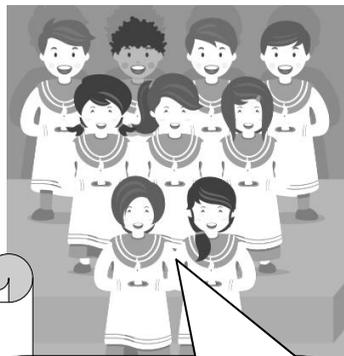


**ST. PETER & ST. PAUL
NORTH CURRY WITH WRANTAGE**

Celebrating Christingle 50 YEARS

**50TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE
SUNDAY 3RD 4PM
FEBRUARY 2019**



Children's Activity Day

Half Term week – lots of fun!

Tuesday 19th February in the Church
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Free to all, refreshments provided

Volunteers are required to help with the various activities. See page 12 for more details.

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Church Diary Events for 2019 – February-May

Sunday, 3rd February, Christingle Service 4pm (50th anniversary)

Tuesday, 19th February, Children's Activity Day

Saturday, 2nd March, Quiz Night

Saturday, 9th March, Violin/ Cello Concert

Saturday, 23rd March, Church clean-up Day

Sunday, 21st April, Easter

Tuesday, 23rd April, Tardito Concert

Saturday, 18th May, Christian Aid morning, Methodist Church garden

Sunday, 26th May, Rogation Sunday, Walks and various Benefice services

Produce Market, first Saturday of every month - next date: 2nd February

School Holiday Terms

Half Term 16th – 24th February

Easter 6th – 22nd April

Half Term 25th May – 2nd June

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Editor's comments

This month sees the start of the Chinese New Year, the Year of the Pig, and commences on 5th February. The Pig is the twelfth of the 12-year cycle of animals that appear in the Chinese zodiac.

Inside this month's issue, we have a review of our Christmas Services, Tim Hill provides a history of the Wassail, and we investigate the building work on the north churchyard boundary. Plus a detailed review of our finances for 2018, welcome to the February issue of our magazine!

Courtesy of Phil Stone, who provided this photo and the mistletoe, our lych gate was transformed

into a welcoming display for those visiting the church during the Christmas Services.



Announcements/ News in Brief

Congratulations to our January 200 Club Winners

1st Prize - £30: Sue Ashton

2nd Prize - £20: Mike Fleming, 3rd Prize - £10: Mike Baker

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. Please remember to update your standing order from £12 to £18!

The Produce Market, 2nd February, 9.30am-11.30am could promise some special deals. The kitchen will be open throughout, serving bacon butties and hot drinks. See you there!

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 Curry 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.

Roberto Tardito - European Tour 2019

First performance of his tour starts at North Curry, 23rd April



As many of you will know, Sally Brooker took a nasty tumble during the Christmas period, and we are pleased to report that she is recovering well. Sally though, felt she must express her gratitude, and offers a “big thank you” to family, friends and Tony her husband, for all the gifts, well wishes and support she has received. Very much appreciated to all.

Our Health and Safety policy has been updated. See page 31.

The PCC (the Parochial Church Council) has decided after many years to drop the issue price of the magazine from the April edition – however, an annual delivery charge of £6 (which works out at 50p/issue) will continue, for those that would like it delivered and have a guaranteed copy. The print run will continue for now at 200 copies, so any undelivered issues will be available to collect from the church for free, on a first come basis. Anyone that had paid this year’s annual fee for the magazine can ask to have their money refunded if they no longer wish to have it delivered.

We thank all of those that deliver our magazine, and on its behalf, have collected the fees due. Your commitment through rain and shine is truly appreciated.

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 kinds and it is a really important resource. The next visit is on 27th February.

Please do support it; it’s another “use it or lose it” situation.

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

Little Angels, Toddlers Club and Pram Service. Every 2nd Thursday in the month at the church. Look forward to welcoming you there to meet other parents and their children.

Reprints of Angela Dix’s “A Short History” on the church are now available from our literature section.

New Boundary Fence to Churchyard

Work on the new boundary fence to the north section of the extended churchyard started in January.

Here we see the early works of Tom Jeanes, removing the old chainlink fence and replacing it with a wooden post and rail fence.



In October 2018, we received a £10,000 grant from the Big Lottery Fund against an estimated cost of £14,500 to repair the various boundaries

to the north side of the church. Along with



replacing the chainlink fences and stile, the grant will go towards repointing the stone wall and to investigate the slippage and crumbling affects.



The Rev'd John Tyler writes

My Dear Friends,

I am writing this on the Feast of the Epiphany, when the Church celebrates the Wise Men, led by a Star, arriving to worship the baby Jesus. Stars are in the news at the time of my writing, with a Chinese probe having landed and taken photos on the far side of the moon and other 'space exploration' projects zipping round the solar system (and beyond, for all I know and care – Ah ! There's the grumpy old man shedding his bland disguise), trying to discover signs of life or conditions that could support human life WHY? Are we looking for more ecosystems to pillage and exploit and drive towards extinction? More planets to pollute? More worlds to litter with plastic? Do we really want to live in a century which sees the first MacDonaldis open in another solar system?

