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month's edition

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10th Anniversary is
on 25th August
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Church Diary Events for 2019 – August - November

Saturday, 14th September, Clean up morning

Saturday, 14th September, Taunton Military Wives Choir in the evening

Saturday, 21st September, Harvest Supper

Saturday, Sunday 21st/22nd September, North Curry Quilting Group Exhibition

Saturday, 12th October, District Bellringers AGM

Friday, 18th October, Voskresenije Russian Choir concert

Tuesday, 29th October, Children's Activity Day

Sunday, 10th November, Remembrance Service at the War Memorial

Saturday, 16th November, Autumn Fair

Sunday, 17th November, Choral Evensong with *In Ecclesia*

Coffee Mornings, every Monday morning

Produce Market, first Saturday of every month 9.30am-11.30am- next date:

3rd August

School Holiday Terms

Summer 24th July – 1st September

Half Term 28th October – 1st November

Winter 23rd December – 3rd January 2020

Bellringers, every Monday evening, 7pm-8.30pm

Non Parish Church Diary Events: August

Saturday, 10th August/ 24th August, Bingo

Burrowbridge

Sunday, 25th August, the Big Bash

White Street Sports

Wednesday, 28th August. Hotel Salvation

North Curry Film Club

(Details on all these events can be found in the magazine)

For other local events, check out the Parish Council website and calendar at www.northcurry.com

Church officers numbers, and other local useful numbers, can now be found at the inside back page.

Churchyard Mowing contractor Required April 2020

If interested in quoting,
please contact
David Akerman,
Churchwarden
01823 490 234

Last year on holiday, we
went to this strange place
where there were lots of stalls
with people hassling us to
buy different types of jelly
and custard ~~~
it was a trifle bazaar!

Don't forget our bazaar on
Produce Market 3-Aug

Our up and coming Autumn Events...

Have a restful August, as September promises to be manic! After the Produce Market at the Village Hall 9:30 -11:30 on 7th September (and Coffee Mondays in the church) we'll be gathering strength for the autumn season.

Open the Book resumes each month at North Curry and Stoke St Gregory schools, reviewing Christ's ministry following his baptism and calling the Apostles: foundational stories that underpin Christian faith.

Saturday 14th September is a clean-up morning for the church and churchyard – bring your shears and dusters. The church will be open to welcome Ride and Stride, a Bath & Wells initiative to visit churches in the Diocese on bike or foot (possibly on horseback even), and in the evening from 7pm Taunton Military Wives Choir give a concert – tickets will be on sale at the Post Office from the beginning of September £10 p/p.

We celebrate the harvest on the weekend of 21st /22nd September with Harvest Supper in Village Hall on the Saturday and a Festival Eucharist in church on the Sunday, taken by the Revd Martin Mudie. The four parishes of the Benefice come together the following Sunday at Burrowbridge for a Harvest Patronal Eucharist celebrating St Michael and All Angels.

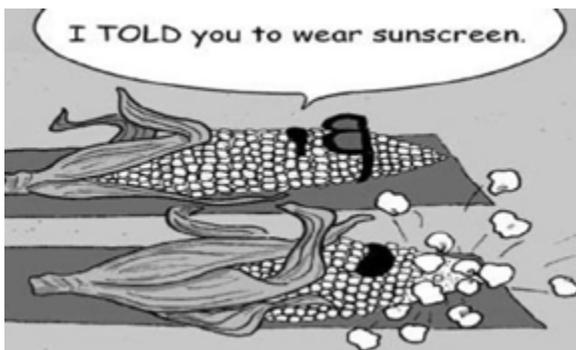
On the afternoon of Saturday 12th October, bellringers from church towers around the district gather for their annual meeting. Look forward to some joyous peals as they swing our bells.

The following Thursday and Friday, we welcome back the Resurrection Choir from St Petersburg, with some new singers and fresh music from the Orthodox liturgy and Russian folk song tradition. They will be singing in church for NC School - and parents - on the Thursday afternoon with a public concert on the Friday evening (18th October) – tickets will be available from the Post Office at the beginning of October.

The popular Children's Activity Morning will be back on the Tuesday of half term, 10am on 29th October, mainly for children of pre-school and primary school age.

All that, and regular Sunday services too.

Stay safe in the sun this summer; remember your sun screen, a hat and to drink plenty of water.



Announcements/ News in Brief

Congratulations to our July 200 Club Winners

1st Prize - £30: Geoffrey Durrant

2nd Prize - £20: Mary Earley 3rd Prize - £10: John Attwood

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.

If you would like a guaranteed copy of the magazine delivered monthly to your door, only £6 per year. Please contact Jenny Satchwell.

The mobile library calls once a month. It visits on a Wednesday every 4 weeks and stops in Queen Square for 45 minutes between 1.45pm–2.30pm.

There is a good selection of books of all subjects; the next visit is on 14th August.



Coffee Mondays, in the Parish Church

Every Monday, 9:30am to 11:30am, coffee, tea and cake. Why not come on down for a social chin wag; with the toddlers group joining in on the 1st Monday of each month.

Well behaved dogs (and humans) are always welcome.

A good selection of 2nd hand books are available to buy for a discretionary donation, so perhaps a chance to pick up bargain novel or reference book.



Last year, some of the old stiles around North Curry were replaced with new kissing gates. Messrs Stone & Ellis have been busy again, as 2 more have been erected along the northern ridge of North Curry, one en route to Broad Lane, and the other to Bill Board's bench (via

Loscombe Meadow). It is hoped in due course, to replace other

stiles around the village, to open up our beautiful countryside to more individuals.

Circular walks maps are available from the Parish Council office and the shop.

But we need a suitable unveiling ceremony; suggestions for the next issue?



The treasurer is pleased to report that the accounts were in surplus for the first six months (probably the last time that happened, Henry Ford was pondering the colour of his model T), and hopefully should remain as such until the year end...

The North Curry Quilting Group, who celebrate their 30th year this year, will be exhibiting some of the quilts they have made over the years at the church over the Harvest Festival weekend 21st /22nd September .

