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Rogation, a time of blessing the land for a bountiful harvest in the year to come.

A new born lamb ponders on this month's edition...



And inside

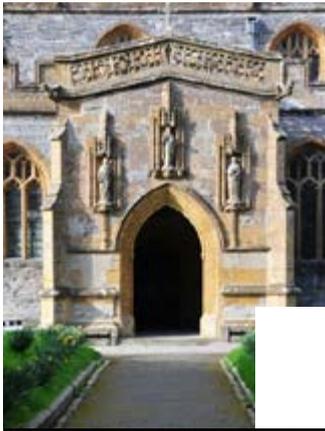
News and reviews from across our village clubs and school, as Julie Felix wows. Plus news on this year's planned works and a whole lot more...

North Curry May Fair & Somerset Day:
11th May



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Church Diary Events for 2019 – May - August

Monday, 6th May, Inaugural Coffee Morning
Saturday, 11th May, May Fair Stall, in North Curry
Saturday, 18th May, Christian Aid morning, Methodist Church garden
Sunday, 26th May, Rogation Sunday, Walk and various Benefice services
Tuesday, 28th May, Children's Activity Morning
Sunday, 16th June, Choral Evensong, with "In Ecclesia" choir
Saturday/Sunday 29th/30th June, Flower Festival
Produce Market, first Saturday of every month - next date: 6th April
Bellringers, every Monday evening

School Holiday Terms

Half Term 25th May – 2nd June
Summer 24th July – 1st September

Non Parish Church Diary Events: May

Wednesday, 1 st May, AGM	WI
Thursday, 2 nd May, Bees	NC & District Gardeners
Saturday, 11 th May, May Fair/ Village Choir singing in evening	
Wednesday, 15 th May, Roman Britons	North Curry Society
Thursday, 16 th May, Charity Walk	WI
Wednesday, 22 nd May, Le Concert	North Curry Film Club
Saturday, 25 th May, Plant Sales/ Coffee	NC & District Gardeners

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

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



**NEW
Coffee
mornings!**

Coffee Mondays, in the Parish Church

Starting on 6th May (Bank Holiday Monday) we are experimenting with coffee mornings each Monday in the parish church 9:30am to 11:30am. Please just drop in; whether you are a walker with dogs, or with the toddlers, or would like to chat with friends, you will be welcome. We have an improved ramp outside the west door, so access is now much easier.

Mondays are when the village coffee shop in Town Farm Community Stable take a well-earned, rest so this will be an additional facility in North Curry.

Editor's comments

I hope you have had an enjoyable Easter and suitably overindulged in a chocolate egg or 3, after the restraint of Lent.

Surrounding our village, we have some of the loveliest countryside the county and country has to offer. There are footpaths on either side of the ridge, providing great views and an escape from the roads. Newly installed kissing gates make these walks easier. I would like to thank the farmers and their contractors for keeping where possible, the footpaths free from muck. Whilst the occasional pong of country life aroma may linger, the gesture is appreciated.

As a village, we too are very fortunate to have so many vibrant clubs and societies in our area, and this month we also have our annual Fair. I hope you get the chance to explore or attend some of the events that our village hosts, including of course, our own inaugural coffee mornings. And with May, the cricket season starts to take hold with the Cricket World Cup taking part at the end of the month (which probably means it will be raining at the end month on our Rogation Walk!). If you would like to be the next Botham or Buttler, I am sure our village team would love to hear from you.

Finally, I would like to thank our advertisers for their support to our publication. Please take the chance to read through them after the editorial.

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.

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

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

Prizes each month £30/ £20/ £10

Proceeds for churchyard maintenance

To sign up, contact Sue Bethune on 01823 490179

If your renewal falls between May to September,

Please, please remember to update

your standing order to £18!

Announcements/ News in Brief

Congratulations to our April 200 Club Winners

1st Prize - £30: Audrey West

2nd Prize - £20: Jennifer Scott 3rd Prize - £10: Sue Foster

Coffee Mondays

Starting on 6th May (Bank Holiday Monday) we are experimenting with coffee mornings each Monday in the parish church 9:30am-11:30am.

Christian Aid week this year runs from Sunday 12th May.

Christian Aid coffee morning Saturday 18th May.

The Methodist Church are again kindly hosting a coffee morning in the chapel garden (foot of Windmill Hill) 10:00am-12.00pm. The ongoing work of Christian Aid to provide urgent, practical and effective assistance to people in this country and across the world affected by poverty, discrimination and natural disasters is dependent on your continued generosity.