A few mornings ago I went out early to walk the dog and witnessed the most beautiful sky: The Dawn Glow was growing almost imperceptibly in the East and hanging further up in the sky was the bright sliver of the last of the Waning Moon. Her two horns pointed to Venus, the Morning Star, shining like a visible Blessing.. (The observant among you – like our Editor – will have noticed that emotion has caused me to break out in a rash of Capitals). It was magnificent and if it hadn't been so cold I would have wanted to linger for half an hour . . . Later I saw a picture taken by the Chinese probe of the surface of the far side of the moon (few capitals here). It looked, frankly, like a bit of particularly inept and decayed outhouse plasterwork, pockmarked, dusty and uneven. As far as I am concerned when I raise my eyes to the heavens, 'distance lends enchantment to the view.' I don't know that I go as far as Alexander Pope, when he said:

“Know then thyself; presume not heaven to scan;
The proper study of mankind is Man.”

But I must admit I think he had a point Has anyone computed how many Trillions of £s and \$s are spent on 'Space Programmes'? How many brilliant minds are taken up with it? How much in the way of valuable and irreplaceable resources? Have we stopped to think how different this planet might be if all these had been devoted to making this World that we have been given a cleaner, safer, more equitable place with sustainable agriculture, sensible and fair distribution of food and all other resources, technologies to combat climate change and other global crises, responsible generation of safe, clean, renewable Energy? The Wise Men with eyes raised to the Heavens followed the Star; the end of their Quest was a poor mother with a tiny vulnerable baby housed in a hovel. They were brought down to earth with a bump. Is there a message here for our time? Would less excited exploration of the universe mean

that more human mothers and children would exist in less deplorable, more acceptable, conditions?

The trouble is, when we ask these questions, we are met with a blank stare and the response, "But it's Scientific Research." End of argument? A few centuries ago the question-stopper might have been, "But it's Orthodox Doctrine" In fact 'Scientific Research' is not a 'Good in itself'; it is morally neutral. Scientific research can be good, bad, wasteful, beneficial, misguided, exploitative And the by-products of the 'Space programme'? I would willingly give all the Teflon coating of non-stick frying pans and saucepans, in exchange for fewer homeless sleeping rough on our city-streets, and less need for Food Banks locally. Wouldn't you?

I'm not sure the story of the Magi isn't deeply ironic: They arrived very late and asked the stupidest, most dangerous (for them, and for the Bethlehem Baby) question possible in Jerusalem. A female friend has pointed out that their gifts (which may have been 'sacred gifts of mystic meaning') have all the signs of those men who – after 350 possible shopping days - pick up their Christmas presents for nearest and dearest at Filling Stations on Christmas Eve. "If they had been Wise Women instead of Wise Men they would have given Mary and the Child 2 doz. Terry Towelling Nappies, 6 Babygrows and a Hot Water Bottle . . . "She observed sardonically.

There, I've had my say; and my rant is not a result of Twelfth Night excess. But, if the Editor approves, should not other people be allowed their say too, and tell me how wrong I am? What about a correspondence page? If space is an issue, why not limit remarks to 100 words, or 50? Has anyone been counting the question-marks in this Letter??

Every Blessing and Good Wishes,

John Tyler

That could be 19? This particular editor would welcome feedback from anyone wishing to reply to John's thoughts – please keep responses to a maximum of 100 words.

LENT COURSE : JESUS BEFORE CHRISTIANITY

It is proposed to have a further five sessions deepening our knowledge of the Bible, and the Gospels in particular, on March 11th, 18th, 25th and April 1st and 8th.

The same arrangements as last time,
and further details in your next Magazine.

These sessions will be chaired by Revd John Tyler

The Christmas season comes to a conclusion, 3rd February



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.

Christmas Services Review, by Jenny Satchwell

We were very pleased to see so many participating in our Christmas Season – thank you to you all for making our celebration of praise and prayers, music, flowers, and refreshments, all come to life in such vivid splendour to our Lord.

The Season started with the Carol Service on 16th December, based on the King's College Nine Lessons and Carols Service. This was well attended, with the lessons read by a wide variety of local people and the music led by an augmented choir.

At 5pm on Christmas Eve, we held the Crib Service where an estimated 400 people made their way up the candle lit path, to the sound of bells being rung by local bell ringers (including some children). As well as young families, it was wonderful and encouraging to see so many 20-40 yr olds, back with their parents, especially the contingent from Canada. From my place by the organ, the most moving part must have been looking down the Church at everyone singing by candlelight – a link with centuries past. We raised the rafters that evening with our singing.

Lastly that evening, another full church attended the midnight mass, where worshippers this time were welcomed by a brass quartet. Many thanks to them and to the Archdeacon of Taunton, who led the service. The morning service on Christmas Day was another joyous occasion, again well attended, and we thank those who officiated, Ralph Roberts and the Revd John Tyler, along with Eileen Kearns and Helen Griffiths who accompanied on the organ.

We are grateful to all those whom generously donated during the services, and are pleased to confirm that £350 was raised at the crib service. This will be split between two charities -- Embrace (who work with children the Middle East) and The Children's Society (for their work with disadvantaged children in the UK).