Little Angels, Toddlers Club and Pram Service meet 10am every 2nd Thursday in the month at the church.

A DVD of the Flower Festival, containing over 50 photos, is now on sale at the Post Office - £5 each.

The Rev'd Martin Mudie writes

My Dear Friends,

Now that I am very happily semi-retired when I awake on weekday mornings I check three very important things. Firstly, that I am still breathing. Secondly that my little dog, Annie, is safe and well on the end of the bed and thirdly whether I have any commitments that day. If not my holiday life resumes on its merry way.

However, for those of you who lead busier lives than myself August is the traditional holiday month especially for those with children. On the news yesterday it was reported that parents can spend over £600 keeping their offspring entertained in the long vacation. When I was a child things were very different. My father would take us to the cinema just once in the holidays and it was an outing we all enjoyed. However, I know times change, but leisure time has always been a part of human existence.

The word holiday comes from holy day when the only time off for peasants was on a Sunday or major saints day, but even that was not for everyone. Farmers looking after their animals could never have time off and within living memory if they went to church it tended to be for evensong once all the animals were fed and milked. As society has moved on it seems to me that leisure and relaxation has become even more important, especially for those who lead stressful and busy lives balancing work, family and self.

If you look at the gospels even Jesus had time off from his ministry. Teaching, healing and trying in a few short years to make people feel differently about themselves and God must have been exhausting – so from time to time Jesus would go up into the hill and spend quality time in prayer with his heavenly father and he felt refreshed and renewed by the experience.

So I hope that all of you take time – not only this August – but all through the year to occasionally pamper yourself with some quality time for yourselves. You will feel all the better for it!

Happy Holidays

Martin

Benefice of Athelney – Service Rota

August – 2019

4th August		THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
08.00	North Curry	Holy Communion	Rev'd John Tyler
09.30	Lyng	Holy Communion	Rev'd Martin Mudie
10.00	North Curry	Eucharist	Rev'd John Tyler
18.00	Stoke St Gregory	Evensong	Dr Robert Dunning
<i>7th August (Wednesday)</i>			
17.00	Stoke St Gregory	Evening Prayer	Revd Dr Jane Sutton

11th August		THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
08.00	Stoke St Gregory	Holy Communion	Rev'd John Tyler
10.00	North Curry	United Benefice Eucharist	Ven Simon Hill
<i>14th August (Wednesday)</i>			
17.00	Stoke St Gregory	Evening Prayer	Rev'd Dr Jane Sutton

18th August		THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
08.00	North Curry	Holy Communion	Rev'd John Tyler
09.30	Burrowbridge	Holy Communion	Rev'd John Tyler
11.00	Stoke St Gregory	Eucharist	Rev'd Martin Mudie
11.30	North Curry	Baptism	Rev'd John Tyler
18.00	North Curry	Evensong	Rev'd Morey Andrews
<i>21st August (Wednesday)</i>			
17.00	Stoke St Gregory	Evening Prayer	Rev'd Dr Jane Sutton

25th August		BARTHOLOMEW (transferred)	
09.30	Lyng	Holy Communion (patronal)	Rev'd John Tyler
10.00	North Curry	Eucharist	Rev'd Martin Mudie
11.00	Stoke St Gregory	Eucharist	Rev'd John Tyler
<i>28th August (Wednesday)</i>			
17.00	Stoke St Gregory	Evening Prayer	Rev'd Dr Jane Sutton

1st September		THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
08.00	North Curry	Holy Communion	Rev'd John Tyler
09.30	Lyng	Holy Communion	Rev'd Martin Mudie
10.00	North Curry	Eucharist	Rev'd John Tyler
18.00	Stoke St Gregory	Evensong	Mr Ralph Roberts

During the Benefice Vacancy, for information about baptisms, weddings, funerals and regular services or other Church business, contact a churchwarden: Mary Piers 01823 491434 or David Akerman 01823 490234.

Letter from the Right
Reverend Peter Hancock,
Bishop of Bath and Wells



Always with us

On 20th July 1969 the world watched something extraordinary. This was when the Eagle lunar module landed on the Moon's Sea of Tranquility. This was the very first time that anyone had been to the moon. But astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin had to do something hard. After years of preparation and their long and hazardous flight they had to wait. They were about to open the door of their lunar lander and step onto the unknown surface of a completely different world. But for now, their mission ordered them to take a pause, to wait and prepare for that 'First step'. That hour-long downtime period was designed to let the astronauts recover from their space flight and prepare for their moon walk.

It is now well known that Buzz Aldrin spent his time praying, reading the Bible and taking Holy Communion. Aldrin was an elder at Webster Presbyterian Church, and before he headed into space in 1969, he got special permission to take bread and wine with him into space and to give himself communion. As the men prepared for the next phase of their mission, Aldrin spoke to the ground crew back on Earth. "I would like to request a few moments of silence," he said. "I would like to invite each person listening in, wherever and whomever they may be, to contemplate for a moment the events of the past few hours and to give thanks in their own individual way."

He then reached for the wine and bread he'd brought to space—the first foods ever poured or eaten on the moon. "I poured the wine into the chalice our church had given me. In the one-sixth gravity of the moon the wine curled slowly and gracefully up the side of the cup," he later wrote. The words he read were those of Jesus: 'I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, and I in you, will bear much fruit, for you can do nothing without me.'

After the resurrection, as Jesus ascended back to heaven, he gave a promise to his disciples that he would be with them always, wherever they were and wherever they went. As Buzz Aldrin took communion on the Moon he too was aware of that promise. It is a promise that is also true for us today and so whatever each day may bring let us remember to 'wait' before we step out into the day and ask that Jesus may indeed be with us. As we say in Communion: 'The Lord is here.' 'His Spirit is with us.'

