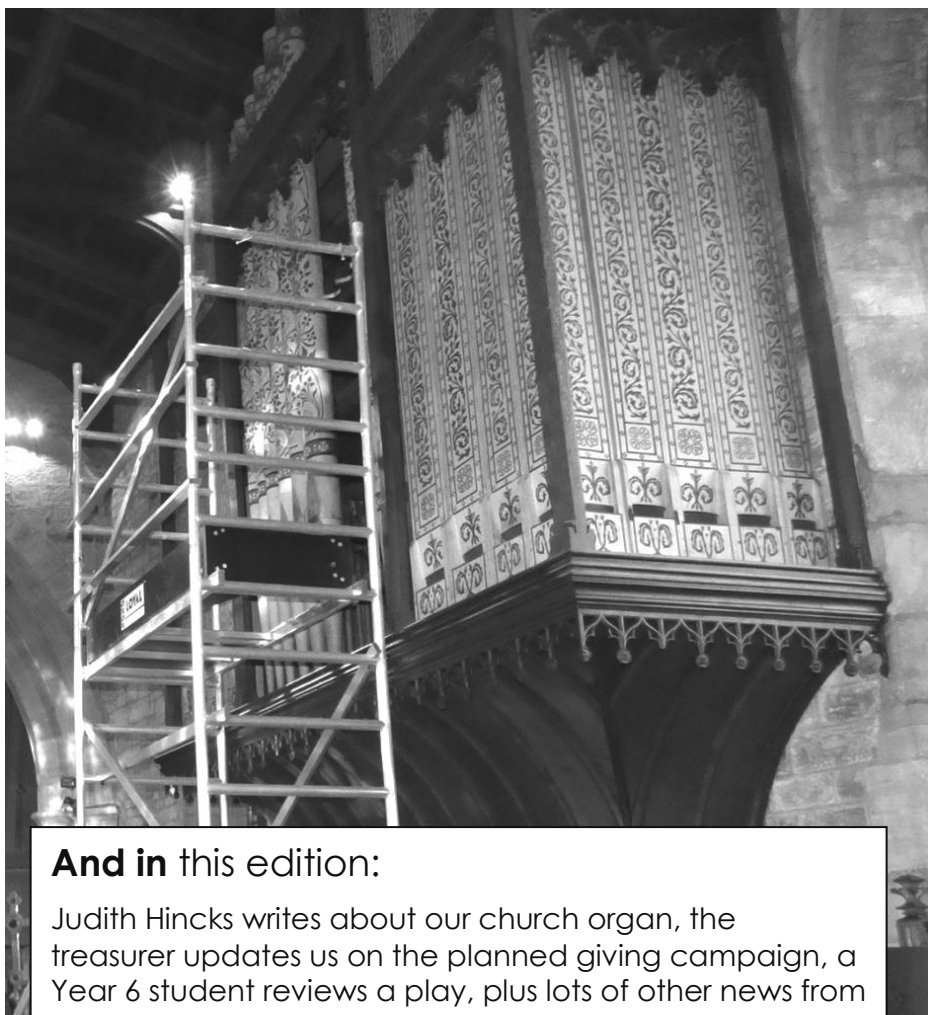


# ST. PETER & ST. PAUL NORTH CURRY WITH WRANTAGE



## **And in this edition:**

Judith Hincks writes about our church organ, the treasurer updates us on the planned giving campaign, a Year 6 student reviews a play, plus lots of other news from around the village.

With local advertisements, puzzles and much more, welcome to our church magazine.

## **JANUARY 2019**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL. MAY IT PROVE PROSPEROUS.**

## Church Diary Events for 2019 – January-April

Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, Christingle Service 4pm (50<sup>th</sup> anniversary)

Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> February, Children's Activity Day

Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Quiz Night

Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, Church clean-up Day

Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> April, Easter

Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, Tardito Concert

### School Holiday Terms

Half Term 16<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> February

Easter 6<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Half Term 25<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Produce Market, every first Saturday of the month - next date: 5<sup>th</sup> January

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Post Office/ Stores	01823 490261	
Primary School	01823 490423	<a href="http://www.northcurryschool.co.uk">www.northcurryschool.co.uk</a>
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## Editor's comments

I hope you enjoyed yourselves over Christmas, and took the chance to attend one of our many services. We had Archdeacon Simon Hill taking midnight mass. Over the past few months, I have changed the content layout, re-styling the font and adding new articles which I hope have been of interest. I am always looking for new ideas and village life to report upon, so if you have any suggestions, comments or contributions you would like to see added, then please get in contact. email: ncurrymag@gmail.com. Inside this month's issue, we have more new features and contributors. Thank you to all that have written in to make this a bumper issue!

And from world news, I was impressed by this Australian farming news article in November.

You may have seen it on the news, but if you had missed it, this is the story of a cow called Knickers. As a dog walker myself, I am always cautious when entering a field of cows, but I would be more than cautious if I happened to come across a steer standing at 6ft 4inches, weighing in at 220st. Apparently, this steer avoided the abattoir,



as it was too big to handle, so now roams freely on its farm. And where did his unusual choice in name come from? As explained by the farmer, "When he was young, when we first got him, we had a Brahman steer [a breed of cattle] which was a friend of his," "So his name was bra... so we [had] bra and knickers. We never thought he would turn into big knickers."

It would seem the worldover, farmers do have a great sense of humour.

The views expressed in the magazine are those of the individuals/societies who send in items. The deadline for contributions is the 13th of the previous month. The editor reserves the right to change any copy provided without recourse to the contributor.

Gathering and use of information in carrying out its tasks, North Cury PCC is involved in collecting personal data, addresses etc. We take privacy and confidentiality seriously, and fully comply with the principles of the United Kingdom GDPR/ Data Protection Act 2018.

## **Announcements/ News in Brief**

Congratulations to our December 200 Club Winners

1st Prize - £30: Mary Piers

2nd Prize - £20: Gail Willis, 3rd Prize - £10: Louise Clarke

Special Christmas Prize Draw Winner £60: David Vile

If you are not a member, and would like to join, please contact Sue Bethune on 490179. The annual subscription is £18. Players must be 18+ yrs.

The Produce Market, 5<sup>th</sup> January, 9.30am-11.30am could promise some special New Year deals. The kitchen will be open throughout, serving bacon butties and hot drinks. See you there!

The choir is always interested in welcoming new voices. Contact Jean Smith for details on how to join. There are weekly practices on Fridays usually in the late afternoon.

Little Angels, Toddlers Club and Pram Service. Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in the month at the church. All welcome, at no cost. Get the chance to meet other parents and their children, in the play corner of the church.

Volunteers and fresh faces always welcome at the church, to help with events and the like. We shall make you feel most welcome.

The Autumn Fair proved very popular again this year, with a wide range of stalls enjoyed by those that attended, despite the gloomy weather. This year's event raised over £750, and we are extremely grateful to Lorraine Bryan-Brown, Di Keyzar and all the other volunteers who worked so hard behind the scenes.

**Magazine Deliverer Required.** Queen Square, along Stoke Road to just beyond the White Street junction. After many years, come rain and shine, Mary Earley is retiring from her round, and we sincerely thank her for all that she has done on our behalf. Accordingly, we have this "letterbox" fulfilling job opportunity available, once a month to around 13 households. If you would like to take on this route for us, please contact Jenny Satchwell on 490463.