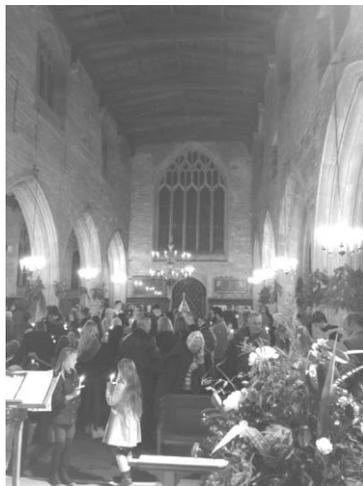
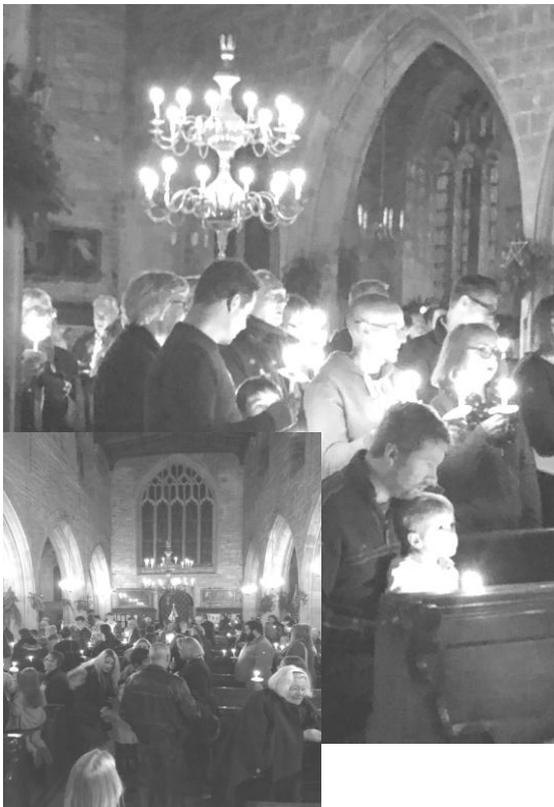
It was lovely to see you at these special services but please remember that the church is there for you throughout the year. Open every day during daylight hours, for quiet reflection or if you have pre-schoolers in your family, a romp in the children's corner.

Crib Service 2018

A congregation in excess of 400 gathered for the Crib Service.

We are grateful to Matt Finch for supplying these fantastic photos of the service.

(A Colour version can be seen inside the church on the display board).



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



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Living the story. Telling the story.

Taking care of God's gift

This Lent as a diocese we will be thinking in different ways about what it means to care for the world in which we live. Our care for the environment and for all that God has created is an obligation for us as Christians and part of our response to the gospel.

Reference is sometimes made to the Five Marks of Mission and one aspect of mission is 'to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.' What we now know about climate change and the impact we humans make on the world we live in, means that it is imperative that we take this responsibility seriously. The Earth is our home. It is beautiful beyond words. It is God's gift to us and so we must take care of it! The Psalmist reminds us that: 'The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.' (Psalm 24:1)

Former President Barack Obama stated: "For the sake of our children and our future, we must do more to combat climate change ... we must act before it's too late." He was not seeking to be alarmist in saying this, he was reminding us that climate change is already affecting agriculture, water resources, forests, wildlife, and coastal areas and also having a serious detrimental impact on human health.

We do need to be more responsible, more faithful and more diligent in the way we care for God's creation for a number of reasons. Firstly, a clean environment is essential for healthy living. Secondly, as the overall temperature of Earth's atmosphere and oceans increases so too does the frequency of dangerous weather patterns and devastating storms. We are stewards of what God has given us and we have a responsibility for future generations and we cannot deny that the way we live is stoking up problems for our children, grandchildren and all who follow after us. Biodiversity, the variety of plants, animals, and other living things in our world, is important and we know that human activities are having a negative impact on it. Finally, it matters because the way we treat the environment also mirrors the way we treat each other. Mahatma Gandhi the Indian civil rights activist once said: "What we are doing to the forests of the world is a mirror reflection of what we are doing to ourselves and to one another."

So what might it look like to show that we care about the environment? I have found these three simple words helpful as I have thought about this. The three Rs: reduce, reuse, and recycle. Those are three words we might think about this Lent.

With warm greetings,

The Right Revd Peter Hancock
Bishop of Bath and Wells

Grand North Curry Quiz

Saturday 2nd March,

in the Village Hall 7pm for prompt 7.30pm start

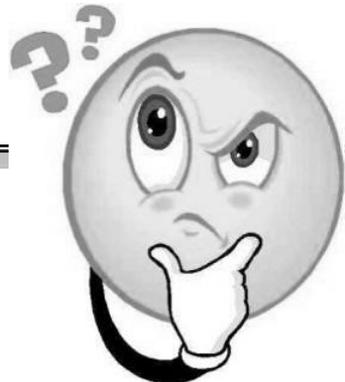
Teams of 6, £10 per person.

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)



Children's Activity Day – 19th February

Running from 10am-12.00pm, including visits to the bell tower between 10.15am to 11.15am.

Have a go at bell ringing, hand bells or trying to play the organ. As usual, the science table, crafts tables and messy play will also be available. Lots to do, to amuse and make, with a story at the end! Yay!

This is free to join, and open to all children, but please accompany pre-school age children.

Last term break, around 25 children attended our craft and activity day, where the emphasis is on FUN, but the children also get the chance to learn whilst they play. And parents get to join in too if they so desire.

Volunteers are always required and welcome, so if you are able to assist in anyway, please contact Jenny Satchwell on 01823 490463.

Free Refreshments provided. We look forward to seeing you there.

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New Electoral Roll 2019

It's that time again! Every six years, a new Electoral Roll is compiled. Signing up on the Electoral Roll means you can take part in the decisions affecting the Church, and can also allow you to stand for the Parochial Church Council. In essence, you have a voice...

On Sunday 3rd March, notice of the preparation of the New Electoral Roll will be displayed in the Church porch. Application Forms will be available in the Church and from PCC members.