With warm greetings,

The Right Revd Peter Hancock
Bishop of Bath and Wells

News from North Curry /Curland Methodists, by Daphne Gilham

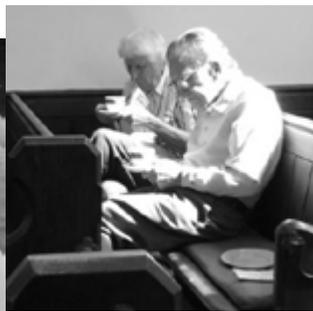
Members and friends from the Methodist Chapel were pleased to take part in the flower festival held at the church of St Peter and St Paul during the weekend of June 29th/30th and took "The Secret Garden" as their contribution for the title of a book theme. Grateful thanks go to Jackie, and Deborah plus Roy for their hard work in creating this display.



The Church Anniversary, celebrating the amalgamation of North Curry and Curland Methodist churches, was held on June 30th at 3pm. The service was led by the Rev'd Deborah Kirk and hymns old and new were sung by the congregation, though small in number, with enthusiasm. Andrew Goodwin was at the organ. The sun shone and the day was very hot and the

congregation was grateful for the cool air from the two electric fans situated at the front of the church.

The afternoon terminated with the distribution of delicious cream teas.



Thanks yet again go to Tony Koppa for the scones and the plates of cake provided by Christine, who was also responsible for the attractive flower arrangements, were much enjoyed by the assembled company.

The church council, to be held on 5th August at 7pm at the home of Dick Brewer, will be reported on in the next issue.

Our next event will be the Harvest Festival which is on 22nd September to which all are cordially invited.

Did you miss Tricia's farewell Service on 23rd June?

Tricia's farewell Service was held in Burrowbridge, with many attendees from across the Benefice wishing her well into retirement. Martin presented Tricia with her gifts, including a willow stair basket, from all in the Benefice, much to her sincerest appreciation (and perhaps surprise).

They were warmly welcomed by Charles (Burrowbridge's Churchwarden), and Burrowbridge's "elves" as always provided an excellent finger buffet, ably assisted by other Benefice members.

We wish Tricia every happiness in her retirement and hopefully once settled in her new home, she will return and visit us all.



A group photos of the clergy and wardens from the service, not forgetting Tia!

And quick note from Tricia...

Many thanks to all who contributed to the most generous cheque presented to me this morning, along with the lovely stair basket and doggy treats for Tia. You are all so very kind. Thanks also to all those who provided the excellent buffet lunch - much appreciated. Finally, my grateful thanks to my colleagues, The Rev'ds John Tyler and Martin Mudie and Readers Ralph Roberts and Robert Dunning. That's not really finally, because there are so many people to thank, but the list is too long and I would hate to leave somebody out, so just a huge THANK YOU to all who have supported me, both personally and in my ministry. Bless you all.

The Festival of Lammas

As you will appreciate, most foods will deteriorate in storage and grain is no exception. As well as a slow loss of nutrients, there is the risk of insect infestation. Of the fourteen species that feed on stored grain in this country, the most common are Saw Tooth Grain Beetle, Grain Weevil, Flour Mite, and Lesser Grain Borer. Nowadays this problem is strictly controlled so there is no likelihood of you finding such individuals in your bread but it was not so in medieval times. Were the grain harvested above the recommended moisture content of 15% and with the warmer weather of spring and early summer coming in then this would make ideal conditions for insect pests to thrive. Added to this is the almost inevitable fouling by urine and faeces of rats and mice so that by late July, one's daily bread might well be a rather unpleasant foodstuff. How pleasant therefore would it have been, to have some fresh grain to make some decent loaves. For this, the festival of Lammas was invented.

The name Lammas was derived from Loaf-Mass and was usually celebrated in the first week of August. This was approximately half way between the June solstice and the Autumnal equinox, and had its roots in pagan times. As soon as some sheaves from the new crop were hauled in, then they were threshed with flails and the grain collected. This was ground to a flour, made into a loaf and presented to the church where it was blessed and prayers were made to ensure a good harvest. In some villages the custom was to take this loaf to the lord of the manor and his family. Trust them to pull rank! For the village this was the start of a time of plenty of food and therefore something to celebrate. For the farmers and workers of the day it was only the start. There would have been a huge amount of sheaves to cut and carry before all was safely gathered in.

The next thing will be the Harvest Festival.

Tom Jeanes

A Message from the Wardens

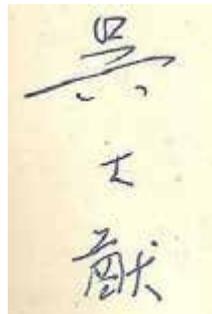
We are now into our Interregnum which we hope will not be the "accepted" year long. We have had assurances from the Archdeacon that he will assist us in making it as short as possible. All Services will continue in the usual pattern and we are very grateful to John Tyler, Martin Mudie, Ralph Roberts and Robert Dunning in ensuring we have the necessary Officiants. We will be having some visiting Officiants as well which will be published in the monthly listings.

If there are any queries regarding Weddings, Funerals or Baptisms' please contact either Churchwarden, David Akerman 01823 490234 or Mary Piers 0183 491434.

We will do our level best to ensure that our Parishioners' needs are met and the welfare of our community is maintained.

If you have any suggestions or just want to chat about something do please get in touch with us.

Mary Piers/ David Akerman
Churchwardens



Ta-You Wu,

father of Chinese physics

North Curry Society has **no meeting in August**, but the Society's "3rd Wednesday" talks resume next month, when we continue to review our natural and built heritage and the fascinating lives of North Curry residents: starting with Chinese physics, a night at the opera, life behind the sideshows, and a few xmas customs.

Join our meetings in the Village Hall at 7:30pm for coffee and chat, talks start at 8pm. Full-year membership costs £5; visitors very welcome on payment of a small entrance charge. If not yet a member, come as a visitor and join at the AGM in October. We look forward to welcoming you.

Produce Market

In the Village Hall

Saturday 3rd August 9.30am-11.30am

Time to practice your haggling and to grab a bargain!
The kitchen will be open throughout, serving bacon butties and hot drinks. In addition to the produce stalls, we have an assortment of craft stalls, plus books, cuddly toys, stationery as well as other knick-knacks.

Plus a super duper raffle...

