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Church Diary Events for 2019 – June - September

Sunday, 9th June, Pentecost in the Square – Hymns and Wine!

Sunday, 16th June, Choral Evensong, with "In Ecclesia" choir

Sunday 23rd June, Vicar's Leaving Service (at Burrowbridge Church)

Saturday/Sunday 29th /30th June, Flower Festival

Saturday, 14th September, Clean up morning at Church

Produce Market, first Saturday of every month - next date: 6th April

Coffee Mornings, every Monday morning

Bellringers, every Monday evening

School Holiday Terms

Half Term 25th May – 2nd June

Summer 24th July – 1st September

Non Parish Church Diary Events: June

Saturday, 1st /15th /29th June, Bingo

Sunday, 16th June, Jazzical Swing

Tuesday, 18th June, RHS Rosemoor visit

Wednesday, 19th June, Wild Mammals

Wednesday, 26th June, Paddington 2

Thursday, 27th June, Coffee and Cake Evening

Burrowbridge

chez Popham

NC & District Gardeners

North Curry Society

North Curry Film Club

Girl Guides

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

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



Coffee Mondays, in the Parish Church

Continuing on from May, our coffee mornings each Monday are proving popular! From 9:30am to 11:30am, whether you are a walker with dogs, or with the toddlers, or would like to chat with friends, you will be welcome. We look forward to welcoming you there...

Produce Market

Village Hall

Saturday 1st June 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
Its more than just produce on sale, there are an assortment of craft stalls,
plus books, cuddly toys, stationery as well as other knick-knacks.

Do not miss out!

Editor's comments

At the end of June, we say good bye to our Vicar Tricia, after serving nearly 12yrs with our benefice. On 23rd June, we shall be holding a special benefice service in dedication at Burrowbridge Church.

We of course have our Flower Festival on 29th/30th at our Church, and arrangements and planning for this are still on going. If you are able to help, please contact Lorraine directly, as kitchen and general stewards will be needed throughout the weekend.

It promises to be a wonderful attraction, with many local clubs and organisations joining in. See centre pages for more information.

Front Cover photos – courtesy of Alan and Shelia Billinghamurst for providing a couple of pics from the 2016 Flower Festival.

Inside Cover – Roberto Tardito in full voice, from 23rd April concert; a look at the floor levelling work up in the bell ringing chamber; Jenny Satchwell reading a story at a recent Little Angels morning.

Announcements/ News in Brief

Congratulations to our May 200 Club Winners

1st Prize - £30: Helen Griffiths

2nd Prize - £20: Frances Machen 3rd Prize - £10: Eric Rowe

Our stalls at the May Fair raised over £250 towards our coffers.

Farewell Service for the vicar on 23rd June, 11am at Burrowbridge Church. Ample parking will be in Gillards Yard, Riverside (from Taunton over the Bridge and turn left immediately and few yards up on the right) and **not** in the King Alfred car park.

The annual Archdeacons Visitation was held at North Petherton on 9th May. All Churchwardens in the Diocese were asked to attend one of a number of Visitations to swear their agreement to taking on the responsibility of a Churchwarden. A lot of time, energy and care is required of a Churchwarden and a role not taken on lightly. Where would we be without Mary and David – many thanks to you both.

On 9th June, at 5pm we will be joining with our Methodist friends to celebrate Pentecost, in the Square. Please come along and enjoy singing your favourite hymns. If you have a particular hymn you would like sung contact Mary Piers and she will add same to the list.

We hope it will be a lovely sunny evening to enjoy a glass of wine and refreshments following the Service.

The next Parochial Church Council meeting will be held on 5th June. Should you have something that you would like discussed at this meeting, please forward it to the Secretary or a Warden by the 3rd June.

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 and it is a really important resource. The next visit is on 19th June.

On Sunday 16th June (Trinity Sunday, also Father's Day, as it happens) we have the In Ecclesia choir coming to sing Evensong with us.

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Farewell Tricia, from us at St Peter and St Paul Church

On August 11th 2007 we welcomed Tricia to the new Benefice of Athelney as our Vicar. It was a joyful occasion with her friends and people from her previous churches joining the four churches too.

Tricia enjoyed working with children; she forged close links with the Village School; she introduced a monthly 'Little Angels Service' for mothers, carers and pre – school children; and with the Baptists in Stoke St Gregory set up the Open Book stories for both village schools.

Her good relationship with other denominations means that we now regularly share services with the Methodists enjoying Pentecost Praise - and the tea afterwards - in the Village Garden and members of our congregation attending the Methodist Taize Services.

During her 12 years with us many non-church goers, as well as members of the congregation have commented on how helpful and comforting Tricia had been as she guided and supported them through the funeral process.

Others have said how well she prepared them for their children's baptism. Weddings were another speciality. As photos were being taken it was not unusual to hear someone say, 'Tricia does a really good Wedding.'