The last date for inclusion in the new Roll will be Sunday 31st March, and the new list will be displayed from Saturday 13th April. No new members may be added from this date until after the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which is on Sunday 28th April.

If you would like more information, please speak with the Electoral Roll Officer, Jenny Satchwell, on 01823 490463.

The Countess of Munster Musical Trust

in association with John Simpson

presents a recital by **IONEL MANCIU (Violin) and LEO POPPLEWELL (Cello)**

North Curry Parish Church

Saturday 9th March

7pm (doors open 6:30pm)

Unreserved seats

Tickets **£10** on sale
from 1st February

at **North Curry Post Office**
or at the door on the night



The Countess of Munster Musical Trust supports outstanding young professional musicians by grants to further their studies and loans to purchase instruments. It also runs a recital scheme.

Musicians are auditioned and about twenty outstanding performers are allowed about ten recitals each funded by the Munster Trust. A number of music societies belong to this scheme and are offered one recital a year funded by the trust. The Revd Canon John Simpson has been dealing with the Trust for about 40 years

Ionel Manciu is from Moldova. He is an international performer having performed in the Wigmore Hall, the Barbican, in Porto, Salzburg and Bucharest. Ionel has recently performed in the Carnegie Hall New York and played Shostakovitch's Violin concerto No1 at the Barbican.

Leo Popplewell was a music scholar at Eton and then studied at Clare College Cambridge. He now has a scholarship to study at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. He was principal cellist in the National Youth Orchestra. Leo has played in orchestras as part of the Proms. As a soloist he has played concertos by Haydn, Brahms and Schumann with orchestras in this country and also the Elgar Cello concerto in West Road Concert Hall, one of Cambridge's premiere music venues.

It will be an interesting programme for violin and cello in solo and in duet including music by Bach, Ysaye and Kodaly, with an attractive opener for the duo by Boccherini, and to finish the Passacaglia by Handel, arranged Halvorsen.



Wassail – 25th January

Last month, the village celebrated its Wassail. If you are new to the area, and don't know what a Wassail is, Tim Hill explains.

The Wassail Festival is now a celebration of apples, orchards and the New Year. This year event was part of a seasonal celebration coordinated by the village Wildlife Group, involving the school and village around the theme of celebrating where we live. Its aim was to bring people together, engaging them with ideas around a sense of place, sustainability, gardening, food and combining art, cooking, education, feasting and fun. It also brought different generations together and marked our connections with the land.

The celebratory arts are essential arts; they help us at the key times of our lives, like weddings, funerals, and can help individuals and communities in time of change. These arts can be sensual, vernacular art, 'people' arts, practical yet magical, playing with joy and danger, making you dance and cry, and raising the hairs on the back of your neck. Outdoor celebrations are also elemental; they can connect us to the rhythms of the natural worlds, with the seasons and with a sense of awe, wonder and delight

Somerset is especially rich in traditions like carnival, bonfire night, fairs and wassails. The county has a fascinating history of such celebrations, ranging from making masks and hollowing out pumpkins for a local Halloween party to the vast scale of carnival and bonfire night. Events like these are important because they bring people together, connecting them with their communities, with the seasons and where they live. They bring out people's creativity and ability to work together and involve arts that are for and include everyone.

The word Wassail comes from the Old English greeting for 'be in good health', a toast offered at special times like Christmas to which the reply is 'Drinc hail', which means 'drink good health'. This toast usually accompanied the passing of a wassail cup, either around the table or from house to house.

Many songs accompanied this tradition, like the wassail song collected by Cecil Sharpe from Henry Richards in Curry Rivel in 1908 and still sung at the Twelfth Night Wassail in the King William pub there:

Wassail, Wassail all over the town
The cup it is white, the ale it is brown
The cup it is made from the good old ashen tree

From the sixteenth century we start to get accounts of people wassailing orchards, crops and animals. By the nineteenth century it seems that apple trees and orchards were the focus, centred in traditional orchard counties, Hereford, Kent, Devon and of course Somerset. The date for wassailing apple trees varies widely, being Christmas Eve in some areas, to Twelfth Night Eve in others. New Year's Day in the morning was the traditional time for "Apple Howling" when boys beat the trees with willow rods and chanted rhymes. In many areas, people drink to the trees on 17th January which corresponds to 6th January before the calendar was changed in England in 1752. A whole vocabulary evolved for these wassails, songs, pouring cider over tree roots, hanging cider soaked toast in the trees, Wassail queens and more. Firing off shotguns and making a noise is common place. Noise is an important part of celebration; it is a scarifier, what Mercier Eliade called "the anti demonic magic of noise".

People often refer to traditions like wassailing, mummers, obby osses as 'pagan'. Of course there have always been ceremonies and rituals to celebrate the



seasons and ensure health and good harvest. However, most of our celebratory traditions evolved during our time as a Christian country, with no direct links to our very distant pagan past. They came from a time when there was a very different sense of custom and faith and in many ways, we were a less inhibited people.

The traditional apple tree wassail song is often

Here stands a good old apple tree
Stand fast root stand fast bough
Each little twig bear an apple big
And each bough an apple now

To blow well and to bear well
merrily let us be.
Let everyone drink their cup
And health to the old apple tree

And is followed by the toast
Bud blossom, bloom and bear,
ready to bear
So that we may have apples and
cider next year
Hat hull, cap full, three big bags full
and a little heap under the stairs
Cider running out gutter holes
Hip Hip Hurrah



Stoke St. Gregory Parish Church

SHROVE TUESDAY SUPPER

(Selection of Hot Food, bring your own drink)

TUESDAY 5TH MARCH @ 7.30pm, at the Church Room

Talk By Dr. Robert Dunning on
Old Somerset Newspapers

Tickets £10.00

Please add name to list in the church or telephone
01823 490508 or 490750

Please notify any dietary needs when booking
Proceeds for SSG Church Funds



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 high 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.