The 200 Club always has room for one more! Players must be 18yrs+ to join. Only **£18 per year (£1.50/month)**

Prizes each month £30/ £20/ £10

Proceeds for churchyard maintenance

To sign up, contact Sue Bethune on 01823 490179

If your renewal is in August or September,

Please, please remember to update
your standing order to £18!



North Curry Coffee Shop

Situated in the centre of the village, is a community project run by volunteers and is entirely self financing. Since it opened in May 2006, over £100,000 has been raised for charities nominated by our volunteers.

The menu features quality coffee and tea, a selection of fruit juices and soft drinks, a range of homemade cakes and light refreshments suitable for lunch or morning and afternoon snacks.

ANNUAL COFFEE SHOP OPEN EXHIBITION 17 SEPTEMBER

This year's Autumn Exhibition theme is "My Favourite Piece" which can be in any media eg: painting, print, drawing, sculpture, ceramic, embroidery etc. Entry forms will be available from the coffee shop from 6th August and entries to the exhibition should be delivered to the coffee shop on the morning of 16th September. There will be prizes for 1st and 2nd (£50 and £25 cash respectively) by public vote and a £50 cash Art Group prize.

We look forward to welcoming a wide range of entries which always generates a lot of interest and discussion!

Opening hours: 10am – 5.00pm, Tuesday to Sunday

Burrowbridge Bingo Come and join us at Coronation Hall

We try to meet every two weeks on a Saturday evening at 7.30pm, next meetings 10th & 24th August in the Millennium Room of the Coronation Hall.

We play for small cash prizes and an accumulating cash Jackpot plus coffee break raffle with small raffle prizes donated by members.

A full 10 games as well as two jackpot rounds costs £5 tea/coffee and biscuits just 30p.

For more details, just phone Sue or Brian Walker on 01823 698500.

Pop along – you'll be very welcome Directions to the hall – on reaching Burrowbridge, take the left turn at the crossroads, before the bridge, into West Yeo Road. The hall is about 500 yards on the right, with plenty of parking.





Presented by Don Hoyle

On

Wednesday 28th August

we are showing our last film of this season **Hotel Salvation**. Faced with his father's bizarre demand to go and die in the holy city of Varanasi and attain Salvation, a son is left with no choice but to embark on this journey. But there's nothing maudlin in this odyssey, as the father discovers life beside the Ganges to be very much to his liking, especially after he meets a sprightly widow in Hindi with subtitles. The Village Hall doors and bar open at 7pm with the film starting at 7.30 pm. Free to members & £5 for guests. Anyone can be a guest – just come along!



More information on our films on www.northcurryfilmsociety.org.uk
We have a further wonderful year of films planned – see the Post Office window from 4th – 17th August.

Fancy learning to be one of our projectionists? Could you help with putting chairs out before films? Let us know at the film or contact John on 01823 490 648

North Curry and District Amateur Gardeners, by Heather Williams



Our last outing of the season will be our evening visit to Henley Mill followed by supper at the Wookey Hole Inn on 6th August. Let's hope for a warm and dry visit!

Our monthly meetings start again on Thursday 5th September when the subject will be "Rejuvenating a tired garden" with Elizabeth Holman as our speaker.

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 7.45pm for 8pm start and they take place in the Pavilion of the Greenway playing field.

We welcome guests and potential new members so please do feel free to come and join us for one of our many interesting talks and stay for coffee and a chat afterwards.



North Curry W.I, Jill Cox reports

Our much enjoyed trip to SS Great Britain, skittles, quizzes and a visit to an outdoor theatre kept many of us busy in July and having no meeting in August gives us a welcome break before we resume our monthly meetings in the village hall in September. Then we begin our new planned programme for the next twelve months which includes listening to a wide variety of speakers, enjoying various demonstrations and taking part in social events, some of which will involve our group and County WI's as well as the community.

We always try to publicise details of our meetings each month which take place on the first Wednesday and over the year offer a wide variety of subjects and entertainers. There may be an interesting speaker you would like to listen to and visitors are invited to join us for the afternoon which also includes a short business meeting, raffle, trading stall, tea and social time – after a visit or two you may even wish to become a member and enjoy many of the other events on offer – you would be most welcome.

Our first meeting is on Wednesday, 4th September starting at 2pm with an interesting talk 'Changing Careers' (further details to follow next month).

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The Dash, by Linda Ellis

I read of a man who stood to speak at a funeral of a friend.
He referred to the dates on the tombstone, from beginning... to the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke of the following date with tears,
but said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time they spent alive on earth
and now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.

So think about this long and hard; are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left that can still be rearranged.

To be less quick to anger and show appreciation more
and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile...
remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

So when your eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to rehash...
would you be proud of the things they say about how you lived your dash?

News from Bath & Wells Diocese

Ride+Stride for Churches

Putting your best foot and pedal forward to support our local churches and community.

This September, thousands of people across Somerset and the UK will be walking, peddling or riding their horses to support the annual **Ride+Stride** fundraising event. Somerset will be playing its part as well and we hope you will join us on **Saturday 14th September**. The *Somerset Churches Trust* is calling on people to get out in the wonderful sunshine to explore our beautiful countryside, make new friends and help support the work of the charity to protect our churches, chapels and places of worship. Plus this year, 50% of the money you raise will be given back to the parish or charity that you nominate.

The *Somerset Churches Trust* (charity number 1055840) is a non-denominational charity which gives grants to churches and chapels across the county of Somerset. They provide help with repairs to the main fabric of the building, but also improvement works such as better access, kitchens and other facilities that will keep the building at the heart of the community. Since the Trust was founded in 1996 (then called the Friends of Somerset Churches and Chapels), they have given away over £740,000 to over 400 churches and chapels across the county- £34,500 to 15 churches in the last financial year.

Ride+Stride 2019 was officially launched by the Right Revd Peter Hancock, Bishop of Bath and Wells, and the Right Revd Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton. Would you like to join them by running your own local walk or ride? Getting involved couldn't be easier. You can walk, cycle or horse ride between churches in our parish.