Next month, we shall have a 50<sup>th</sup> celebration of the work of the Children's Society for runaway and disadvantaged children. Our Christingle Service, on 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 4pm (see a later page in the magazine) is a family service welcome to all. Children from the primary school will assemble the Christingles they have prepared on the Friday before, and these will be given away at the end of the service. Refreshments will be provided. Please do join us.

## The Rev'd John Tyler writes

Dear Friends,

The ancient Chinese wish, "May you live in interesting times", was considered a Curse, not a Blessing. Many of us say goodbye to 2018 with a sigh of relief, and look forward to what promises to be a turbulent 2019 with a good deal of trepidation. There are moments when current affairs feel remarkably like sailing across the Bay of Biscay in stormy weather, when one knows there is still a long way to go.

In the Autumn I found myself quoting in a couple of sermons the poem King George VI used in his 1939 Christmas broadcast, "I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year . . ." and even murmuring it over to myself from time to time; apart from its calming effect, it was a useful way of getting events back into proportion. After all, the situation in 1939 (and some of us can still remember it) makes the present uncertainties seem quite insignificant.

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God; that shall be to you better than a light, and safer than a known way." The advice is still excellent, and Christians have a special vocation in these difficult times. Firstly, to Pray. "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." (Apologies: once I get into quotation mode I find it hard to get out – as those of you who endure my sermons discover). World Leaders and Politicians, in particular, will need our prayers in 2019; and so will those whose lives and livelihood are affected by what is going on in the world, Europe and our nation.

Secondly Christians need to nurture positive optimistic Faith in themselves and in others; we have to remind ourselves, daily if not hourly, that God is in control and we have only to put our hand in His. Sometimes he will call on us to speak or act, sometimes he will call on us to remain silent, and refuse to be upset or agitated or get things out of proportion (there's true English spirit). And if you are tempted to doubt the wisdom of this in the next few months, go and have a look at the wildflowers springing up optimistically in our Somerset lanes, our gardens (not always invited!) and churchyards. Even in our Benefice we are trying to live up to this spirit of Springtime optimism: at the end of this month we are convening a special meeting of the joint Church Councils to consider how we can 'Become a Better Benefice'. We shall report on that in a later number of this Magazine. Meanwhile (if your Editor has room to include it [your editor always has room!]), what about a half page next month, headed 'Signs of Hope', with contributions sent in by you . . . ?

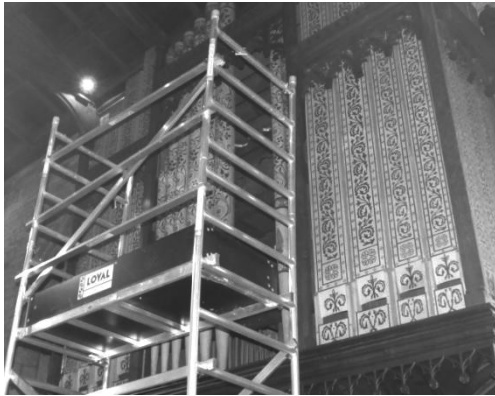
Most of you will be aware that the Vicar has been signed off for awhile now; we wish her well, and, as before. I would like to pay especial tribute to all those who have worked so very hard to keep our Church Services and activities going during the very busy Christmas period. We are all extremely grateful to them.

With Every Blessing for 2019  
John Tyler.

## The Church Organ

During last November, the church organ had its final tune up and service for the year, in readiness for the busy Christmas period.

Since we acquired our own scaffold tower, we have saved ourselves quite a lot in hiring fees (this makes the treasurer very happy of course!).



Our very own dynamic team of scaffold erectors put up the tower in record time, led by ever green Tom Jeanes, whom must be our very own John Noakes (for those of you who can remember the intrepid Blue Peter presenter). Tom was up and down, with all the nimbleness of an acrobat, yet with the grace of a ballerina. And before a picture of him could be taken, he was gone on to his next project...

With the tuners in temporary residence, we took the opportunity to chat with them, and to get an insight into how our organ operates, with some rarely seen behind the scenes photos.

Judith Hincks writes more...

Did you know that ours is a rather rare pipe organ? Sadly many of these beautiful instruments have been taken out and replaced with modern electric ones. Those still working have been modernised



so that their inner workings are also electronic although they retain the pipes. Ours is still worked in the original way, by slats of wood, wires and string! It is a marvellous piece of engineering. *(picture)*

The sound is produced from a huge number of whistles and pipes. Air is blown into them from the bellows in the Vestry. The organist chooses which pipes should sound by pulling out the 'stops' either side of the keyboard. Each pipe makes a different sound, some very soft and gentle, some very loud indeed. Some mimic the sound of other instruments. The organ really is a one man band! *(picture)*

When the organ is tuned (twice a year) the tuner has to actually get inside the organ to make adjustments to the pipes that are not quite right.

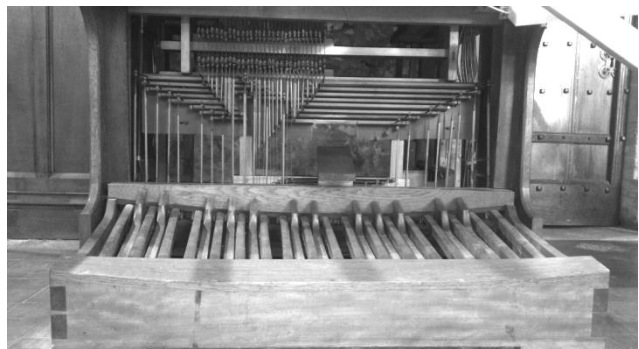


It has two manual keyboards, the bottom one the Great; the top one the Swell. The Great has all the loudest stops except one - The Trumpet. That is on the Swell. Its other stops are more subtle. There is a special pedal above

the pedal board that can make the notes sound louder or softer. The pipes from the Swell are inside a slatted box.



These pipes are part of the original organ that was put in the musician's gallery that was high up at the back of the church where the West Window is now. It replaced the Village Musicians who had led the music of the service until then. When the window was put in, during Queen Victoria's reign, the organ was moved to its current position.



The pedal keyboard is worked by the organist's feet – organists have to be quick with their feet as well as their fingers! These

operate all the really low sounds. *(picture)*

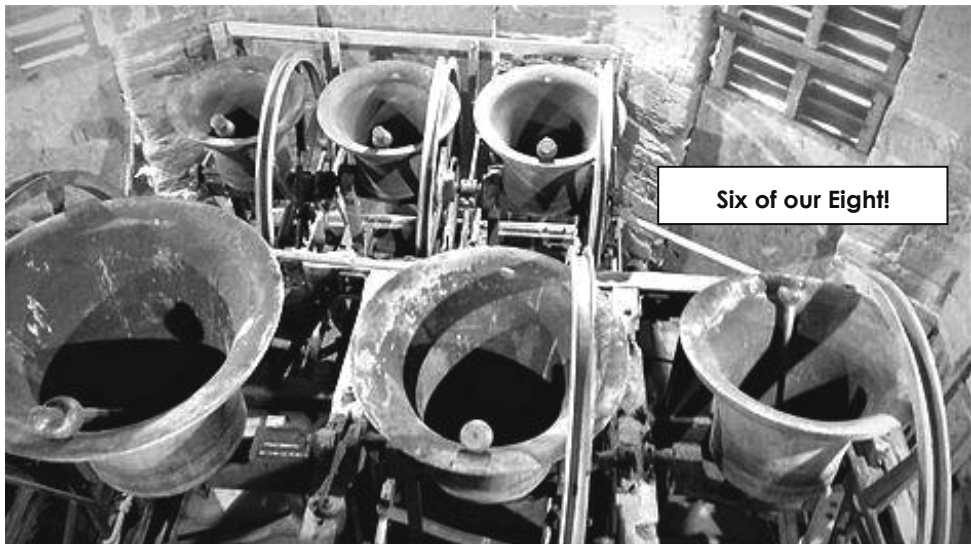
If you are in the church and have a spare five minutes do go and look at the organ and up at the huge pipes and their decoration.