The Coffee Shop is a venue for exhibitions by local artists and crafts people. There is a wide selection of second hand books, arts and crafts, cards and jewellery for sale.

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

Opening hours time 10am – 5.00pm, Tuesday to Sunday.

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North Curry W.I, Jill Cox reports

After a 'little light exercise' at our meeting last month - (well done to our girls from Fivehead who won the curling competition) - we may be left wondering if February's meeting could take on a similar vein. Our speaker is an expert on the history of Burlesque and has promised us a fun and

interactive afternoon! As we are also celebrating our 91st year with a special birthday tea it should prove an enjoyable and interesting event! Later that week several of our members join other W.I's for a Literary Lunch at Somerset County Cricket Club with two local crime writers as guest speakers, whilst later in the month is our own much enjoyed annual Winter Lunch.

A date for your diaries next month – on Saturday 23rd March (12noon-2.00pm) – we are again running the ever popular 'SOUP AND PUD LUNCH'. There will be a wide variety of appetising and warming soups on offer as well as a delicious selection of puddings – all made by our members – do come along. You must have heard by now of your W.I's reputation for homemade fare!

Half way through the editorial and the new churchyard boundary fence is starting to take shape...

Tom continues (albeit with a smidgen of assistance from the editor!) the construction with great diligence and efficiency – with all the prowess of a



badger and the stamina of a thoroughbred, each post hole is dug by hand to a spade's length depth. Each rail measured and set straight – every angle and gradient checked and assessed. Keep it up chaps, we might see if finished before the end of the magazine... The PCC thank John Hembrow for allowing access and use of his field whilst work was undertaken.

[Photos courtesy of Heather Jeanes]

North Curry Bellringers

We are a friendly bunch, and look forward to welcoming new faces. Practice Evenings on a Monday, 7pm – 9pm. Contact Darren, tower captain 07718 05907 email:gograndsiredoubles@gmail.com

For pictures, and more information, please visit their new website
<https://gograndsiredoubles.wixsite.com/northcurrybells>

Investing in the Individual

John 15:5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

You are invited to join me for a series on monthly gatherings on

Monday 14th January – 7.30pm to 9.00pm

Monday 11th February - 7.30pm to 9.00pm

Monday 11th March - 7.30pm to 9.00pm

All at Holy Trinity, Bridgwater from 7.30pm to 9.00pm



- Purpose:** Equipping: Enabling: Encouraging: Envisioning:
How: Looking at areas of life such as - Prayer: Discipleship:
Evangelism: Leadership: Work: Geared around those who would like to come along
- What:** A series on monthly gatherings to look at how we intentionally grow as followers of Jesus and how this makes a difference where we are. Come to one or all the sessions.
- Who:** Open to anyone who would like to grow in their faith, mission and ministry.
It's for equipping the local church in its own mission and ministry
It's to help grow the kingdom

For more information please contact



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Produce Market

Village Hall

Saturday 2nd February 9.30am-11.30am

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

North Curry and District Amateur Gardeners, by Heather Williams



On top and almost in control

Our first meeting of 2019 will be on Thursday 7th February when our speaker will be Timothy Walker with his talk "On top and almost in control".

With Spring just around the corner and the nettles already sneaking up, it's good to think that this subject might just put us ahead of the game!

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month in the Pavilion of the Greenway Playing Fields at 7.45 for 8.00pm. New members and guests are always welcome so come and join us for the talk and stay for coffee and a chat afterwards.



North Curry Flower Festival

29th/30th June at North Curry Church

Contact Lorraine Bryan Brown
To get involved in any way
01823 491665

This year's theme is Book Titles

And we hope to make this year's event
as spectacular as last year's



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 welcomed.

Table set up time: 8.00am-9.00am / 11.30am-12.00pm to put away.

Open to the public: 9.30am - 11.30am

Anne Williams, 01823 490319

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 14th February and 28th February & a final date to be determined. To book please email: Allie.White@bathwells.anglican.org or ring: 01749 670777 ext 254

Benefice of Athelney – Service Rota February – 2019

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| 3rd February | THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST (Candlemas) | | |
| 08.00 | North Curry | Holy Communion | Rev'd John Tyler |
| 09.30 | Lyng | Service of the Word | Ralph Roberts |
| 10.00 | North Curry | Eucharist +Banns | Rev'd John Tyler |
| 11.00 | Stoke St Gregory | Morning Prayer | Rev'd Martin Mudie |
| 16.00 | North Curry | Christingle Service | Rev'd John Tyler |
| <i>6th February</i> | <i>(Wednesday)</i> | | |
| 17.00 | Stoke St Gregory | Evening Prayer | Dr Jane Sutton |

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| 10th February | THE FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT (Proper 1) | | |
| 08.00 | Stoke St Gregory | Holy Communion | Rev'd John Tyler |
| 09.30 | Burrowbridge | Holy Communion | Rev'd John Tyler |
| 10.00 | North Curry | Morning Prayer | Ralph Roberts |
| 11.00 | Stoke St Gregory | Eucharist | Rev'd John Tyler |
| <i>13th February</i> | <i>(Wednesday)</i> | | |
| 17.00 | Stoke St Gregory | Evening Prayer | Dr Jane Sutton |
| <i>14th February</i> | <i>(Thursday)</i> | | |
| 10.00 | North Curry | Little Angels | Jenny Satchwell |