As we have a few others things planned ourselves for the 14th September, St Peter and St Pauls will not be running an event, but as usual, our church will be open to visitors.



Churches play a vital role in the community, supporting members of the congregation and the many groups and clubs which may depend on the local church's facilities to host their weekly or monthly activities.

Remember, 50% money raised will be gratefully used by the Trust to sustain our wonderful churches and 50% will be given back to the parish or charity that you nominate, meaning it is a win-win situation for everyone.

For more information about taking part in **Ride+Stride** or setting up a ride or event in your area, please call Michael Auton on 07862 253514 or email michaelautonconsultany@gmail.com.

September will be Royal Editorial for RUH Will Month 2019

It is extremely important that local residents in the catchment area of the Royal United Hospitals, Bath are up to date with their wills to allow for organised and sound financial planning for the future and providing peace of mind to everyone. To encourage this, professional local legal firms are teaming up with the RUH's Forever Friends Appeal and donating their writing fees to the charity.

During September 2019 and by popular demand the RUH Will Month will return. This fundraising initiative provides an opportunity for the local community to work with professional solicitors to write or update their Wills knowing that all fees will be donated to the Forever Friends Appeal to help the RUH to continue the high quality care that patients of the hospital receive.

In addition, the cost to have your Will written professionally through the scheme has been reduced significantly to a cost of £100 for a single standard Will and £150 for two standard Mirror Wills or Joint Wills. The client may also request to have their fees donated to a specific area of the hospital which may hold special meaning to them, their family or friends.

This is the fifth consecutive year that the RUH Will Month has been running with substantially impressive funds being raised every year for the charity. The Forever Friends Appeal hopes that many local residents will get involved in the scheme and help raise money towards various projects across the hospital. This will ensure the upmost quality of care for its patients and the support for their families across the region.

Numbers for the campaign are limited and applications fill up fast, so don't delay. For an information leaflet or any enquiries please contact Jan.witt@nhs.net or tel 01225 825819 or visit www.foreverfriendsappeal.co.uk for a list of the participating solicitors.

The Hospital of St Cross & Almshouse of Noble Poverty 'England's Oldest Almshouse' Vacancies for Brothers

The Hospital, founded in 1132, is home to 25 retired laymen ('Brothers') and applications are welcomed. A registered Charity with a Christian foundation, the Hospital is situated a mile south of Winchester. Each Brother lives independently and occupies a flat which he furnishes himself. Further information and an application form are obtainable from:

Clerk to the Trustees, Hospital of St Cross Winchester, SO23 9SD

Tel: 01962 878218

E-mail: clerk@hospitalofstcross.co.uk

www.hospitalofstcross.co.uk

Registered Charity No.202751



Celebration and joy at Pilgrim Worship in Yeovil and Taunton

More than 240 children have taken part in three Pilgrim Worship events at Holy Trinity Church Yeovil and St Mary's Taunton. This is the first time such an event has been held in Yeovil and reflects the growing number of schools and pupils now taking part in Pilgrim Worship.

The events are an opportunity to gather together children from years 4 and 6 who are moving on to new schools, with staff from our church school family, so that together we can celebrate the children's church school experience; and send them off on the next stage of their educational journey, confident that God is always with them.

The events are based on the theme of pilgrimage and the journey through school, as well as life. They have been designed by the diocesan Education team and clergy to celebrate God's love and care for the children now and in the future.

Pilgrim Worship events are also an opportunity to welcome children and staff from our church school community to worship together as they take time to look back, be thankful and rejoice in the children's time with the school and encourage them to look forward with hope and expectation.

Each school brought with them their school banner. During the event each child visited four stations in the church and took part in worship activities at each one. The day ended with closing worship during which one child and adult from each school collected a blessed candle to take back to school with them.



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Our Diocese website has all sorts of useful information on it regarding the Christian faith.

Do take the time to have a look and explore for yourself on what your Diocese is doing and what support it can provide.

North Curry Bellringers, Darren Woodyer writes

The Bell Tower Appeal

Last month, you may remember I came with some worrying news that our bells and all of the mechanics behind them.

I came with cap in hand and explained that this was not going to be a cheap or easy project but we needed to start looking into raising money to replace everything to do with the bells.

With uncertainty in the air at the moment with politics and the "B" word I totally understand that people are nervous about donating to new causes, especially when it is such a large sum of money that needs to be raised.

Well I am delighted to report that the people of North Curry and the surrounding area have been very generous and supportive. The first part of this project is for us to get a detailed survey done of the bells and the tower. This is done by a specialist structural engineer. This will cost approximately £1,500 and we have nearly raised that amount already.

This survey will reveal more detail into the state of the frame and bells but more importantly what we can put in its place. It will take a little time to organise, as the surveyor who does this style of report is very busy at the moment, but I hope to have this booked and the report done before Christmas.

In the meantime I have been doing a lot of research into funding and where we can go for this. We have been fortunate over the past few years that a couple of large towers in the surrounding area have had their bells and frames replaced, and I have been able to talk to them about their fund raising. There is one tower though in particular which is within 10 miles of ours who have just placed an order for exactly what we are looking at doing. After speaking to the founders in great depth I am hoping that I will be able to use their format to help us raise the funds. The National Lottery will be one of the major elements in this project. Up until recently they were very cautious about granting funding for bells and restoration but this mindset has changed recently. I am also looking into another avenue which may interest companies. I am led to believe that donated sums by companies to a "charity" can be offset against their tax bill, but I need to get more advice upon it. However, if this is the case we shall be using a lot of ink and paper to convince local companies to help. We are also going to give the parish the opportunity to "Buy a Bell". This will be its title but you will be able to purchase from a nut and bolt through to one of the new bells and have it inscribed with what you want written on it. All donations will be logged in a special book with any message you would like to place in there and what you donated against. When this project is finished this book will then be stored in the church archives to show future generations what we did for the village.

There is still time to get involved and also to donate if you can. It doesn't matter if it's just a pound as every penny helps.