Now the time has come for us to bid her Goodbye as she leaves to go on to her retirement. We do hope that she will 'Fare Well' in every sense of the word when she moves to her new home in Taunton.

The Rev'd Tricia Staples writes

My Dear Friends,

I'm back – and it feels both decidedly odd and incredibly natural! These past six months have flown by, and I am looking forward to taking a happy leave of all my Athelney friends. We have travelled quite a road together over the past nearly twelve years, and now we're down to six short weeks!

A note for your diaries – my farewell service will take place at Burrowbridge parish church at 11am on Sunday 23 June, leaving 30 June free for us to celebrate Jane Sutton's ordination to the diaconate in Wells Cathedral.

What can I say? Sometimes it's been a bumpy ride, and sometimes it's been sheer joy – verging on ecstasy. We have done a lot of work across the benefice with children, some of which continues to thrive, some of which has taken a different course, but it's always been exciting. There have been moments of sadness when we've lost much-loved members of our communities, but also wonderful celebrations as young couples have married, had their little ones baptised – and sometimes been baptised themselves. It has been a rich and varied ministry and I feel honoured to have served you all this time.

I am grateful for all the support I have received over the years. When I first arrived, I was on my own, and that was incredibly hard, but then came Robert Dunning and Martin Mudie, then Ralph was made Reader, and then John Tyler joined the team and we are now very strong. The various churchwardens during my incumbency have worked very hard to ensure the parishes are in good shape. Nobody knows what being a churchwarden entails except the churchwardens themselves (a bit like a vicar!), but they do a great deal to make life easier for the congregations. But then, of course, we come to the congregations themselves – we have readers, intercessors, musicians, bell-ringers, sidespersons, flower arrangers, providers of coffee and so many more. (Forgive me – the list is too long!)..We are richly blessed and I have run out of space! But bless you all!

With very much love, prayers and blessings,

Tricia

Benefice of Athelney – Service Rota

June – 2019

2nd June		THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
08.00	North Curry	Holy Communion	Rev'd John Tyler
09.30	Burrowbridge	Holy Communion	Rev'd Martin Mudie
10.00	North Curry	Eucharist	Vicar
18.00	Stoke St Gregory	Evensong	Mr Ralph Roberts
<i>5th June (Wednesday)</i>			
17.00	Stoke St Gregory	Evening Prayer	Dr Jane Sutton

9th June		DAY OF PENTECOST	
08.00	Stoke St Gregory	Holy Communion	Rev'd John Tyler
10.00	Burrowbridge	United Benefice Eucharist	Vicar
17.00	North Curry	Pentecost Praise	Vicar & Rev'd Deborah Kirk
<i>12th June (Wednesday)</i>			
17.00	Stoke St Gregory	Compline	Dr Jane Sutton
<i>13th June (Thursday)</i>			
19.30	Stoke St Gregory	Deanery Synod	Vicar

16th June		TRINITY SUNDAY	
08.00	North Curry	Holy Communion	Rev'd Martin Mudie
09.30	Lyng	Holy Communion	Vicar
11.00	Stoke St Gregory	Eucharist	Vicar
18.00	North Curry	Choral Evensong	Dr Robert Dunning
<i>19th June (Wednesday)</i>			
17.00	Stoke St Gregory	Evening Prayer	Dr Jane Sutton
<i>20th June</i>			
19.00	North Curry	Holy Communion	Vicar

23rd June		THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
11.00	Burrowbridge	United Benefice Farewell Eucharist	Rev'd Martin Mudie (Vicar to preach)

30th June		PETER AND PAUL <i>(transferred)</i>	
10.30	Wells Cathedral	Ordination	
18.00	North Curry	Patronal Festival	Vicar

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



We all have something to offer

There is a story told about Sir Michael Costa who was an Italian-born conductor and composer who became well known and popular in England during the nineteenth century. It is said that one day he was conducting a rehearsal in which the orchestra was joined by a great chorus. About halfway through the rehearsal, with trumpets blaring, drums rolling, and violins singing, the piccolo player muttered to himself, "What good am I doing? I might just as well not be playing. Nobody can hear me anyway." So he kept the instrument to his mouth, but he made no sound. Within moments, the conductor cried, "Stop! Stop! Where's the piccolo?" Michael Costa could tell that the piccolo was not playing. Something was missing and because of that the performance was incomplete.

I am sure there are times when we can all identify with that piccolo player. There are times when we may feel insignificant and useless. Whatever age we are there is the temptation to look at other people who seem to have more talent than we have, who are better at things than we are, who are more confident or skilled than we are - and to think we don't matter or that our contribution doesn't count. Perhaps we are tempted sometimes just to settle back and let somebody else do the work. We reason that what we have to offer won't make much difference anyway, or that because other people can do it much better than we can, that there is no point in us joining in.

I take heart from the story of the feeding of the five thousand. In the middle of that story we read of Andrew, Peter's brother saying: 'There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?' (John 6:9). This is a story of someone giving what he has to the Lord and about Jesus then using what is offered to feed a multitude of hungry people (John 6:1-14).