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| 17th February | THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT (Proper 2) | | |
| 08.00 | North Curry | Holy Communion | Rev'd Martin Mudie |
| 10.00 | Stoke St Gregory | UBS Eucharist | The Ven. Simon Hill |
| <i>20th February</i> | <i>(Wednesday)</i> | | |
| 17.00 | Stoke St Gregory | Evening Prayer | Dr Jane Sutton |

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| 24th February | THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT | | |
| 09.30 | Burrowbridge | Morning Prayer | Ralph Roberts |
| 10.00 | North Curry | Eucharist | Rev'd Martin Mudie |
| 11.00 | Stoke St Gregory | Eucharist | Rev'd Morey Andrews |
| <i>27th February</i> | <i>(Wednesday)</i> | | |
| 17.00 | Stoke St Gregory | Evening Prayer | Dr Jane Sutton |

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| 3rd March | THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT | | |
| 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 |
| 11.00 | Stoke St Gregory | Morning Prayer | Dr Robert Dunning |

Julie Felix is coming to North Curry in 2019

**She is giving a concert
at the Village Hall
on Saturday 6th 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 1st 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**



NORTH CURRY SOCIETY

Chairman:
Alan Billinghamurst

Wednesday, 13th February

7.30pm

North Curry Village Hall

Further childhood reflections by Peter Tinney

Retired farmer Peter Tinney returns to give our February talk, reflecting on his growing up on the family farm in Wedmore. Members may remember

Pete's talk to the Society in 2014, since when he has been interviewed by broadcaster Debra Hearne in the Windrose Rural Reality project about living and working in and around Somerset. Pete was born and brought up on the farm, and intends to continue the theme of childhood reflections, but concentrating this time on his schooldays. His schoolteacher, he says, was an old lady who did not understand the ways of her pupils. Make what you will of that!

His talk will be on **13th February** (the second Wednesday this month, to avoid half term). We can expect a wonderfully absorbing evening.

The North Curry Society meets - generally - 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.



Little Angels
Toddlers Club and Pram Service
Every 2nd Thursday in the month at the church.
Next meeting 10am – 14th February



Presented by Don Hoyle

On **Saturday 9th February**, we are showing our next 'Winter Warmer', where we have an intermission for a tea & cake break, **Paddington II.**

It is even better than the first film! The Village Hall opens at 2.30 pm and the film starts at 3pm. It costs £5 (+ a donation for tea etc).

On **Wednesday 27th February** we are showing **In Between**, set-in present-day Tel Aviv. It is

about three very different women who share a flat. As they get to know each other it's clear that the three share more than just a flat, as they try to be true to themselves and still co-exist with their traditional families.

Kindly note, this is shown in Hebrew & Arabic with English sub-titles.

The Village Hall doors / bar open at 7pm with the film starting at 7.30 pm.

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



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.

Holy Days and Saints & other Holy People Commemorated in February

Here is a list of commemorations, commonly remembered saints and holy people whose lives and teaching may inspire us as we make our way through the month. We pray that God will give us grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love.

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| Friday 1 | Brigid , Abbess of Kildare, c.525 |
| Saturday 2 | The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) <i>transferred to the Sunday</i> |
| Sunday 3 | Anskar , Archbishop of Hamburg, Missionary in Denmark and Sweden, 865 (<i>not observed on a Sunday</i>) |
| Monday 4 | Gilbert of Sempringham , Founder of the Gilbertine Order, 1189 |
| Wednesday 6 | The Martyrs of Japan , 1597 The Accession of Queen Elizabeth II |
| Sunday 10 | Scholastica , sister of Benedict, Abbess of Plombariola, c.543 <i>(not observed on a Sunday)</i> |
| Thursday 14 | Cyril and Methodius , Missionaries to the Slavs, 869 and 885, and Valentine , Martyr at Rome, c.269 |
| Friday 15 | Sigfrid , Bishop, Apostle of Sweden, 1045, and Thomas Bray , Priest, Founder of the SPCK and the SPG, 1730 |
| Sunday 17 | Janani Luwum , Archbishop of Uganda, Martyr, 1977 (<i>not observed on a Sunday</i>) |
| Saturday 23 | Polycarp , Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, c.155 |
| Sunday 24 | Matthias , Apostle (<i>may be celebrated today, or transferred to 25th February or celebrated on 14th May</i>) |
| Wednesday 27 | George Herbert , Priest, Poet, 1633 |

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

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

Linda Burton | Village Agent | Tel: 01823 331222 |
Mobile: 07931018019 | Email: linda@somersetccc.org.uk



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If music be the food of love...

Another 9 months has passed since my last update on our daughter-in-law and I realise there may be some new readers who don't know the background. In July 2011 Karen suffered a massive brain haemorrhage and, after surgery, was literally left to die. Much prayer followed and after almost a week she regained consciousness and she has continued to recover slowly. She is still wheelchair bound, has extreme communication difficulties and needs 24 hour care.

Last May I reported that Karen had decided she needed to lose some of her excess weight gained during rehabilitation, to help her physical recovery, and had managed to lose a stone by attending a slimming course; by November she had lost two and a half stone and she very nearly became slimmer of the year!