Why not come and give ringing a go. Practice Evenings: Monday, 7pm – 9pm.

Contact Darren, tower captain 07718 05907

email: gogrand siredoubles@gmail.com

For pictures and information please visit our website: www.northcurrybells.com

Filling the Vacancy, an update to our Church Members

Timetable and Procedure

The archdeacon met with many representatives of all four benefice PCCs on 16th July where he clearly outlined the procedure, and our PCC met on 18th July to discuss the vacancy in greater detail.

The interview panel will consist of the archdeacon, the area dean, the lay dean, a representative from Wells cathedral (our patron) and one or two members from each parish. Each parish may have up to two representatives who may be churchwardens but do not need to be so. The panel may therefore be twelve strong, but the area and lay deans are there to advise but not vote. All votes are equal.

The first task will be to look forward and discern what are needs are in the benefice and what kind of person will be needed to help us best serve God and our community. We should ask the wider community what they are looking for in priest also.

Then we need to produce a parish profile which must be accurate and forward looking with photos illustrating activities and people rather than just buildings. We need to be clear what we offer as well as what we want. Once we have agreed a parish and benefice profile, we shall need to ask the diocese to advertise in the Church Times.

Then there would be a short-listing process.

Interviews would be held after candidates have been shown the benefice and had chance to socialise one evening.

Once a suitable candidate is selected, the archdeacon will make an offer to the successful candidate which if accepted the bishop will then complete the formalities.

Usually a candidate already in a post will need to give three months notice. It is likely therefore that this process will take at least 9 months. At present the diocese has more than 30 vacancies to fill so there is competition for good candidates. It is important that all our websites etc are up to date and accurate, particularly when the advertising starts as enterprising candidates will be searching for information.

The cost of advertising and UK interview expenses will be borne by the benefice. However, costs associated with the vicarage and, in the interregnum, the cost of visiting clergy are borne by the diocese.

The wardens and panel members will post updates as to progress. If anyone has questions, please ask a warden.

David Akerman and Mary Piers, Churchwardens

10th BIG BASH is ALMOST HERE

The 10th Big Bash is almost upon us, Sunday August 25th (Bank Holiday weekend) is the date for your diaries. Preparations are being made and we are really looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible for this annual village extravaganza!!!

Tickets are still the same £15 p/p as they were at the first "Big Bash" back in 2009 and are available from Rich Perry on 490089, Midge 491278 or from the Post Office. Make sure you buy your tickets in **advance**, as only a limited number will be available on the gate.

Gate price will be £20...so get in there early as this will be a very popular event as always...

Soul Solution and Andrias Guerin are booked and ready for your entertainment, food is being planned and the liquid refreshments are chilling as I type.

This event brings the whole village together and all ages mix, chat, socialise and just have a good time, we are praying for good weather and yet another brilliant village event.

Get those tickets quick folks... see ya'll there!

The 10th

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Flower Festival Review, Lorraine Bryan-Brown writes

Our two day Flower Show in June attracted an estimated 500+ visitors.

The planning, design, ingenuity and artistic initiative of the displays were so enjoyed and appreciated by all who visited. Many complimentary messages were left in the suggestion box; here are just a few of them...

"We are overwhelmed with the beauty of the displays. Nature and humanity at their best."

"What a tremendous effort by everyone involved. I have never seen such a display of horticultural art in a church before. We are certainly a part of nature and not apart from it, as exemplified here."

"We thought it was all so imaginative and beautiful. The huge trees were most impressive and added to the garden feel."

"Wonderful and uplifting."

"Wish more churches would do this, as it helps to keep the community together."

My sincerest thanks to all that participated over the months leading to the exhibition; the last few days saw a frenetic effort in the church, bringing together so many people; sharing ideas, expertise and talent to achieve thoroughly unique and breathtaking displays.

Many thanks too to our sponsors, both financially and for the accessories that were kindly lent during the event. Most importantly, my thanks to the "behind the scene workers" without whom, the festival would not have been such a success. Special mention to our deputy warden Anne, who was always there to help and to turn her hand to anything that needed doing, including taking it all down and clearing away.

Flower Festival in pictures (a brief selection of images)



Over 50 photos on the Flower Festival can be obtained from the DVD, which is now on sale from the Post Office.

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Photos courtesy of Julian Comrie



Taunton Military Wives Choir

Singing songs, both popular and classical, from the time of the two World Wars right through to the modern era.

Saturday 14th September 7pm

at the Parish Church
(doors open 6:30pm)

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from 2nd September



Harvest Supper

Saturday 21st September

7pm for 7.30pm

at the Village Hall

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from 2nd September



Resurrection Choir of St Petersburg

Friday 18th October 7pm

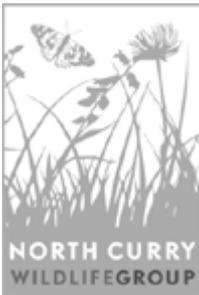
at the Parish Church
(doors open 6:30pm)

Tickets £10

on sale at the Post Office
from 16th September



Keep the above free for your diaries!



North Curry Wildlife Group

Hawks and owls at North Curry school.

On 18th June four classes gathered in the school hall to hear Chris Sperring from the Hawk and Owl Trust give a presentation; a specialist subject of his having been interested in the birds since he was just a few years old.

The children were particularly fascinated by Chris's ability to imitate all the different owl noises as well as many other birds songs. Pictures of many types of owl were show and stories of their habits and sightings in various locations were told. Chris asked many questions to find out what the children knew and the responses were enthusiastic. Asked how many had seen a barn owl the hands shot up of about 75% of those present– an indication that this comparatively rare species is alive and well around North Curry.

Question time after the presentation was a lively affair with more than half of the 100 + present wanting to ask something, so many that those wanting to ask more than one question had to be curtailed as time was running out.

Tim Spotswood from the North Curry Wildlife Group thanked Chris for coming and giving such a knowledgeable talk. The Wildlife Group had sponsored the visit and hopes to continue to encourage the school to take an ongoing interest in wildlife by providing such things as bird boxes around the school grounds.