What do we learn from that? Surely one thing we learn is that each of us has something important to offer which God can take and bless and use. Whether our talent is great or small, the performance isn't complete until we do our best with what we have and until we offer our lives and our gifts to God and ask him to use us for his glory and to serve others.

With warm greetings,

News from North Curry /Curland Methodists, by Daphne Gilham

Easter at North Curry /Curland

Good Friday

The Taize service fulfilled its usual promise of quiet reflection, music and readings. The church was lit by many candles enhancing the mood. Deborah led the service and Sonia gave the readings. Attendees were from the circuit and the village who appreciated the opportunity to participate in this act of worship.

Easter Sunday

Our Easter service at eleven o'clock was led by David Clitheroe and the organist for the service was Helen Griffiths. Helen plays the organ at the parish church and comes to us occasionally. Such is the shortage of organists these days she is in great demand. We are grateful to her for playing when she can.

Our church was beautifully decorated by Christine with arrangements in the windows and the cross, covered by flowers, an important focus for us. We were very pleased to see Jean Nation in church again with Paul. Jean is not very mobile but, as all who know her will attest, is a very determined and cheerful lady.

Our other Jean; Jean House has recently been in hospital, so could not attend this Eastertide for the first time in many years. Our prayers go out to both of them.

At the start of the service, David gave us the terrible news of the bombings and loss of life in Sri Lanka that morning. At a time when our own thoughts are concentrated on the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and the women who found his tomb empty on that first Easter day. What were their thoughts on that morning?

As you can imagine we were rather subdued as we tried to comprehend the world we now live in. Our prayers for a better world were most intent this Easter. Nevertheless, the hymn singing was heartfelt and poignant, as a true reflection that Christ had risen.

By the time this goes to press the Christian Aid coffee morning on 18th May will have been held in the chapel Garden. It is hoped the current good weather will hold until then. A full report will follow in the next edition of the magazine.

The **Church Anniversary** is on **Sunday 30th June at 3 pm**. Deborah will lead the service. All are welcome.

The date and time of the next church council is to be arranged.



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.

Why not treat yourself to a coffee and a cake!

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

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North Curry and District Amateur Gardeners, by Heather Williams

There are no monthly meetings in the summer months, but on 18th June we're off to RHS Rosemoor. It's a really beautiful garden to visit if you haven't already been there, and if you have, there's always something different to see at every visit.

Anyone is welcome to join us, just get in touch with one of the committee members for details. Also advance notice of our visit to Spetchley Park Gardens in Worcestershire on Thursday 18th July and again non-members are more than welcome to join us for a lovely day out.

Whatever you're doing, enjoy your garden!



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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 1st, 15th & 29th June 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.



Please come to a fundraising

**Poolside lunch with jazz played by Jazzical Swing at
the Pophams, Highcroft House, Knapp Lane on
Sunday 16th June at 12.30pm**

RUN Dental is a Not for Profit charity in Uganda providing free dental clinics to communities in remote parts of the country.

It may seem incredible to us but poor dental hygiene can be fatal if not properly treated. This summer, Kathryn and Robin Popham are going over to help build 3 rooms for visiting dentists from Europe and America, who volunteer their time and expertise to help with this worthwhile project. Kathryn and Robin will be paying their own expenses but are trying to raise £3,000 to buy materials for this project.

Tickets to include 2 course lunch and a glass of wine **£12.**

On sale from 16th May at either the Post Office, or please contact Joh Popham (tel.490264).



News from Rainbows & Guides

1st North Curry Rainbows and

1st North Curry Guides

If you would like to be part of these groups,
please contact Kate on 01823 690471 or
1stnorthcurryrainbows@gmail.com or

www.girlguiding.org.uk for more information.

Rainbows are for girls aged between 5 and 7yrs.

Guides are for girls aged between 10 and 14yrs.



On **Thursday, 27th June**, the

Guides are hosting a coffee and

cake evening in the Methodist Church Garden.

6.45pm – 8pm : We would love to see you there!

All proceeds to North Curry Guides.



Little Angels

Toddlers Club and Pram Service

Every 2nd Thursday in the month at the parish church.

Next meeting

10am – 13th June

BRIDGEKIDZ are 'ALL AT SEA'

On Sunday, 23rd June, 2.00 – 4.30pm

at the Coronation Hall Burrowbridge

Have a go at lots of 'seaside' crafts.

Free to Burrowbridge children and just £1 for visitors.

Includes refreshments

Parents, Grandparents and Carers all welcome
to join in or just stay for a cuppa.

Places are limited so reserve yours now. Phone 698500 or email
suzannewalker1@yahoo.co.uk

Even if you can't come this time, please register
and we'll always let you know
details of any other Bridgekidz activities.



Roe deer: John Crabb wildlife images

Wild Mammals

John Crabb returns to North Curry. He writes: My talk is entitled "I just thought I would take a few photos ..."