## North Curry Bellringers

Darren Woodyer, and his fellow bellringers, are energising the local children and village in general, to become involved in keeping this most tradition of English village past times going strong. Very few countries actively have bellringers, and we all certainly enjoy listening to the bells pealing. Our octagonal tower supports eight bells, the heaviest weighing just over 16cwt, and the current bells date back from 1811.

In November, Darren, invited me (the editor) to the bell tower, to show the intricate workings and engineering behind the scenes, and to outline his future plans for the tower. More on these plans will be reported upon in forthcoming issues.

Below, is a photo of our bells from inside that very few get to see.



I think he deliberately chose to meet just before midday, so I would get the full force of the midday bell "chiming", which I can confirm is loud. Upon coming down from the tower, I was half expecting to meet Esmeralda bringing me some water!

But enough from me, I will let Darren explain more in his own words...

New Ringers and a New Year.

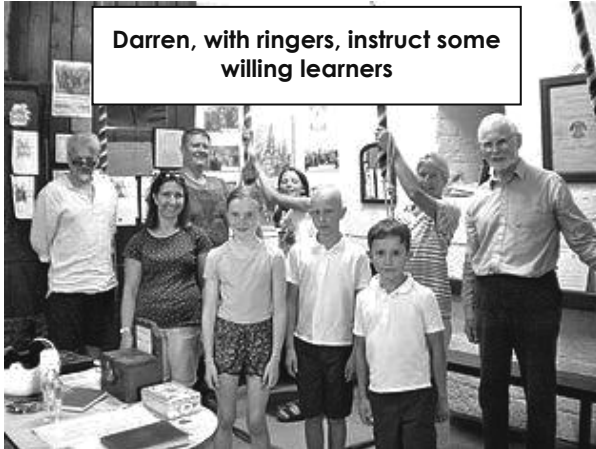
2018 had been an eventful year in the tower.

We've had the paint brushes out, placed cameras up with the bells so that people can see the bells ringing and teamed up with the primary school to give the children a new after school activity.

Over a period of 10 weeks, 11 children came up to the tower after school on a Thursday afternoon and had a 1 on 1 lesson with myself and some of



the other ringers. At the end of the course they all received certificates and every one of them could handle a bell on their own. We have been fortunate enough to have 3 of the children want to carry on and they are now ringing with us on a Monday evening and rung for their first official church service on Christmas Eve.



We also have been fortunate enough to gain some of the parents and so at the present moment we have 5 learners.

This has been such a success that we have offered the after-school class again and I have been told that there are an encouraging number of children who would like to learn.

As we are now into a new year, and if you didn't already have a new year's resolution, how about starting a new hobby. If you would like to have a go at bell ringing or even just to come along and look around the tower, please contact me. If you just want to come on impulse, we are up the tower on a Monday evening at 7pm.

We are a friendly bunch, and look forward to welcoming new faces. Darren, tower captain 07718 05907 email:gograndsiredoubles@gmail.com

**For pictures, and more information, please visit our brand new website**

<https://gograndsiredoubles.wixsite.com/northcurrybells>

## ***Grand North Curry Quiz***

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, in the Village Hall

7pm for prompt 7.30pm start

**Teams of 6, £10 per person.**

Tickets available from Jenny Satchwell – 490463

A delectable buffet will be available, and is included in the price.

Please bring your own bottle (and glasses).

Once again, the incomparable Martin will be there as Quiz Master – Hurry, as tickets go quickly!

### Planned Giving Review

On behalf of the PCC, the churchwardens would like to say a big thank you to all those who responded in some way to the Planned Giving Appeal.

The response has been very encouraging and demonstrates how much support there is for our parish church within our community. The PCC will be rigorously monitoring expenditure and we are much closer to "balancing the books" in respect of normal running costs.

We hope to cover major items of maintenance expenditure with grants. Sometimes grants require "match funding" and we may use legacies for this instead of using them to "subsidise" running costs. Some grant money will be used on repairs in the churchyard next spring.

Thank you for your support.

With best wishes

Mary Piers and David Akerman Churchwardens

### 25<sup>th</sup> November, Service Dedication

Dear God, you love a cheerful giver: Teach us through your Holy Spirit to be thoughtful and gracious in our giving; Giving us the joy of a generous heart, and the spirit of love and self-sacrifice that was shown to us in Jesus Christ.

Bless, O'Lord, these pledges, which we receive this morning in your name, and grant that they may be dedicated them to the welfare of your Church, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## **A View from the Treasurer's Tower**

The Planned Giving Service on 25<sup>th</sup> November was the focal to 2 months of preparations and commitment by the wardens, Rev'd John Tyler and myself. We prepared and designed all the material ourselves (after several editorial sessions), and printed and distributed it all from our own resources to save any unnecessary costs.

We sent a pledge letter to around 180 households, around 85 from the church electoral roll, with the remainder coming from the 200 club, magazine listing, and to those we thought would be interested in receiving the package of information. From these, we had just over 65 replies. We are pleased that from these replies, another 28 have joined the 32 already committed pledge givers, with the other replies coming from existing donators and one off donations.

The PCC were delighted that so many have decided to join, and this will boost our planned giving income to over £18,000 in 2019 (from a previous c£12,350).

The Parish Share, which is by the far the largest expenditure item amongst our running costs, has been set by the Bath and Wells Diocese to £19,705 for 2019. In 2018, this was just over £24,000.

I had hoped this would reduce to c£17,600, which would be the actual due per our membership numbers, but the Diocese remains stubborn in granting a full reduction. A meeting with the Archdeacon has been arranged for later this month, and I will report on the outcome next month.

A thorough budget for 2019 has now been prepared, and I am confident that much of our operating costs can now be covered through planned giving and fund raising. We have improved on our financial position greatly, and by this year's end, we have budgeted for a small loss of c£1500, which includes spending c£14,500 on boundary improvements. This would have been a great improvement on 2018, if it were not for a most generous legacy that we received in mid December. Our 2018 deficit is now looking to be just over £2,000, but one should bear in mind, legacies are not there to finance running costs. Whilst the running costs in 2017 were around £43,500 per year, we have worked extensively hard on reducing these. 2018 they will be down to around £38,000, with 2019 expected to be around £34,000. That is a drop of weekly costs from £836 to £654.

