How can we walk by faith in the summers or good times of our spiritual lives?

Summer Distinctives: When we go through times of sickness, financial pressure, difficult relationships and other problems, we more easily focus on God. In a spiritual summer season, we can subtly find ourselves enjoying the gifts without acknowledging the Giver! The greatest danger in the summertime season of life is to forget the One who is responsible for the good things we are enjoying.

Summer Distractions: Our normal routine revolves around clocks and calendars, but we can easily get distracted when we break these disciplined routines. In the spiritual summer seasons of life, there is a temptation to miss out on our regular times with God in Bible reading and prayer! Things that make summer seasons enjoyable can also become big distractions.

Summer Directives: How can we make the most of this summer season and keep focused on God? We need to maintain a gratitude attitude: thankful to God for all His blessings: 'When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land He has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God.' (Deuteronomy 8:10/11).

So let's stay close and stay grateful to God in this summer season of life!

Parish Pump

Tiverton Mothers' Union

August 9th Mary Sumner Day in St Peters Greenway Chapel 2pm, there will be a service to remember our founder followed by Tea/Coffee light refreshments in church.

We do not have our usual monthly meeting, all are welcome to join us, so please encourage all members and friends to come along

Mary Sumner's dream was to create a network of women, and now men, who support each other, nurture their families and work together to improve their communities. Her tireless effort and steadfast faith laid the foundation for the vibrant global community that we are part of today active in 83 countries.

We were blessed with a warm sunny day for our Summer Outing to the Canal Tea Rooms, we were in the Cabin which protected us from too much sun. We had a lovely view of the pond, Lilies just coming out, Carp swimming around glinting in the sun. It was a draw for 18 month old Alfred who encouraged Mum Megan to make ample visits for a closer look.

Most of the 17 of us, members friends and husbands, enjoyed a delicious cream tea, other choices were toasted

teacake, a savoury tea with cheese scones and pickle.

The Tea Rooms this year has new owners and the couple who left their teaching jobs to take over the business are clearly making a success of it.

It was a lovely afternoon and our thanks go to Nickie for organising this outing

Betty Thrall



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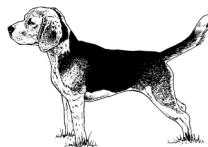
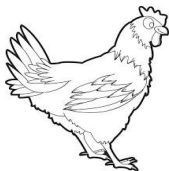


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	10:15am	Holy Communion
Sun 4 Aug	8:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9:30am	Morning Prayer Online
	10:00am	Morning Prayer Chevithorne
	10:15am	Holy Communion
Fri 9 Aug	2:00pm	Mothers' Union Meeting - Details TBC
Sun 11 Aug	9:30am	Morning Prayer Online
	10:15am	Holy Communion
Sun 18 Aug	9:30am	Morning Prayer Online
	10:00am	Holy Communion Chevithorne
	10:15am	Holy Communion
Sun 25 Aug	9:30am	Morning Prayer Online
	10:15am	Holy Communion
Sat 31 Aug	11:30am	Bible Society Lunch
Sun 1 Sept	8:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9:30am	Morning Prayer Online
	10:00am	Morning Prayer Chevithorne
	10:15am	Holy Communion
Fri 6 Sept	4:00pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Sat 7 Sept	1:00pm	Wedding
Sun 8 Sept	9:30am	Morning Prayer Online
	10:15am	Holy Communion

Tiverton Pannier Market – 2024 events schedule

August

Thursday 1 August (midday to 2pm) – Midweek Car Boot Sale

Saturday 3 August (9am to 2pm) – Tiverton Farmers Market

Saturday 17 August (times TBC) – Pirate event

Sunday 25 August (10.30am to 4pm) – The Great Western Teddy Bear Fair

September

Sunday 1 September (times TBC) – Devon General bus event in town centre

Thursday 5 September (midday to 2pm) – Midweek Car Boot Sale

Saturday 7 September (9am to 2pm) – Tiverton Farmers Market

Friday 27 September (10am to 1pm) – World's Biggest Coffee Morning

Sunday 29 September (10am to 4pm) – Market Fest (alongside eat:Festival in town centre)

October

Saturday 5 October (9am to 2pm) – Tiverton Farmers Market (Oktober Feast)

Saturday 12 October (times TBC) – Apple Day

Saturday 26 October (10am to 2pm) – Halloween Pumpkin Hunt, A Chance to Shine and family event

Sunday 27 October (9am to 2pm) – Tiverton Salvage Fair

November

Saturday 2 November (9am to 2pm) – Tiverton Farmers Market (Ready for Christmas Market)

Saturday 9 November (8.30am to 4pm) – Ready for Christmas Market

Saturday 16 November (8.30am to 4pm) – Ready for Christmas Market

Saturday 23 November (5pm to 9pm) – Electric Nights (Christmas lights switch-on)

Saturday 30 November (8.30am to 4pm) – Ready for Christmas Market

December

Sunday 1 December (10am to 4pm) – Tiverton Christmas Craft and Gift Fair

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Saturday 14 December (8.30am to 4pm) – Christmas Market (including Santa's

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This month I was given this lovely recipe for Chocolate Brownies by Pippa, Rev Christians wife, and I can assure you they are really delicious.