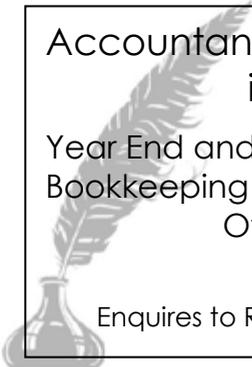
About ten years ago I started a project to photograph garden birds in flight. I recently had occasion to take stock of the impact this decision has had on my life. I realise now that almost everything I am currently engaged in could be traced back to this seemingly innocent change of direction.

The talk recaps the story, already told, of John's original garden bird project and goes on to trace the consequences that followed over time, expanding to include a wider range of wildlife including mammals. He hopes you will find it an interesting and even inspiring tale. The strong message is an encouragement to everyone, but especially retired people, to get up and start something - you really cannot tell where it will lead! We will have a few laughs along the way.

Our meetings are held monthly in North Curry Village Hall at 7:30pm for coffee and chat; the talks begin at 8pm. Membership costs £5 for a full year; visitors are very welcome on payment of a small entrance charge (currently £1). We look forward to welcoming you.

This will be the final talk before the summer break, but do come to our coffee morning at Fosse House on 13th July and the annual parish walk on 17th July. More about these in next month's magazine.

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North Curry Cricket Club

The Cricket World Cup, held in England, is now underway. If you or your child be interested in joining the village cricket team, now is an ideal time to get involved.

The club runs adult and junior teams. NCCC U11's Cricket Team Sunday mornings, whilst the ECB Cricket Allstars for 5-8 years old will start Friday 7th June from 6pm – 7pm

www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars

Anyone interested should contact:

Chris Golding

Club Captain, North Curry Cricket Club

Mobile: 07702 000826, e-mail: cgolding@idealstandard.com

What should we do with the Village Hall?

Thanks to the Overlands development, the Village Hall can now apply for limited grants for funding **capital projects** which are designed to enable the VH to cope more effectively with an increased North Curry population.

Grant applications are subject to a formal council approval process, and cannot include maintenance or normal replacement/renovation/refurbishment expenditure

So, what do **you** think should be done to improve and/or enhance this vital amenity?

All ideas are welcome; these will all be considered together and, in due course, those thought to be most appropriate and beneficial will be acted upon. Please forward them to Brian Jeanes at bandk@bkjeanes.co.uk or on 490623

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





Presented by Don Hoyle



On **Wednesday 26th June** we are showing the brilliant film **Paddington II**. Paddington, now happily settled with the Brown family and a popular member of the local community, picks up a series of odd jobs to buy the perfect present for his Aunt Lucy's 100th birthday, only for the gift to be stolen. This is a sequel not to be missed! It is delightful and works on so many levels.

Later this month we will be choosing the films for our next season – suggestions always welcome. We will collect those suggestions at the film. The Village Hall doors and bar open at 7 pm 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

Burrowbridge Film Club

2nd Saturday, at the Coronation Hall, is showing "The Favourite", starring Olivia Coleman.

Refreshments available at 6.30pm, the film starts at 7.30pm.

Price: £5 for adults, £2 for children.

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North Curry Bellringers, Darren Woodyer writes

Cue FanFare - The floor is done.

Construction work to the ringing floor has proceeded well, and whilst it was not quite finished by the end of April, the final touches were sorted in May.

One clear, sunny evening back in April, stock of wood sheets which had arrived the day before were sitting at the back of the church awaiting to be lifted into the tower. All the ringers got together and with a bit of brute force and ignorance lifted these 8 x 4 thick sheets externally up onto the roof of the church and from there delivered into the tower. What a job!

Over the Easter break, David Birch and a group of the ringers started to tack down the new batons, ready to accept the new flooring.

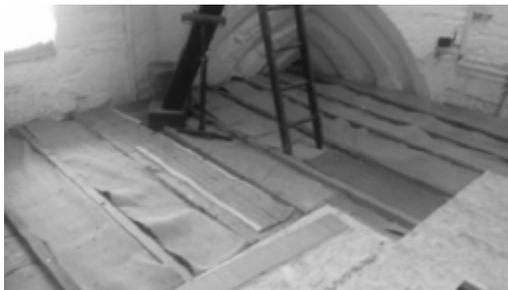
David had made this into a military exercise and believe me we needed it. We worked out very quickly that the tower was either built very quickly on a Friday afternoon or they hadn't invented spirit levels then. Every sheet that was going to have to be laid would have to be adapted to fit the tower and also the rise and fall of the old floor. It all started in the middle of the tower. David decided that the trap door for the bells needed to be square so that we had a fixed point to work off of. Batons were laid, old carpet went between the batons to muffle sound and then the first panel was laid. David and myself made a new cover for the trap door which is easily accessible for the future. We then worked off towards the steps up to the bells. This was interesting. Not only did it have to fit the gap and be trimmed for the wall but also the steps are at an angle to the floor. David with his little plan and makeshift angle cut the board and on the first fitting it fell into place. Perfect. I couldn't believe how much had gone down on the first day. Unfortunately from there I had to leave the ringers to it for the additional days as I had to work. Every time I went up the tower though, something had been done. The detail and thought David put into each panel and issue that challenged him was second to none.