The details on 2018 accounts, the 2019 budget, will be in the next issue hopefully following a reviewed audit of them. We diligently looked at every aspect of the operation here, so to save as much as possible. Generally, all expenses are fully evaluated once a quarter, so no overspending occurs. We're continuing our planned giving scheme display at the church for awhile; always time for a few more to join!

Rob Ellis, Treasurer

2018 had been a successful year for our market, with lots of new faces and produce tables.

The market is only open on the first Saturday of every month.

**If anyone in the village would like to help** with the setting up and putting away the tables, please get in touch with me.

With all the new houses, I am sure there are new residents, male or female, that would like to get involved with us. New stalls are always welcomed.

Table set up time: 8.00am-9.30am / 11.30am-12.30pm to put them away.

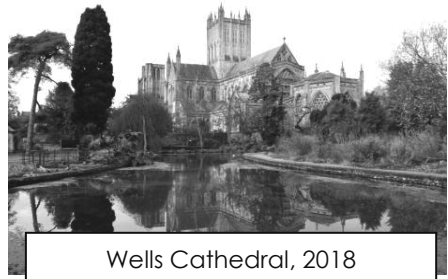
Open to the public: 9.30am - 11.30am

From all the team of volunteers at the Market, we hope you had a Happy Christmas, and wish you a very Prosperous New Year.

Anne Williams, 01823 490319

Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> January  
7.30pm  
North Curry Village Hall

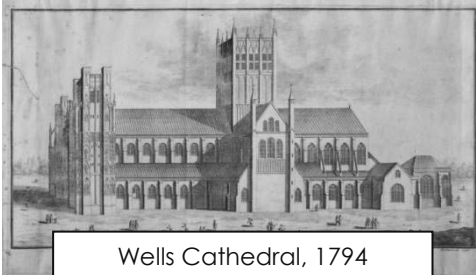
**Wells Cathedral:** its History and  
Architecture by *Dr Philip Hickman*



Wells Cathedral, 2018

Drawing once again on our stock of talented residents, the Society starts the year with this talk by a retired GP and past NCS Chairman. In North Curry we are fortunate to live midway between two fine cathedrals of different periods and style. Dr Hickman senior has been a guide at Exeter Cathedral and, lately, at Wells Cathedral the "Mother Church" for Somerset parishes.

Since his retirement some seventeen years ago Dr Hickman has developed a broad interest in ecclesiastical history and ecclesiastical architecture.



Wells Cathedral, 1794

You may remember, or regret having missed, his private conducted tour of Exeter Cathedral for Society members. As in his previous presentation on Exeter, he will be outlining, with illustration, the history of Wells Cathedral and the building which we admire today. Particular attention will be paid to

fabric and fittings of especial interest and fame.

The North Curry Society meets on the third Wednesday of each month in the Village Hall, starting at **8pm** (hot drinks and socialising from **7:30pm**).

Annual membership of £5 includes admission to talks, discussions and refreshments; visitors pay a small charge (currently £1).

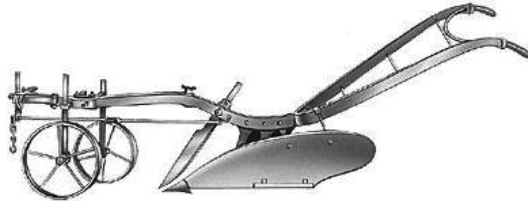
Whether you are a visitor, new to the Society or an established member, we look forward to welcoming you.

## Plough Sunday

Students of ancient history will often claim that the invention of the plough was a greater benefit to civilisation than the invention of the wheel. How fitting therefore that the Church has a ceremony to bless this essential implement.

Plough Sunday is usually celebrated on the first Sunday after the twelve days of Christmas, this being on the 13<sup>th</sup> January in 2019.

In medieval times, spring cropping was the norm so ploughing started in the first months of the year. This was with the hope that frost and rain would help to work the freshly ploughed furrow to make a finer seed bed and a better establishment of the crop.



A token plough or sometimes several ploughs were taken to the church and blessed before work commences, along with a sample of soil and seed.

According to the Bath and Wells service for this day, a farmer says "We bring you this soil, rich soil and fertile, poor soil and stony, wet soil and waterlogged. And the seed we will sow in hopes of rich harvest. Soil and seed for your blessing we bring." The priest replies "... Bless all soil and all seed, the potential they hold, and all may have plenty and be filled. God bless the soil and the seed."

Very apt words when we consider the hunger in the world

Tom Jeanes

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## Village Wassail

Join us for a village Wassail on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January in a celebration of apples, orchards and the New Year.

We will be starting with a procession at 6pm from the village school with lanterns and music and ending up at the Community Woodland at White Street Recreation Ground.

The event is part of some seasonal celebrations being coordinated by the village Wildlife Group.

There will be lanterns, music from the North Curry Village band, songs, food, drink, toasts and more.

For more information contact Tim Hill, [milton3hill@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:milton3hill@yahoo.co.uk)

## North Curry Wildlife Group news

The annual inspection of most of the 25 bird boxes around the woodland and sports fields has recently been completed. The most encouraging results were from the 4 large barn owl boxes, two of which had evidence of barn owls nesting, with another of them roosting. The fourth seems to have been left, having been used for nesting in the previous year.



We have only had one report of barn owls being sighted in the woodland, but if anyone else has seen them there, please let us know.

A liner has recently been installed in the pond and the rain is now gradually filling it up.



Work around the pond is continuing when the ground conditions allow. This is expected to be completed and the pond surrounded with permanent fencing by the end of winter. A range of habitats around the pond are being developed.

A large overgrown willow tree on the edge of the small football field has recently been pollarded to reduce the risk of the tree being blown over. This will encourage new growth from the pollard head, similar to that which can be seen on the 3 similar willows done so last year.

A large pile of willow logs have been stacked on the side of the field which will fuel log fires next winter.

Phil Stone, Chairman of the Wildlife Group  
If you would like to know more, contact [phil.stone7@icloud.com](mailto:phil.stone7@icloud.com)  
[www.northcurrywildlife.com](http://www.northcurrywildlife.com)

## WWI, a reflective moment

With thoughts of remembrance still lingering, I was sent the following piece.

Birds on the Western Front, as observed and written by "Saki" (H H Munro). Saki, a writer/soldier serving during the Great War, was well-known for his short stories, which were usually laced with urbane malice, wit and charm, observant of the human condition. Birds and animals frequented his stories and in these edited extracts he wrote in serious vein for serious times. Sadly, he did not survive the war.

...Considering the enormous dislocation the war has caused where the campaign is raging, there seems to have been very little disturbance to the wildlife. Rats and mice have mobilized and swarmed into the fighting line and there has been a partial mobilization of owls, particularly of barn owls, following in the wake of the mice. What success attends their hunting one cannot estimate; there are always sufficient mice left over to populate one's dugout and make a racecourse over one's face at night... For nesting accommodation, the owls are well provided and there is a wealth of ruined houses, whole streets of them...

Crows and magpies are nesting well within the shell-swept area and I once saw a pair of crows in hot combat with a pair of Sparrowhawks, whilst higher in the sky, but directly above, two Allied planes were engaging an equal number of enemy aircraft.