Home insurance

Ecclesiastical Insurance, the insurance company we use at the church, pride themselves on providing honest and specialist insurance for those associated with the church, and their home insurance is no different.

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To get a quote, speak to one of their team who will be happy to help:

0345 777 3322 - Lines are open 8am – 6pm, Monday to Friday.

Tea break!

Bored this holiday?

Get into shape with...these geometry anagrams:

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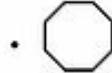
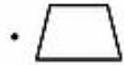
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Go on act

Dance Good

Draw a line to match each shape.



Does this image look as though it is vibrating to you?

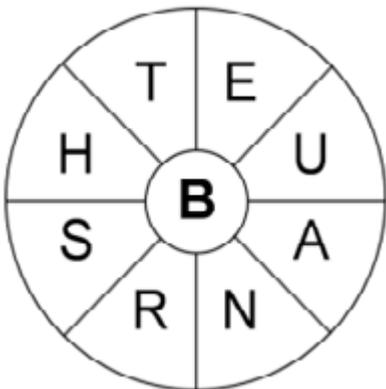


Learning objective: Match identical shapes

Where can you always find money?
In the dictionary.

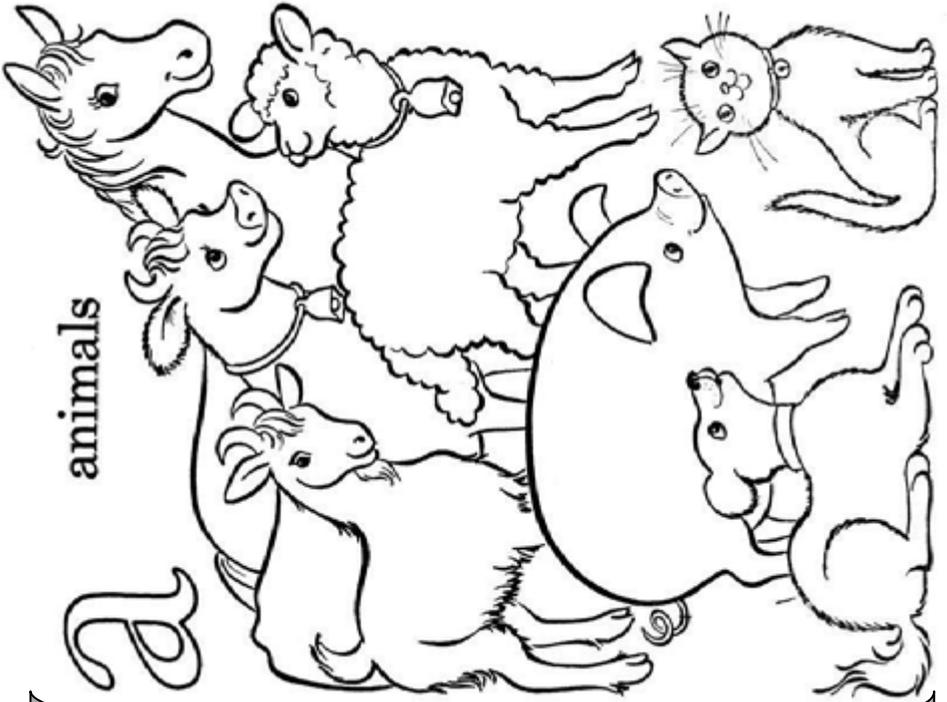
Sudoku... can you solve this puzzle?

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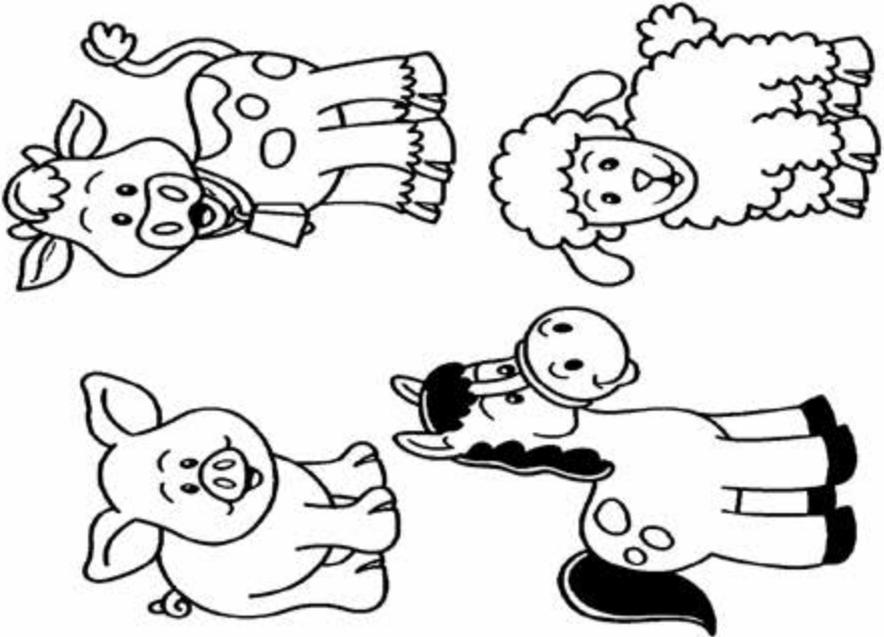
Wordwheel:

Find the hidden 9 letter word, and test yourself on how many other words you make in 5 minutes. You can only use a letter once, and this must include the letter at the centre of the wheel. Challenge your friends!



animals

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The Somerset Village Agent project is run by the Community Council for Somerset (CCS) and now covers half of the county



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Village Agents help to bridge the gap between isolated, excluded, vulnerable and lonely individuals & statutory and/or voluntary organisations which offer specific solutions to identified needs.

Please contact Linda if you or someone you know would benefit from her support.

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Email: linda@somersetccc.org.uk



Appeals for help from you...