By the middle of May most of the floor was down, with just one panel near to the clock left. David then wanted to build us a new banister for access to the tower but also to make sure that the person ringing the tenor bell didn't fall down the stairs. With the same precision that he had done on the floor this new wall of wood appeared. Not only was it for the two jobs I mentioned, he built it big enough for us to put our vacuum cleaner in, genius!

As I write this, David is just finishing the final panel for the floor. We will then be placing new carpet down and you would never know what has happened but I wanted to say a big thank you to all of the ringers who have taken part in this project but especially David for driving it forward. People will come and go for many years over this floor which is now level and safe and with the dedication of people like David make sure that projects like this get done and properly.

Thanks to all that helped to get our floor back onto an even footing!

Below are a couple of snaps of the work in progress.



Now we have brand new floor, why not come and join us.



We are a fun socialable lot – no experience is necessary and full training given. Why not come and give ringing a go.

Practice Evenings: Monday, 7pm – 9pm.

Contact Darren, tower captain 07718 05907

email: gograndsiredoubles@gmail.com

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

David Birch and Darren pose on their completed floor – top job fellas!



Bulletin humour!

Ass to prove it is not just the editor of your magazine that makes editorial faux pas, I have a selection of amusing church bulletins snippets.

Many thanks to Paul and Jennifer Scott for sharing the following extracts, which actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference
includes meals.

Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled.
Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water. '
The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those
things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious
pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery
downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help
they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church.
So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall.
Music will follow

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?'
Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several
new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hospitality.

Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5pm - prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7pm there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7pm. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7pm at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

And lastly, this one just about sums them all up

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.'

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

We would like some help with setting up and clearing away.

The chairs and tables do not put themselves out, or away as it happens.

It only takes about 20 minutes and you wouldn't need to commit to every month (but it would be most appreciated if you did!). New stalls are always welcomed too, so please get in touch with me.

Table set up time: 8.00am-8.30am / 11.30am-12.00pm to put them away.

Open to the public: 9.30am - 11.30am Anne Williams, 01823 490319

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.



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

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What does being in debt feel like?

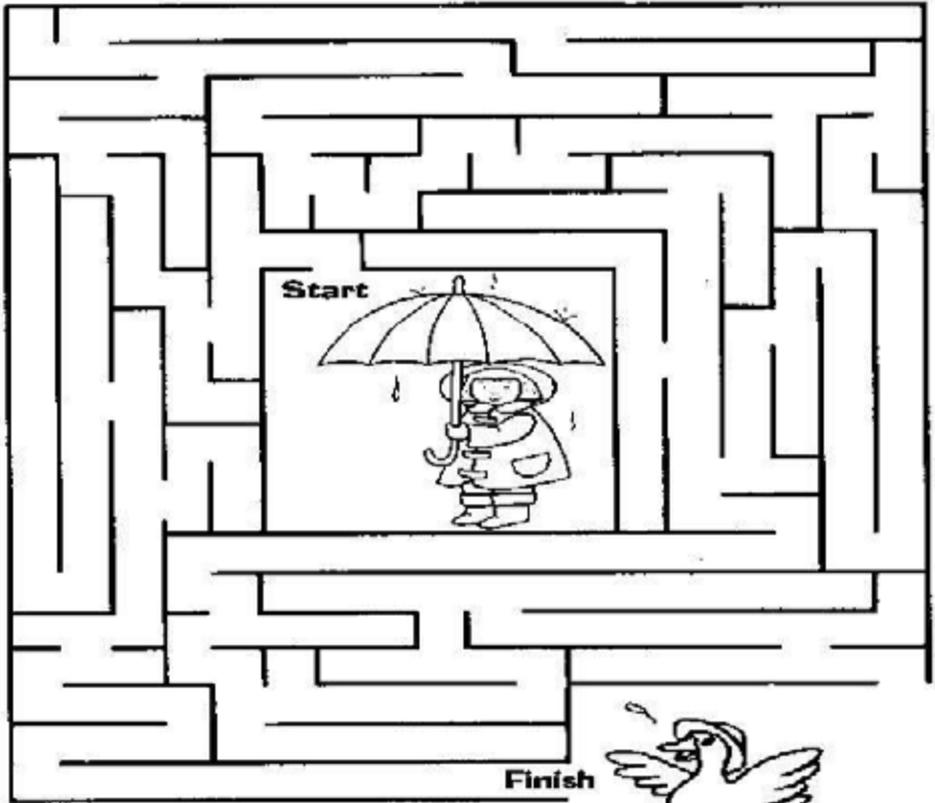
Fearful, desperate, their world out of control and in a state of chaos, this is how people experiencing the blight of personal indebtedness are described by the local charity Taunton Area Debt Advice. TADA helps people from all walks of life by providing a free, unconditional, non-judgmental, fully confidential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

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Tea break!