The buzzard does not seem to be taking any war risks, at least I have never seen one out here, but kestrels hover about all day in the hottest part of the line, not in the least disconcerted, apparently, when a promising mouse area suddenly rises in the air in a cascade of black or yellow earth.

The skylark in this region has stuck tenaciously to the meadows and croplands which have been seamed and bisected with trenches and honeycombed with shell-holes. Once, having occasion to throw myself down with some abruptness on my face, I found myself nearly on the top of a brood of young larks. Two of them had already been hit by something, and were rather battered, but the survivors seem as tranquil and comfortable as the average nestling.

The partridge of the war zone shows no sign of sensitive nerves and neither the rattle and rumble of transport, nor the constant coming and going of bodies of troops, the incessant rattle of musketry and deafening explosions of artillery, nor the night-long flare and flicker of star-shells have sufficed to scare the birds away from their chosen feeding grounds, and to all appearances have not deterred them from raising their broods.

## Athelney Benefice Service Rota January – 2019

2 January 17.00	(Wednesday) Stoke St Gregory	Evening Prayer	Dr Jane Sutton
<b>6 January</b>	<b>THE EPIPHANY</b>		
08.00	North Curry	Holy Communion	Rev'd John Tyler
09.30	Lyng	Holy Communion	Rev'd John Tyler
10.00	North Curry	Eucharist	Rev'd Morey Andrews
9 January 17.00	(Wednesday) Stoke St Gregory	Evening Prayer	Dr Jane Sutton
10 January 10.00	(Thursday) North Curry	Little Angels	Jenny Satchwell
<b>13 January</b>	<b>THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST</b>		
08.00	Stoke St Gregory	Holy Communion	Rev'd John Tyler
10.00	Burrowbridge	United Benefice Eucharist	Rev'd John Tyler
16 January 17.00	(Wednesday) Stoke St Gregory	Evening Prayer	Dr Jane Sutton
<b>20 January</b>	<b>THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY</b>		
08.00	North Curry	Holy Communion	Rev'd John Tyler
09.30	Burrowbridge	Holy Communion	Vicar – Rev'd John Tyler
10.00	North Curry	Morning Prayer	Ralph Roberts
11.00	Stoke St Gregory	WPCU – Baptist Church	Rev'd Martin Mudie
23 January 17.00	(Wednesday) Stoke St Gregory	Evening Prayer	Dr Jane Sutton
<b>27 January</b>	<b>THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY</b>		
09.30	Lyng	Service of the Word	Dr Robert Dunning
10.00	North Curry	Eucharist	Rev'd Martin Mudie
11.00	Stoke St Gregory	Eucharist	Vicar – Rev'd John Tyler
30 January 17.00	(Wednesday) Stoke St Gregory	Evening Prayer	Dr Jane Sutton
<b>3 February</b>	<b>THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST (Candlemas)</b>		
08.00	North Curry	Holy Communion	Rev'd John Tyler
10.00	North Curry	Eucharist	Rev'd John Tyler
11.00	Stoke St Gregory	Morning Prayer	Rev'd Martin Mudie
16.00	North Curry	Christingle Service	Vicar – Rev'd John Tyler

Hidden Voices is a Church of England resource which aims to inform and support local communities in taking action on the challenging issue of Modern Slavery. There are four themes which are explored through moving biblical reflections and case studies, practical tools and activities to help churches work begin working on the issue, perhaps alongside their wider community.

The four linked sessions takes place at St Francis, Bridgwater at 7pm on 17th January, 14th February and 28th February & a final date to be determined. To book please email: [Allie.White@bathwells.anglican.org](mailto:Allie.White@bathwells.anglican.org) or ring: 01749 670777 ext 254



## **Music Review**, by David Walker

After a bumper year in 2018, including a glorious full Choral Evensong liturgy sung by visiting choir In Ecclesia with a surprise coda by the a cappella Voskresenije Choir, we already have more musical treats lined up for you in 2019 at the Parish Church.

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March, two outstanding musicians supported by The Countess of Munster Musical Trust will be giving a recital of pieces for violin and cello in a programme including music by Bach, Handel and Kodaly that should appeal to all followers of classical music.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> April (the Tuesday of Easter Week), Italian singer Roberto Tardito will be bringing mediaeval songs he has selected from the Red Book of Montserrat (the Llibre Vermell), a 14<sup>th</sup>-century manuscript compiled and still located at the monastery in the Catalonian mountains above Barcelona. It is a collection of pilgrims' songs similar to Carmina Burana; Roberto has a rather unusual style, rather folk-pop. His planned concert here last year was cancelled due to severe snowfalls across Europe.

Then on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May (the evening of May Fair) our very own North Curry Village Choir will bring us their annual Spring Concert, taking advantage of our fine pipe organ to bring you a glorious blend of instrumental and choral music.

The Voskresenije Choir are returning from St Petersburg on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October with a programme of traditional songs as well as pieces from the Russian Orthodox liturgy. They will be singing for the Village School, now firmly established as part of the school's musical enrichment programme.

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December the Village Choir hope to return for their annual Christmas Concert.

We are greatly appreciative of singers who augmented our church choir at the Christmas services. The choir will continue in 2019 with sung Eucharists, and through the summer traditional monthly Evensongs from the Book of Common Prayer which are such a feature at our Parish Church. If you would be interested in singing in the church each Sunday please speak to Jean Smith.

We are grateful for the rota of organists who have stepped in each week and over Christmas since the death of Dr Trevor Astin. Do you play the organ, or know of somebody who does and would be willing to help out at services? Please speak to Jenny Satchwell (contact details in the Magazine). In the longer term, we would like someone who can settle in on a more permanent basis and coach the choir at our weekly practices.

## North Curry Coffee Shop

Thank you to everyone who supported the coffee shop, the local makers and artists in the run up to Christmas; we hope you have had an enjoyable festive season.



The Coffee Shop reopens on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January and we look forward to welcoming you back.

Delicious homemade soup, prepared and served daily, will help warm you up on those cold January days.

We are always happy to welcome new volunteers so perhaps your New Year's Resolution could be to join our friendly, enthusiastic team. Each shift is for 2 hours and you can choose how often and when you work, so why not give it a go. Just pop in to complete an application form

During January, the opening hours are 10am - 4.30pm, Tuesday to Sunday.

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## North Curry W.I

Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January (a week later than usual) is our first meeting of the New Year following our Christmas break.

After a surplus of festive fare, we start off with a little

light exercise in the form of 'Kurling' (an adaptation of Curling but without the ice!).



This has become a popular sport for everyone of all ages and all abilities and after a short demonstration of the game we hope as many as possible will take on the challenge and join in. It should be fun - with tea and social time included – what better way to spend a winter afternoon!

Reminder to members that subscriptions need to be paid this month and for those who haven't joined us yet but maybe are thinking about it, why not come along for a taster session and find out what we have planned for 2019 – you will be more than welcome!

## **Julie Felix is coming to North Curry in 2019**

**She is giving a concert  
at the Village Hall  
on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April**

A legend of the folk music world; singer, songwriter, guitarist, charismatic entertainer... dubbed "the First Lady of Folk" by the Times ...the first folk singer to have her own TV show, to fill the Royal Albert Hall, and to sing in Westminster Abbey.



**Do not miss this opportunity!**

Doors (and bar) open at 7pm, with the concert beginning at 7:30pm. Julie will give two 45-minute sessions, separated by an interval (with bar).