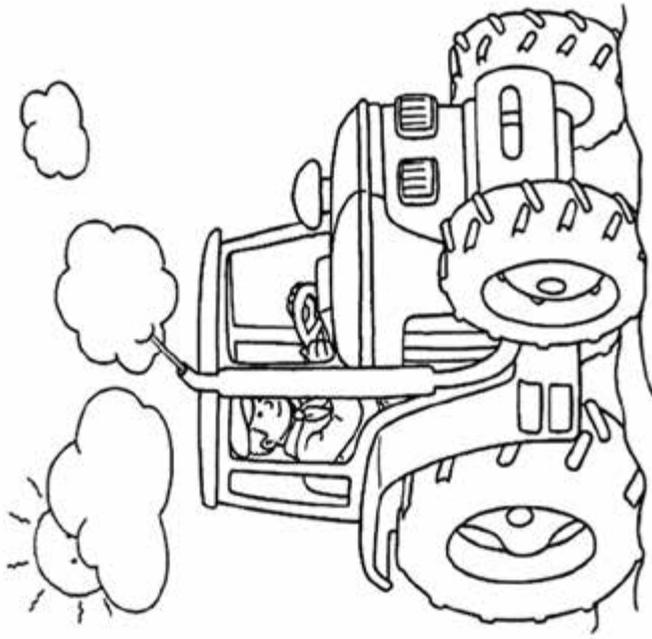
Somerset Sight is a local charity, established 100 years ago this year to support the blinded and sight impaired soldiers returning from WWI. We still have an important role to play! We are looking for new Volunteer Visitors, people who visit sight impaired people at home, to engage in conversation and to offer them an opportunity to get and about once a fortnight. I am a volunteer myself and have found it a very rewarding role. No experience is necessary, as full training will be given before placing you with a person to support. Please contact Sandra Harris on 01823 333818 for a no obligations chat to find out more about how you could help. Thank you!

What does being in debt feel like?

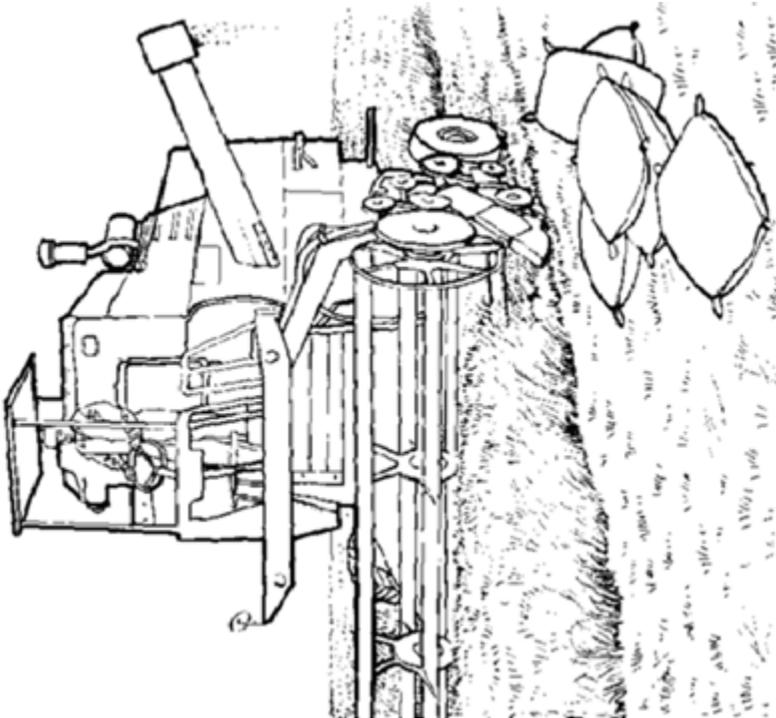
Fearful, desperate, their world out of control and in a state of chaos, this is how people experiencing the blight of personal indebtedness are described by the local charity Taunton Area Debt Advice. TADA helps people from all walks of life by providing a free, unconditional, non-judgmental, fully confidential advice and practical support to help them become debt free.

Martin Ingrams, our local postman, is a Trustee and says "We put people back on their feet. We sort out the jumbled chaos of debt to understand where they are. We take the burden of the problems off their shoulders by being a shield from the threatening letters and telephone calls. We give them a plan, make arrangements and negotiate agreements. Then they have hope, they have structure. They can see life beyond the spiral of debt. They have a future".

TADA is supported by local churches, but offers its free debt advice to people of faith or no faith at all. The TADA Debt Advisers are regulated and authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority. People can gain access to this free support by going to the web site www.tauntonareadebtadvice.uk or calling the helpline 07921 526087. TADA is a member of Community Money Advice which is a national charity with 1300 volunteers working in 160 debt advice centres across the United Kingdom.



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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 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 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.

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.

Planned Giving and 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. 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.

One off donations can be made anytime – cheques payable to North Curry PCC, and can be mailed to the Church address – see inside back for details.

“Your days are numbered. Use them to throw open the windows of your soul to the sun. If you do not, the sun will soon set, and you with it.”

— Marcus Aurelius

“Show me the money!” — Jerry McGuire

Register of:

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals (February 2019 - July 2019)

We ask for God's Blessing on all the following

Baptisms

Edward Tommy Tucker, Andrew George Tratt

William Matthew Daniel Perry

May 2019

Imogen Ruby Wilson

June 2019

Weddings

Robert McKinlay/ Ceri Morgan

April 2019

Matthew Walker/ Philipa Wilcox

May 2019

Funerals

Michael Dennis, Merryl Rowe

February 2019

Leslie Stenson, Jeffery Pipe

March 2019

Gordon Bowey

April 2019

Muriel Mudie, Avril Madeley, Michael Griffiths

June 2019

Church Opening and Closing Rota

Sunday, week commencing during August 2019

4th * Robin Rudman

11th

Mike Baker

18th * John de Winton

25th

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Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come;

thy will be done;

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation;

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

the power and the glory,

for ever and ever.

Amen.

Tea break:

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Triangle, Rectangle

Hexagon (6 sides), Octagon (8 sides)

Dodecagon (12 sides)

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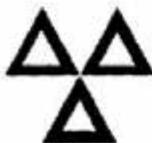
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