Will you help Jessica
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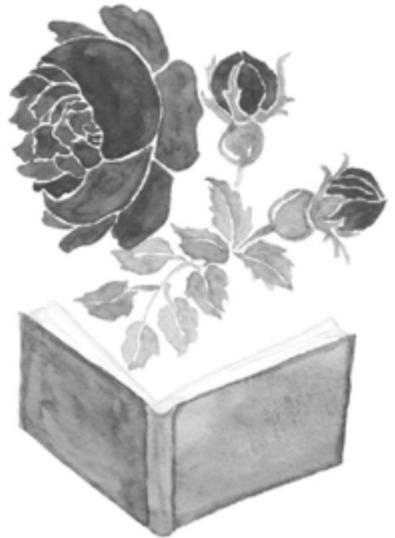
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**On 29th/30th June, we proudly present
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This year's theme is book titles, and the following organisations will be participating:

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- Kathryn Astin
- Shelia Billinghamurst
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- North Curry Country Dancers
- North Curry Embroiderers
- North Curry Village Choir
- North Curry Wildlife Group
- North Curry/Curload Methodist Church
- North Curry Parish Church Congregation
- North Curry Independent Baptist Church
- North Curry & District Amateur Gardeners
- North Curry Primary School, Pre-School, Brownies and Guides



Everywhere, from the High Altar to the Font will be in full bloom of some description, as our church for one weekend will turn into our own Eden Project and Kew in one.



A display from the 2016 Flower Festival

Free Admission all weekend:
10am – 6pm. Coffee, Cakes
and much more will be
available.

**We are also asking for any old
gardening books to be
donated, and sold at this
event.** Please leave your
books at the church or
contact Lorraine on 491665 if

you need assistance.

There is an interesting and varied mix of books titles used as inspiration, such as

- My Favourite Book, Summer Story
- Bambi: A life in the Woods
- The Nine Taylors
- I Saw Eternity the Other Night
- Natural Selection – a Year in the Garden
- Faith, Hope and Charity
- extracts from The New Testament, Acts 9, Matthew 16
- Ballet Shoes
- A Wood of My Own
- The White Queen
- Under the Greenwood Tree
- The Secret Garden
- Wind in the Willows
- We Made a Garden
- Shaun the Sheep

A programme will be available on the door, providing not only a site map to each display, but including a brief introduction from each exhibitor about their garden theme.

There promises to be so much on display that I wouldn't be surprised to find a David Attenborough or David Bellamy lurking amongst the foliage!

And it is not only plants on display. There will be sculptures and ornamental accessories of all descriptions included with each imaginatively set out area.

If you like visiting gardens and plants, you certainly do not want to miss your chance to see the wonderfully creative flower festival.



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 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 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 back for details.

“We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.”
—Winston S. Churchill

“No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another.”
—Charles Dickens

“It is every man’s obligation to put back into the world at least the equivalent of what he takes out of it.” —Albert Einstein

Register of:

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals (December 2018 – May 2019)

We ask for God's Blessing on all the following

Baptisms

Theodore John Harris	December 2018
Edward Tommy Tucker, Andrew George Tratt	May 2019
William Galloway	

Weddings

Robert McKinlay/ Ceri Morgan	April 2019
Matthew Walker/ Philippa Wilcox	May 2019

Funerals

Michael Dennis, Meryll Rowe	February 2019
Leslie Stenson, Jeffery Pipe	March 2019
Gordon Bowey	April 2019

Church Opening and Closing Rota

Sunday, week commencing during June 2019

2nd * Robin Rudman 9th Mike Baker 16th * John de Winton
23rd Shelia/ Alan Billinghamurst 30th Tony Brooker *= 8am Service



May Fair, Village Choir Concert (11th May)

On a particularly fair Saturday, this year's Fair attracted a fair few visitors.

We are pleased to report that our stalls raised over £250 towards our funds.

Our charismatic stallholders were extremely busy all afternoon, and were very grateful once 5pm had come!

Thank you to all that contributed, not only with bottles and cakes, but to those in attendance during the day. Special thanks to Mike Baker

and Matt Finch for setting up and clearing away.



The 2 lower photos are courtesy of David Fothergill.

Next year's fair will be on 9th May.

Mary Piers reports on that evening's singing at the church.

On Saturday evening following the May Fair, the Village Choir held a Concert in the Church.

It was an excellent evening of music enjoyed by the large number of folk in the audience.

The Choir and musicians were superb in their varied programme which all thoroughly enjoyed.

Miles Quick the Musical Director certainly has an amazing group of singers who I believe compare more than favourably with many City choirs. Their hard work and dedication certainly produced wonderful results.