Chocolate and Cherry Brownies.

Prep time : 15 minutes.

Cooking time : 30 minutes

Makes 28 brownies.

Use a baking or roasting tin 34 x 25 cms (13 x 10 ins) and at least 6cms (2 1/4 ins) deep.

300 gms (11 ozs) unsalted butter

300 gms (10 1/2 ozs) dark chocolate (Pippa uses 200gms Milk 100gms Dark) Min of 60% cocoa solids broken into pieces.

5 large eggs

450 gms (1lb) granulated sugar

1 tbsp vanilla extract

200 gms (7ozs) plain flour

1 teaspoon salt

250 g as (9 ozs) dried cherries (if you would like add for a special treat)

Preheat oven to 180 C / 360F / gas mark 4.

line the baking tin with greaseproof paper or baking parchment.

Melt the butter and chocolate together in a heatproof bowl suspended over a saucepan of barely simmering water. Beat the eggs, sugar and vanilla extract together in a bowl Until the mixture is thick and creamy, and coats the back of a spoon. Once the

chocolate and butter have melted, remove from the heat and beat in the egg mixture.

Sift the flour and salt together, then add them to the mixture, and continue to beat until smooth. Stir in the dried Cherries if using.

Pour into the roasting tin, ensuring the mixture is evenly distributed in the tine, and bake in oven for 25/30 mins or until the whole of the top has formed a light brown crust that has started to crack. This giant brownie should not wobble, but should remain gooey on the inside.


Leave to cool for about 20mins before cutting into squares whilst still in the pan. The greaseproof or baking parchment should peel off easily.

So what can you send me for September, with the apple season upon us I'm sure you have some special recipes.

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9th August – Mary Sumner, founder of the Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union was founded in 1876. Since then, it has accomplished a staggering amount in that time, and nowadays numbers more than four million members, doing good work in 83 countries. That is a far cry from the modest circle of prayer for mothers who cared about family life, which is how it all began with a rector's wife, Mary Sumner.

Mary was born in late 1828 in Swinton, near Manchester. When she was four, her family moved to Herefordshire. Mary's father, Thomas Heywood, was a banker and historian. Her mother has been described as a woman of "faith, charm and sympathy" – qualities which Mary certainly inherited. Mrs Heywood also held informal 'mothers' meetings' at her home, to encourage local women. Those meetings may well have inspired Mary's later work.

Mary was educated at home, spoke three foreign languages, and sang well. While in her late teens, on a visit to Rome she met George Sumner, a son of the Bishop of Winchester. It was a well-connected family: George's uncle became Archbishop of Canterbury, and his second cousin was William Wilberforce. Mary and George married in July 1848, soon after his ordination. They moved to Old Alresford in 1851 and had three children: Margaret, Louise and George. Mary dedicated herself to raising her children and supporting her husband's ministry by providing music and Bible classes.

When in 1876 Mary's eldest daughter Margaret, gave birth, Mary was reminded how difficult she had found the burden of motherhood. Soon she decided to hold a meeting to which she invited the local women not only of her own class, but also all the village mothers. Her aim was to find out if women could be brought together to offer each other prayer and mutual support in their roles as wives and mothers. That meeting at Old Alresford Rectory was the inaugural meeting of the Mothers' Union.

For 11 years, the Mothers' Union was limited to Old Alresford. Then in 1885 the Bishop of Newcastle invited Mary to address the women churchgoers of the Portsmouth Church Congress, some 20 miles away. Mary gave a passionate speech about the poor state of national morality, and the vital need

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for women to use their vocation as mothers to change the nation for the better. A number of the women present went back to their parishes to found mothers' meetings on Sumner's pattern. Soon, the Mothers' Union spread to the dioceses of Ely, Exeter, Hereford, Lichfield and Newcastle.

By 1892, there were already 60,000 members in 28 dioceses, and by 1900 there were 169,000 members. By the time Mary died in 1921, she had seen MU cross the seas and become an international organisation of prayer and good purpose.