In the summer a group of friends realised Karen was unable to attend a music festival so organised "Jeanes Fest" in her back garden, with live music, barbecue and children's activities. More than 60 people attended and a marvellous time was had by all, as can be seen in the picture.



As usual the family came to Somerset for Christmas Day, accompanied by one of Karen's carers. All her carers are wonderful people but this one, Liliانا, has taken a special interest in getting Karen to communicate by singing, as this uses a different part of the brain. During the afternoon, after our traditional walk around the village, I heard singing and realised that Liliانا and Karen, and one other family member, were singing carols, reading the words off a mobile phone. I went over to join them and discovered what enormous pleasure this gave to Karen, being able to sing coherently without the usual frustration in trying to communicate what she was thinking.

Her physical progress is still continuing under her new physiotherapist and she is now able to stand for 5 minutes at a time.

Thank you all for your enquiries after Karen and all your prayers, they are much appreciated.

Kathryn Jeanes

News from North Curry /Curland Methodists, by Daphne Gilham

It is with sadness the congregation learnt of the death of John Stone. Over the past few years, although a member of Rowbarton Methodist Church, he had been attending services at North Curry/Curland. He was a good man and will be missed.

The Annual Carol service was held on 16th December to a fairly full church. Led by Rev'd Deborah Kirk the well known carols were sung enthusiastically with readings given by members of the congregation. Mince pies and tea brought the service to a happy conclusion

The Advent Taize evening provided a valuable time of reflection, prayer and appropriate music in the hectic run up to Christmas. Led by Deborah, with readings by Ian Rossitor, some two dozen folk enjoyed the peace and quiet in the candle lit chapel.



Church Council meeting

21st February at 2pm

QUIZ NIGHT

Annual Quiz

at Lisieux Way Methodist Church
on Saturday 16th February

£5.00 per head to include
refreshments

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

Proceeds to Church Missions

Any queries, please contact Roy Crouch Tel: 01823 461679

A View from the Treasurer's Tower, Rob Ellis reports

Please find below, a summary of the church finances for the year ended 31st December 2018. These are still subject to an auditor's sign off.

| | | <u>2018</u> | <u>2017</u> |
|---|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Income | Donations (inc planned giving) | £25,677 | £28,146 |
| | Parochial Fees | £3,816 | £3,644 |
| | Fund Raising | £7,716 | £10,341 |
| | Solar Panels | £709 | £595 |
| | Interest Received | £301 | £587 |
| | Grants | £1,980 | £630 |
| | Legacies | £10,500 | £nil |
| | Total | £50,699 | £43,943 |
| Expenditure | Running Costs | £37,600 | £42,626 |
| | Capital Costs | £15,278 | £13,220 |
| | Total | £52,878 | £55,846 |
| Deficit for the Year (brackets mean a loss) | | (£2,179) | (£11,903) |

A generous legacy of £10,000 was left to us in December, and made a significant difference to our final year end figures.

The planned giving appeal in November attracted an extra 30 people to the pledge giving, as well as numerous one off donations. Whilst the pledge giving effects will not be seen until 2019, the donations obviously boosted our funds.

The Running Costs, the basic payments to keep the church open, were as follows: The 2019 figures are a budgetary forecast.

| | <u>2019</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>2017</u> |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Diocese/ minister/ clergy share and expenses | £21,144 | £27,216 | £27,198 |
| Insurance | £2,436 | £3,000 | £2,218 |
| Churchyard maintenance | £3,388 | £2,420 | £4,276 |
| Church sundries – candles, cleaning etc | £3,513 | £1,676 | £2,585 |
| Heating and lighting | £1,610 | £1,585 | £1,925 |
| Equipment/music maintenance and servicing | £1,680 | £1,272 | £2,450 |
| Administration – stationery, postage, copying etc | £480 | £431 | £1,459 |
| Total | £34,251 | £37,600 | £42,626 |
| Average cost per month | £2,854 | £3,133 | £3,552 |

During the year, the capital costs, typically major building refurbishments or equipment investment in nature, were as follows:

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| Bell Tower lighting and wiring | £3,508 |
| Audio system replacement, speakers and lapel microphones | £3,480 |
| Repairs to leaking roof and replacement leadworks to tower | £7,770 |
| Boiler room internal roof repairs | £520 |

Summary of the church finances budget for the year ended 31st December 2019

| | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Income | Donations (inc planned giving) | £25,940 |
| | Parochial Fees | £3,500 |
| | Fund Raising | £8,467 |
| | Solar Panels | £600 |
| | Interest Received | £300 |
| | Grants | £12,630 |
| | Legacies | £nil |
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| | Total | £51,437 |
| Expenditure | Running Costs | £34,251 |
| | Capital Costs | £14,500 |
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| | Total | £48,751 |
| Excess Income for Year | | £2,686 |

In preparing this budget, I have deliberately not included one off donations. The donations figure above is from planned giving pledges, service collections and donation boxes. The planned giving pledges will be around £18,500, up from the £12,764 received in 2018. Whilst one off donations will likely happen, as they cannot be relied upon, I took the decision to leave them as nil. I have also overstated the running costs too, adding a contingency cost for unforeseen mishaps in the sundry cost. Therefore, with an understated revenue and slightly overstated expenditure, I believe that 2019 should yield a slight excess in income.

Dialogue with the Diocese over our Parish Share continues, and a further meeting will take place with the Archdeacon in February to agree a final amount due for 2019 (January's meeting was postponed).