The roof nearly lifted off the Church. [treasurer's comment – I hope not, as we only just finished paying for the repairs to it].

Our sincere and deepest gratitude to you all and so look forward to seeing you back in the Church for your Christmas Concert.

And we have this note from Miles Quick.

Dear esteemed members of NCVC,

Thank you all for your excellent performance last Saturday evening. I was hugely pleased with it. The sunset also co-operated in happening during the interval when we could enjoy the stunning view outside 'the cathedral of the levels'. Everything fell beautifully into place. It might have been planned. Indeed I know it was, as NCVC is such a great team effort.

You really rose to the challenge of the Chilcott and I have heard lots of appreciative comments about it. There was a lovely positive spirit about the whole evening (and afternoon with all the Mayfair goings on - the sausage baps were delicious!). Thank you for being part of that and for your dedication in turning up to the rehearsals, practising at home, and sticking with the Chilcott when it seemed heavy going in the dark days of February. The Vivaldi of course was great fun, and it was lovely to have the extra element of the strings to lift it further.

Special thanks to our internal soloists Jo, Natalie and Mike, who were absolutely great. Rachel also made it all possible as we could not have done the Chilcott without a pianist of her calibre - thank you!



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Saturday mornings

Teams: Under 8, Under 9, Under 10, Under 11, Under 13

At North Curry Youth Football Club, the emphasis is on fun and inclusion, we currently have around 90 children, ranging from a development squad up to an Under 13 team.

We formed in 2012 and we hope that your child would like to join our ever-developing club. We currently have 9 FA Licensed coaches.

Our teams currently play in the Taunton Youth League, and they either train or play on a Saturday morning.

Our season starts in September and finishes at the end of June.

Please feel free to pop into White Street Sports Ground and see what we are all about or contact Shawn for further information.

We look forward to meeting you.

If interested, please contact

Shawn Sutton

Youth Club Chair and FA Coach

07828 712086 or 0182341057, email shawnsutton@btinternet.com

Or

Alison Sutton: 07867 953503

email: alisonsutton774@btinternet.com



Trinity Evensong Sunday Service, 16th June.

At the Evensong Service, In Ecclesia Choir will be leading the music.

In Ecclesia is a choir of around thirty voices, dedicated to keeping the Anglican choral music tradition alive. They sing in parish churches in Somerset and beyond and twice a year visit cathedrals to sing their weekend services. To mark Trinity Sunday they will be singing Tchaikovsky's well known Hymn to the Trinity. The canticles are by Hugh Blair, organist and master of the choristers at Worcester Cathedral in the late nineteenth



century; and the introit by Charles Wood 'Twas in the year that King Uzziah Died.

They greatly enjoyed their visit in October 2018 and we again look forward to welcoming them.

Do please join us. The service begins at 6pm. A night not to be missed!



North Curry W.I, Jill Cox reports

Looking back, our W.I. diaries were pretty full last month with our AGM, trip to Denman, May Fair, charity walk and group quiz. Yes, it's good to keep busy but nevertheless we are all looking forward to a more relaxing summer and will not meet in the Village

Hall again until September. With afternoon tea and bingo on the agenda for our June meeting we are hoping that the weather will be kind to us and we can enjoy getting together outdoors. Often our garden party is held in the garden of one of our members but in order to give our hard working committee a break we will be straying a little further afield, meeting in the garden at the Farmers Arms, West Hatch and handing over the catering this year! Later in the month some members will be visiting the Smokery at Hambridge which includes a guided tour and the inevitable 'lunch' (for those ladies who do so!)

Planned events in July will include our summer outing to Bristol visiting SS Great Britain and taking part in the Brunel experience at Bristol's new museum. As usual we do not meet in August, a welcome break, before we begin our new programme of meetings, speakers and outings for 2019/20.



North Curry Wildlife Group, Sue Ashton writes

Pollinators and Ponds

We were pleased to see so many people at our May Fair stall who were interested in nature and were doing good things for wildlife in their own gardens. Children (and some adults) joined in our game of identifying wild plants, trees and animals and earned a packet of free cornfield annual seeds to sow in their gardens. We hope there will be colourful patches of wild flowers for pollinators in many North Curry gardens this summer as a result. If you have a corner of your garden that you can let go wild for nature, it will help to make up for the loss of much natural habitat.

Examples of summer garden nectar plants that are really good for butterflies and bees also featured on our stall. These included Buddleia (justifiably known as the 'butterfly bush'), Lavender (a great favourite of bees), *Verbena bonariensis* (a statuesque plant loved by butterflies), perennial Wallflower *Erysimum* 'Bowles Mauve' (its long flowering season makes it excellent for pollinators) and Marjoram (a favourite of Gatekeeper butterflies). Give these a try if you don't have them already and make your garden popular with pollinators!