From the registers



Baptisms

-14th July: Phoebe Grace Louis (St Peter's)

Weddings

- 13th July: Harry Lister and Eloise Shouls

Funerals

- 24th May: Dorothy Chorley (Exeter crematorium)
- 3rd July: Elaine Chidgey (Memorial service at St Peter's)
- 24th July: Dennis Rabjohns (Chevithorne)

If you would like to be visited by the Pastoral Care Team, or know someone who has agreed to be visited, please email:

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Chevithorne News

We send sympathy to the family of Dennis Rabjohns who passed away recently he will be greatly missed by the whole community and beyond.

Congratulations to Patrick and Imogen Jeff's on the arrival of a baby daughter Rowan a sister for Sidney.

Dates for your diary,

Harvest celebrations Sunday 15th September 10-00am Morning Prayer,
Harvest Supper Monday 16th September 7-00 for 7-30 in the village
Hall in aid of Tiverton Hospital League of friends.

Photos from our recent trip to a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.



Many thanks
Margaret

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)

It's a funny thing working for Lighthouse, as most of our staff, volunteers and trustees will tell you. The best times are those when there's a few minutes to have a conversation with someone, to check in, see how they're doing and let them know someone cares about what's happening in their life.

Then there are the times when you're so busy you have to be content with meeting people's physical needs.

The worst though are the quiet times, the hours when only one person walks through the door and straight back out again when they realize we're not the Nationwide. The mornings when you sell one cup of coffee and wonder at the point.

The point, of course, is sharing the love of Jesus. And when people come in that is easy. Well, not easy maybe but at least there's someone to share with which is rather necessary.

Monday to Friday are never the same. One Monday you can be run off your feet, the next Monday wondering if you actually had put up the open sign. One Wednesday you can be twiddling your thumbs and looking for jobs to do, the next you're filled to capacity.

One thing we have noticed however, is how quiet the last hour is on a Saturday. Lighthouse on a Saturday is run by

volunteers, many of whom have church commitments to prepare for the following day, and a little extra time on a Saturday afternoon makes a difference. So the trustees have made a decision.

From 7th September we will be closing Lighthouse at 12.30pm on a Saturday with the cafe closing at midday. We'd still love to see you come in on a Saturday morning alongside our wonderful regulars. But don't come in after midday looking for a coffee, we'll sell you a book instead if you do.

Also, from the beginning of September we will have an updated menu, where most of the prices will have increased. We have tried to keep our prices as low as possible and most of the increases are below the level of inflation.

An advanced notice, on 25th September we will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee morning between 10:00 am and midday when we will be giving away coffee and cake for a donation to Macmillan. More details next month. Do come along and support this great cause.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for the work of Lighthouse.

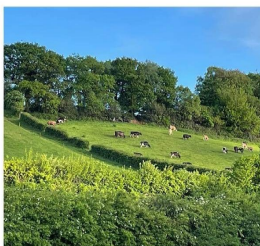


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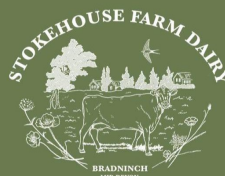


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Random Thoughts

Perhaps we all treasure a certain moment in a service or a Biblical verse which speaks strongly to us personally.

For me "From whom no secrets are hid" is comforting beyond measure, for I suppose all of us long to be accepted, forgiven and loved for whom we are. We are frail when we need to be strong, we deceive ourselves (we can't con God!) and we err by thought, word and deed, but also we have reflexes of goodness and compassion and we reflex joyfully to the still small voice. We are a complexity of conflicting qualities.

But to think all this is known and understood, to think that where the world criticizes and condemns, we are seen in all our struggles by Him who knows us individually through and through, and understands as perhaps our fellows and even our loved ones are unable to.

"And He that cast thee down into the field- He knows about it all, He knows,. He knows" Even that spiritually confused poet, Omar Khayyam, admitted that.

Perhaps it is all summed up in that wonderful hymn "Just as I am, without one plea."

We are often assessed and judged by our fellows on this earth, but when we at last stand before Him with the sum of our lives behind us, we can have confidence that His Judgment will be just and true and that, above all, we shall be accepted with love, understanding and mercy.

Anon

Come on, mag. readers! Give it some Welly! Please share with us your own special moments-a line in the Bible or your special service, a hymn or a poem which has particular personal significance.

ST THOMAS', CHEVITHORNE

SERVICES

For services please refer to the Diary

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New members always welcome.
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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.

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	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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