The bar will re-open for Julie's "meet & greet" and CD sale & signing following her second session.

**Tickets will be £12 each**, available from 1<sup>st</sup> March, at the Post Office, from Fleur White (01823 491424), or – depending on availability – at the door.



**Demand will be high, so  
advance reservations will be  
accepted from January  
onwards.**

**Please email requests to  
[villagehall@northcurry.com](mailto:villagehall@northcurry.com)**

## North Curry Church of England Primary School

This month, Helen Morley, the Head Teacher, has presented a play review by one of her students. On 27th November, some of their Key Stage 2 (KS2, last year at Primary school) children went to Queen's College Theatre in Taunton to watch 'FOR QUEEN'S AND COUNTRY'.

Accordingly, it is our delight to present a performance review of this play by Grace Bulbeck, a Year 6 student.

For Queen's and Country was a performance to commemorate 175 years of Queen's College, and 100 years since the end of World War One, and was performed by students and teachers alike. The story revolves around the Hosegood family; the four brothers and three sisters. It was written by Steve Evans, and took him 14 years to collect all of the research.

Here is my review.

The acting was incredible and it was easy to immerse yourself into their world, feeling as if you were there, witnessing it all first hand with them. They expressed such emotion and it felt realistic. Their voices were clear and could be heard from the front through to the back.

The costumes were detailed and beautiful; each one of an authentic appearance. The costume designers were very talented to manage to pull off a look that felt like it could have been worn back then, and still looked absolutely marvellous.

The scenery was mostly made by a projected image at the top of the stage, which changed pictures for a new scene. It would also change if the person speaking read a letter, when it would turn into the background of whatever happened in the letter. The stage had a simple wooden hill put together on it, which could represent everything from a sand dune to a mound of earth in the trenches. On the other side there was a staircase, which was mostly used by Nelly, one of the sisters and her family in the 'present day' parts.

The orchestra was literally instrumental in the mood of the play. It could emphasise the drama and tension in a scene; or make it peaceful; or cheerful. It fitted in well and was played beautifully.

My favourite character was little Susie, the youngest Hosegood. She was so sweet and innocent, lightening the mood of any scene that she was in. The only exception was when she asked why one of her brothers, who had died at war shortly before, wouldn't be coming to visit. This broke my heart.

The most exciting part for me was when the bombs first fell. The sound effects were outstanding; it made me jump so much I thought I'd have a heart attack!

The most amusing part was when Nelly (who was attending a meeting outside) said that she had kicked a policeman 'where it hurt'. There was an uproar of laughter that could probably be heard in Antarctica!

The most moving part was when Nelly and her family received a telegram informing them that Arnold had been killed. It almost made me cry.

I would recommend this to people who find enjoyment in emotional performances. It is also great for older children as they can find out so much about WWI (World War One).



Here are some of our KS2 children with the cast members.

## Children's Activity Day

Half Term week – lots of fun!

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February in the Church

10am to 12.00noon

**Free to all, refreshments provided**

Volunteers are required to help with the various activities provided.

Call Jenny Satchwell on 490463 if you would like to help.

The more help the merrier please!

## The Christmas season continues

Christmas is regarded as being for children, and not just in the secular world. The Advent/ Christmas season got off to a cracking start with Girlguiding North Curry's Nativity play at the Methodist Church. Who's that screeching baby, the Guides asked in words and sign language. The Brownies, Rainbows and four of their brothers (Joseph and the Kings) mimed the answer that everyone in the congregation knew anyway. Not Charles Wesley's gentle Jesus, meek and mild, but a realistic protesting infant.

Carols in the churches and in the Square reinforced the message (the Good News, for us) of God's incarnation to dwell as one of us for a little while. Then with the end-of-term school service in the parish church, Crib Service, Midnight Mass and Christmas Eucharist and Thanksgiving, it's all over now, isn't it? No, it's not! There's more to come. This month we celebrate the visit of Wise Men bringing three mystical gifts, and the Baptism of Jesus (not an infant baptism, but one that children can relate to all the same). And to finish the season, a Christingle Service at Candlemas.



Christingle was brought to Britain 50 years ago and adopted by the Children's Society as one of their principal fund-raising efforts. Right now in Britain there are children and young people who feel scared, unloved and unable to cope. The Children's Society works with these young people, step by step, for as long as it takes. They fight child poverty and

neglect, and help all children to have a better chance in life.

Christingle is a special, memorable celebration that takes place in thousands of churches and schools across the country. The celebration is named after the Christingles that are lit during the service. Christingles are made from an orange decorated with red tape, sweets and a candle. The Christingle celebration is an opportunity to bring our whole community together, to share the Christian story and to experience the joy and wonder of this well-loved Christmas tradition.

We and the Primary School will be collaborating to bring the Christingle Service to our church on Sunday 3rd February, at 4pm, and look forward to welcoming you all there.

David Walker

## Tide Times for January 2019

As it is a bit too wet and wild for strolling on the beach, tide times have been shelved for this month. And with Christmas still in our minds, and in case some of you missed out on those cracker jokes, we have a selection of humorous hymn titles... (kindly excuse the Americanism therein!)

### Do You Know Your Hymns?

Dentist's Hymn	. . .	Crown Him with Many Crowns.
Weatherman's Hymn	. . .	There Shall Be Showers of Blessings.
Contractor's Hymn	. . .	The Church's One Foundation.
Tailor's Hymn	. . .	Holy, Holy, Holy.
Golfer's Hymn	. . .	There's a Green Hill Far Away.
Politician's Hymn	. . .	Standing on the Promises!
Optometrist's Hymn.	. . .	Open My Eyes That I Might See.
IRS Agent's Hymn	. . .	I Surrender All.
Gossip's Hymn	. . .	Pass It On.
Electrician's Hymn	. . .	Send The Light..
Shopper's Hymn	. . .	Sweet Bye and Bye.
Realtor's Hymn	. . .	I've Got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop.
Massage Therapist's Hymn.		He Touched Me.

AND for those who speed on the highway - a few hymns:

55 mph	. . .	God Will Take Care of You
75 mph	. . .	Nearer My God To Thee
85 mph	. . .	This World Is Not My Home
95 mph	. . .	Lord, I'm Coming Home
100 mph	. . .	Precious Memories

Give me a sense of humor, Lord, Give me the grace to see a joke,  
To get some humor out of life, And pass it on to other folks.

**SOMERSET INDEPENDENCE PLUS:** This is a one-stop shop for equipment, home improvements and advice to help people live independently at home for longer. It is based at Unit 17, Knights Rd., Chelston Industrial Park near Wellington and is open to the public on Mondays from 9.30am – 4pm. Alternatively appointments can be booked by contacting Somerset Direct on 0300 123 2224. It can offer advice and financial assistance that covers a number of improvements, adaptations or repairs that might need to be carried out on your home and staff will be on site to provide advice and information.



On **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January**, we are showing our next 'Winter Warmer', where we have an intermission for a tea & cake break, My Generation. Michael Caine narrates and stars in this vivid and inspiring documentary of his personal journey through 1960's London. You'll meet the Beatles, David Bailey, Twiggy (pictured), David Hockney, Mary Quant and many other stars. The Village Hall opens at 2.30 pm and the film starts at 3 pm. It costs £5 (+ a donation for tea etc).