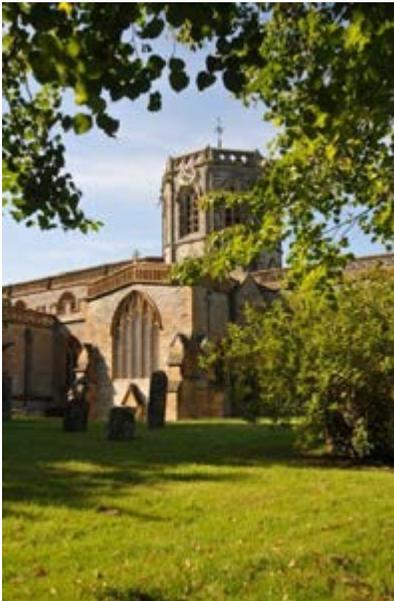
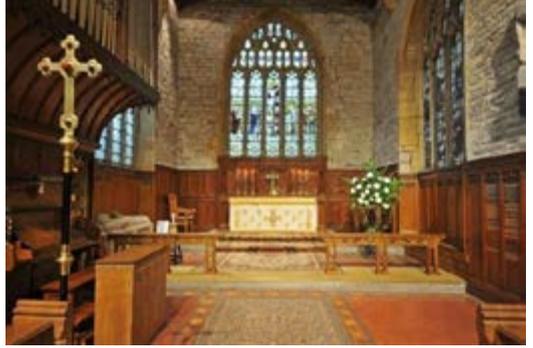
The tank of tadpoles on our stall drew lots of interested youngsters and proved a talking point about the benefits of a garden pond. Putting in a pond is one of the best things you can do to help wildlife in your garden, giving mammals somewhere to drink, amphibians somewhere to breed and attracting damselflies, dragonflies and other insects which are a delight to watch. Any size of pond will help – even a small sink or container buried in the ground – but make sure that creatures are able to crawl in and out of it.

We hope that the re-lined pond at the Community Woodland will add to the interest and usefulness of the site. It has now filled up, though the water is still muddy and we hope that the newly planted aquatic plants will help it to clear. The wooden retaining wall at the back of the pond includes a built-in refuge for frogs and toads. The pond is already home to water beetles and pond skaters, and dragonflies are visiting it. Do take a look when you are next walking at the woodland.



For more information about the Wildlife Group's projects, please see our website www.northcurrywildlife.com or follow us on twitter.com/ncurrywildlife.

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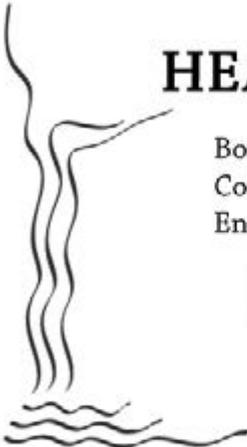
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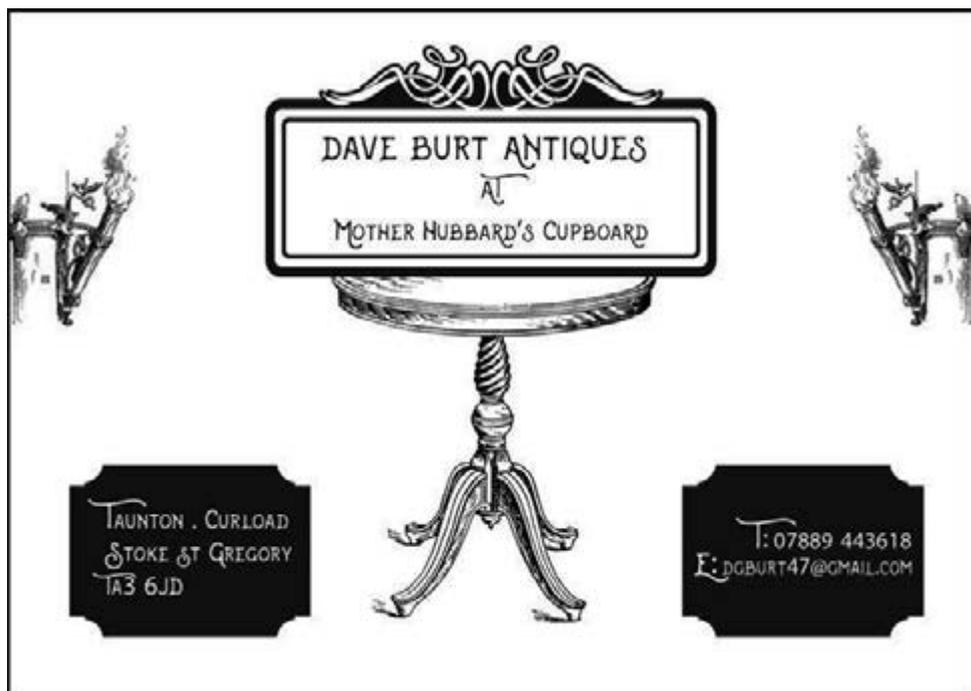
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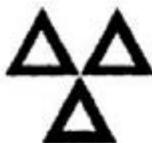
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