The only capital expenditure planned for 2019, is the replacement of the fences and to assess/survey the condition of the stone walls. However, as the northern wall is crumbling in places, immediate remedial work may be needed in 2019. Whilst there is still over £60,000 worth of refurbishment to do on the church, further grant applications and funding from third parties will be approached before any new work occurs. I will keep you all informed as developments occur. Thank you to you all that have helped turn around our finances in such a short time.



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Church Opening and Closing Rota

Sunday, week commencing during February 2019

3rd * Mike Baker

10th John de Winton

17th * S&A Billinghamurst

24th Tony Brooker

* Denotes 8am service

Register of:

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals (August 2018 – January 2019)

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

Sylvia Dawes

August 2018

Bruce Wall

September 2018

Bernard Drake

October 2018

Maurice Lane

October 2018

Charles Woods

November 2018

Health and Safety

A recent unfortunate accident to one of our volunteers who was working alone has exemplified the need for us to review our Health and Safety procedures at the church.

General Statement of Policy

Our policy is to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that our activities are carried out safely and do not pose a risk to the health of our volunteers, visitors, congregation, and others who may use the church and churchyard. This will be in accordance with good practice and any relevant statutory provisions where they apply.

Personal Responsibility

It is the duty of each and every person using or visiting the church and churchyard to exercise personal responsibility for their own safety and that of others.

Specific Considerations

It is anticipated that a fully revised policy will be adopted at the next PCC meeting. Meanwhile in addition to exercising personal responsibility it is essential that:

- Anyone using a ladder or reaching high places is accompanied.
- Ideally "lone working" will be kept to a minimum. Any lone workers must have an operating mobile phone on their person and ensure that someone knows where they are and that they have returned safely. No one should enter the cellar (boiler room) or bell chamber (above the ringing chamber) or onto any church roof unless accompanied.
- No easily combustible materials or sources of ignition may be left unattended in the church.
- Those who close the church must check diligently that there is no one left in the church.

David Akerman and Mary Piers, Churchwardens



Church Spring Clean 23rd March

Asking all members to come along to assist, if only for an hour, to help clean, dust, polish, weed and sweep.

Thank you

Photo courtesy of Julian Comrie

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.

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 no 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 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 cover for details.

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.

New Commonwealth War Graves sign

An official marker from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission was affixed in January by the lych gate, confirming that our churchyard is a site of war veterans' memorials.



Keeping the flowers blooming

I just wish to extend on our behalf, much thanks to Lorraine and Anne, and all others involved, for keeping the interior flower displays of the church looking so good. Also, to Tony Brooker, who behind the scenes, not only disposes of all compost debris from the church, but also has been watering the plants whilst Sally recovers.

To you all, very much appreciated by us.



Unfortunately, these black and white snaps do not do justice to the magnificent colours of our displays.



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Please remember to update your standing order!

Just in time, as you finish reading the editorials, Tom stands proudly by the completed fence. A new kissing gate will follow shortly, and in due course, the other chainlink fence will be replaced. But for now, that's a job well done, and a vast improvement on the old rusty fence.

A crowd of 20,000 2 onlookers witnessed the final nail being hammered home...



...and were jumping for joy in celebration!



Tea break!

This month, a codeword challenge!

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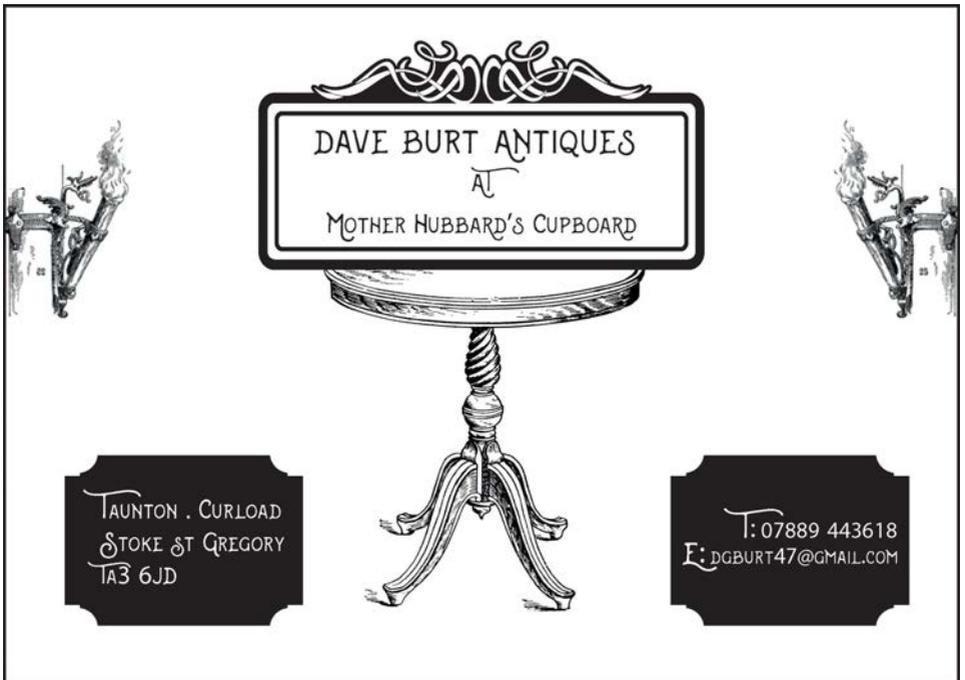
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