On **Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January**, we are showing the John Le Carré story, Our Kind of Traitor – a gripping story of how an ordinary couple (Ewan McGregor and Naomie Harris) get caught up in web of deception between the Russian mafia and MI6.

The **Village Hall** doors and bar open at 7pm with the film starting at 7.30pm. Free to members and £5 for guests. Anyone can be a guest – just come along!

More information on our films on [www.northcurryfilmsociety.org.uk](http://www.northcurryfilmsociety.org.uk)

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Little Angels  
Toddlers Club and Pram  
Service.

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in the  
month at the church.

Next meeting  
10am – 10<sup>th</sup> January

The Produce Market  
Village Hall

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> January  
9.30am-11.30am

The kitchen will be open  
throughout, servicing  
bacon butties and hot  
drinks.



## Holy Days and Saints & other Holy People Commemorated in January

Here are the Holy Days and saints days (and other holy people, some well-known, others less so) observed in Common Worship so that their example and teaching may inspire us as we make our way through the month.

Tuesday 1	THE NAMING AND CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS
Wednesday 2	<b>Basil the Great</b> and <b>Gregory of Nazianzus</b> , Bishops, Teachers of the Faith, 379 and 389
	<b>Seraphim</b> , Monk of Sarov, Spiritual Guide, 1833
	<b>Vedanayagam Samuel Azariah</b> , Bishop in South India, Evangelist, 1945
Sunday 6	THE EPIPHANY
Thursday 10	<b>William Laud</b> , Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645
Friday 11	<b>Mary Slessor</b> , Missionary in West Africa, 1915
Saturday 12	<b>Aelred of Hexham</b> , Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167
	<b>Benedict Biscop</b> , Abbot of Wearmouth, Scholar, 689
Sunday 13	THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST
	<b>Hilary</b> , Bishop of Poitiers, Teacher of the Faith, 367
	<b>Kentigern (Mungo)</b> , Missionary Bishop in Strathclyde and Cumbria, 603
	<b>George Fox</b> , Founder of the Society of Friends (the Quakers), 1691 <i>(not observed on a Sunday, and not normally transferred to another day)</i>
Thursday 17	<b>Antony of Egypt</b> , Hermit, Abbot, 356
	<b>Charles Gore</b> , Bishop, Founder of the Community of the Resurrection, 1932
<b>18–25</b>	THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
Friday 18	<b>Amy Carmichael</b> , Founder of the Dohnavur Fellowship, spiritual writer, 1951
Saturday 19	<b>Wulfstan</b> , Bishop of Worcester, 1095
Sunday 20	<b>Richard Rolle</b> of Hampole, Spiritual Writer, 1349 <i>(not observed on a Sunday, and not normally transferred to another day)</i>
Monday 21	<b>Agnes</b> , Child Martyr at Rome, 304
Tuesday 22	<b>Vincent of Saragossa</b> , Deacon, first Martyr of Spain, 304
Thursday 24	<b>Francis de Sales</b> , Bishop of Geneva, Teacher of the Faith, 1622
Friday 25	THE CONVERSION OF PAUL
Saturday 26	<b>Timothy and Titus</b> , Companions of Paul
Monday 28	<b>Thomas Aquinas</b> , Priest, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith, 1274
Wednesday 30	<b>Charles</b> , King and Martyr, 1649
Thursday 31	<b>John Bosco</b> , Priest, Founder of the Salesian Teaching Order, 1888

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## News from North Curry /Curland Methodists

### 100 years – North Curry and Curland Remembers the Armistice

The gathering at the War Memorial in North Curry on Sunday (11<sup>th</sup> November) was the largest seen for many years. People from a wide area



came to honour the sacrifice of all those who served in the First World War, and to remember the end of war after those four long years – the armistice signed at the eleventh hour of the eleventh month at 11 o'clock.

For us on this day, an early start, we were invited to the Parish Church for their Remembrance

Day Service starting at 9.30am. The service was conducted by the Rev Martin Mudie with a reading from the letter to the Hebrews 9, 24-28, and Mark I, 14-20. Holy Communion was celebrated. In his sermon, he gave us his thoughts and insights into the horrors of the 1914-18 war, the lessons to be learned from it and hopes for the future.

At the war memorial we sang the hymns "O God in Ages Past" and "O Valiant hearts, who to your glory came" as is traditional. The three ministers from the three churches in North Curry conducted the service: Rev Martin Mudie for the Anglicans, Pastor Mike Scott for the Baptists, and Rev Deborah Kirk for the Methodists. In one break with tradition Rev Mudie read a passage from the poem by Rupert Brooke – The Soldier. "If I should die, think only this of me: that there's some corner of a foreign field that is forever England - - - "giving us all food for thought.

Afterwards we Methodists resumed our worship with the Rev Deborah Kirk at our Church. Deborah drew our attention to Revelations 21: The New Jerusalem, our hope for the future.

For this occasion the church had been beautifully decorated by Christine and Jackie, with red carnations donated by Rodney - red, as with the poppy, a symbol of remembrance.



"Greater love hath no man than this that a man lays down his own life for his friends". In our unity on this day we recognise the depth of gratitude we,

indeed, do owe past generations who laid down their lives for us in all wars and at this time especially in the First World War.

### **North Curry Brownies Nativity Service**

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November, we welcomed the Brownies to North Curry and Curland Methodist church for their nativity service. The rain, thankfully, cleared to give us reasonable evening weather-wise and about forty brownies and parents attended.

The Rev'd Deborah Kirk was almost in control as she led the Brownies through a non-rehearsed version of the nativity story with the children dressed for their respective parts. We had a little trouble finding some 'kings' but eventually one little boy from the 'audience' was persuaded and the cast was complete.

The familiar story was told in wonderful chaos, making it all the more meaningful. As we went along the relevant Christmas carols were introduced into the story, for example 'Away in a Manger' and 'We Three Kings' played for us by Barbara Uglow. The action throughout the service was accompanied by words and pictures on the screen which enhanced the whole experience. Deborah and the brownies were wonderful.

We followed the service with drinks, snacks and a time of fellowship. Everyone went away smiling. A service we will all remember and that we all enjoyed.

### **Dates for your diary.**

Annual Quiz at Lisieux Way Methodist Church on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February with proceeds going to Missions.

Church Council 21<sup>st</sup> February at 2pm

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February

7.00pm

At Lisieux Way Methodist Church

Questions set by North Curry/Curland members and hosted by Lisieux Way Methodist Church friends



£5.00 per head to include refreshments

Proceeds to Church Missions

Any queries, please contact Roy Crouch Tel: 01823 461679

## **North Curry Church**

Is part of the Benefice of Athelney, along with the parishes of Stoke St. Gregory, Lyng and Burrowbridge – the Parish Church is frequently referred to as 'The Cathedral of the Moors', and from the River Tone valley, it is easy to understand why. It was built on a site of an earlier Norman church in about 1300 in the Decorated style, using Ham Hill stone, blue lias stone, and some grey sandstone from a quarry within the parish. About a hundred years later it was updated in the Perpendicular style when the roofs of the nave and aisles were raised to accommodate larger windows. Evidences of the original pitches can be seen both outside on the south and east faces of the tower, and inside on its west arch. At this time the upper stage of the tower and the parapets were added, as was the interesting collection of gargoyles and hunkypunks.

The North Curry Parish Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials date from 1539 and are almost complete.

The churchyard, just over two acres, is in two parts, with the lower 'new' part has been in use since 1952. The upper 'old' part has gravestones that are centuries old, and includes war memorials. A plan of the graves, complete with the names of the occupants, can be found in the church porch. This is a place of solace and tranquillity, with seating on the north (far) side affording magnificent views across the River Tone to yonder hills in all directions. In springtime, the natural beauty is never more apparent, when the flora and fauna carpets amongst the headstones and trees.

## **Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals**

If you are interested in getting married, having a church blessing for a civil marriage or organising a baptism or funeral please contact the vicar, or one of the churchwardens.

The statutory fees are set by the Church of England and a fee list is displayed in the church porch, or is available online from [www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org).

Additional local fees may be due in accordance with the services required. At the time of your enquiry, all fee options will be explained.

There are also regulations governing the condition of the churchyard and graves, designed to ensure it remains a special peaceful place. Again, a copy is available in the church porch.

## **Hiring the Church**

Our church is available for hire, for events such as concerts, talks and exhibitions for which we make a reasonable charge. Contact David Walker should you wish to know more on fees and availability.

## Will Planning and Legacies

Having a Will in place, for when the time comes, is strongly recommended for all individuals, to ensure your final wishes are clearly laid out to friends and family. To supplement your planning, the church has developed a checklist leaflet, "Final Wishes", which is in one way a will, but designed to help those left behind to help with your instructions and administration of your estate. This leaflet will be available in the church literature section.

## Planned Giving Donations

Planned Giving, by standing order, is a regular charitable payment (or pledge) to the church. This type of giving is an important and integral aspect of our finances, as the majority of our income comes through the planned giving scheme.

Donation pledges by standing order are easier to administer, both for you and us. Regular planned giving can also attract tax gift aid, enabling us to boost your donation by 25%. Donations can be given monthly, quarterly, or yearly, and the amount is very much up to you. You are not beholden once started, and can be cancelled at anytime. Please contact our Treasurer, Rob Ellis 01823 490599, for the appropriate forms to complete, or to discuss your giving pledge. Kindly note, standing order mandates are not the same as direct debit mandates. The amounts and dates are fixed, and the instruction to your bank is completely controlled by you.

### **Kahlil Gibran on "Giving", 1923 (adapted)**

It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.

What are your possessions but things you keep and guard for fear you may need them tomorrow? And what is fear of need, but need itself? Is not dread of thirst when your well is full, the thirst that is unquenchable?

Some give with joy, and that joy is their reward; some give with pain and that pain is their baptism.

Some give because it is natural to them; through the hands of such as these God speaks, and from behind their eyes He smiles upon the earth.

Some say, "I would give, but only to the deserving." The fruiting trees in your orchard do not say that, nor do the flocks in your pasture. See first that you deserve to be a giver, and a channel of God's generosity; for everything you give has come from God and is just lent you for a while.

You are blessed if you can dispose of it in His name.

*We brought nothing into the world and we take nothing out; the Lord gave, and the Lord takes away. Blessed be the Name of the Lord.*

*All things come from you, O Lord, and your own do we you.*

## Tea break

This month, a word search challenge – music instruments to find...

S	X	P	T	G	T	T	Y	M	P	A	N	I	F	M	I	Y	BAGPIPES
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C	L	O	N	A	I	P	A	M	B	W	T	L	K	U	G	I	CELLO
O	O	L	V	E	E	D	R	O	H	C	I	S	P	R	A	H	CLARINET
R	P	O	P	H	Y	I	M	A	N	D	O	L	I	N	W	C	CORNET
N	H	A	N	X	W	T	O	L	G	K	S	C	E	Y	G	O	DRUM
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Q	R	T	V	U	E	V	A	O	N	I	A	L	O	U	N	B	HARPSICHORD
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D	M	U	G	O	F	P	A	S	H	U	Z	O	E	P	M	R	PIANO
B	R	U	N	N	O	B	C	L	A	R	I	N	E	T	O	I	PICCOLO
T	D	E	R	X	G	N	O	O	S	S	A	B	U	Z	R	N	SAXOPHONE
W	M	Y	A	D	T	J	Z	I	T	H	E	R	K	V	T	E	SOUSAPHONE
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## Church Opening and Closing Rota

Sunday, week commencing during January 2019

6<sup>th</sup> \* Ralph Roberts      13<sup>th</sup> Tony Brooker  
20<sup>th</sup>\* Michael Griffiths      27<sup>th</sup> Robin Rudman

\* Denotes 8am service

Register of:

**Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals** (July 2018 – December 2018)

We ask for God's Blessing on all the following

### Baptisms

Angela Marie Derrick	October 2018
Cally Terence Case	November 2018
Theodore John Harris	December 2018

### Weddings

Alexander Drake/ Fiona Ford	August 2018
Callum Chedzoy/ Rebecca Tottle	September 2018

### Funerals

Eric Willoughby	July 2018
Joyce Gore	July 2018
Sylvia Dawes	August 2018
Bruce Wall	September 2018
Bernard Drake	October 2018
Maurice Lane	October 2018
Charles Woods	November 2018

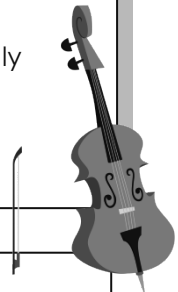
The Countess of Munster Musical Trust  
Presents Ionel Mancio on Violin, and Leo Popplewell on Chello

**On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

Performing various recital by Bach, Handel and Kodaly  
in solo and in duet

icketing information to follow – look out for it.

Reserve the date in your diary!



Only a few left...

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Letter from the Right Reverend  
Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton  
January 2019



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## **The joy of a return**

The country of Ghana is making 2019 'The Year of Return' to mark 400 years of the slave trade. Akwase Agyeman who is heading up this year of celebration said this:

'We will celebrate the resilience of the African. Like Joseph in the Bible who was sold to slavery and later connected to his brothers, there was a celebration and in 2019 there shall be a celebration for Africans in Diaspora'

I wonder how we might make 2019 'a year of return'. I don't mean as a return to things past because we mourn a past glory. I'm thinking of the story of Joseph. Joseph was separated from family because his family were jealous of him. His brothers sold him into slavery, out of sight, out of mind. It's when they have need of food that they inadvertently come across Joseph again, this time he holds their fate in his hands. It would have been so easy for Joseph to seek to get his own back on his brothers. In fact he does play a trick on them. However when all is revealed we find many tears shed and reconciliation is achieved.

I wonder how many families in our communities have faced such a fracture in relationships?

Rembrandt's famous painting, 'The Return of the Prodigal' is one of those iconic pictures which draws us into experiencing the depth of feeling the parable speaks of. The embrace of the father to the kneeling son shows us not only the emotion of a family relationship restored but that of God's love for us, his wandering people. Many of us have personal experience of discovering the love of the Father for us, his children. Perhaps this year we could pass on that story to others and help them to find the joy and celebration of a return to the Father who gave everything in order to release them from the slavery of sin.

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