Last year North Curry raised in excess of £500.

Rogation Benefice Walk, 26th May.

Revd Tyler will lead us around our various churches, see page 19 for details.

The next Parochial Church Council meeting will be held on 8th May.

Should you have something that you wished discussed at this meeting, please forward it to the Secretary or a Warden by 3rd May.

Produce Market

Village Hall

Saturday 4th May 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!

As a reminder from last month, due to insurance purposes and the risk of fire/ arson, no unattended lit candles are permitted in the church or unattended matches and alike.

As a reminder from earlier issues, due to health and safety regulations, volunteers are to avoid being alone whilst working at the church.

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 22nd May.

The Lyng Finance Sub-Committee is pleased to announce an exponential increase in the numbers of those pledging Giving to the Church, and an annual increase of £2,000; they would like to thank all who responded so magnificently and generously in order to set St. Bartholomew's Church on a firmer foundation financially.

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. It's also the day identified by the Royal School of Church Music for their Music Sunday campaign: "Join in the celebration and raise money for your church and the RSCM".

May Fair

Saturday 11th May 2.00pm-4.30pm

Together with our stalls, you will be able to find Punch & Judy, Cream Teas, Horse & Carriage rides, Traditional Swing Boats, BBQ, Ice Cream, Pimms & Prosecco, Country Dancing, coconut shy, local producers, artists and fundraising stalls for local charities and organisations.

Cleanup Day/ Volunteers

The Churchwardens would personally like to thank all those attended on 23rd March to help with the cleanup Day at the church, and to those that continually put their time in to help with keeping the church running.

Your selfless acts, from opening and closing, weeding and dusting, to changing the linen and stocking the shelves, printing off the bulletins, handing our hymn books, serving coffee and putting up notices, and all the other various jobs in between that keep our church in such good order, simply.... but very much heartfelt... thank you.

Together, we all make a difference.



May Fair Stall – an appeal to our church members!

As many of you know, 11th May is the village May Fair.

We shall be running a couple of stalls, and need volunteers to help run them in the afternoon. If only for half an hour, please assist.

Please contact David Akerman on 490234 to add yourself to the rota.



We also **need bottles** for the bottle stall.

Kindly leave your contribution with either:

David Akerman (2 White Street)

or with Sally & Tony Brooker (Bakers Cottage).



The treasurer has also stated that any beer bottles can be left with him, and he promises to drink them all before the 11th....!!! Probably best then not to leave any with him....

The Rev'd John Tyler writes

My Dear Friends,

May is going to be an interesting month in our Churches and our Benefice; we look forward to welcoming the Vicar back to work in the middle of the month, and hope she will enjoy her last few weeks with us. Our Annual Meetings will all be behind us, and we are grateful to all those who have continued to shoulder responsibilities or are undertaking them for the first time. As I said in my report at the Annual Meetings, I am constantly startled and humbled at the amount of time, energy, creativity and dedication that is devoted to making our Churches the beautiful spiritual resource that they are.

I am aware, too, that this dedicated service is often offered by people who have more than enough problems (health and otherwise) of their own to contend with. I hope they find a Blessing in this ideal of serving others. Of course it is by no means confined to the Church and Christians; being a caring, sharing, compassionate community can make all the difference to those who live in it, and to the outside world as well. The end of May will see our Rogation Walk and Celebration as well (full details can be found elsewhere in this Magazine). 'Rogation' simply means 'Asking' and was traditionally the time when country people in particular asked for God's Blessing on the crops of fields and orchards and gardens, and on the livestock as well. When single parishes were looked after by a single Vicar the custom was often to Beat the Bounds of the parish (sometimes the youngest choirboy was 'bumped' on the boundary markers); now with multi-parish Benefices that would take several days! About 25 years ago I formed the idea of at least walking between the Churches I was looking after throughout one day, and holding a Service in each (I had 8 Churches to look after in those days, and a 9th to visit too). We will continue with that tradition on 26th May.

We still ask for God's Blessing . . . but I have come to the conclusion in recent years that it is not actually so necessary to ask for God's Blessing, as to recognise that it has already been given to us in so many and varied ways. Those who have joined me on the walk (and anyone and everyone is welcome, whether you want to walk the whole distance, do a 'stage' or two, or just intercept the walkers at some point), have all been very conscious of feeling blessed by the experience. God, like the good, loving Father he is, doesn't wait to be asked – he delights in giving us 'more than we either desire or deserve' as the old prayer says. Of course I have yet to tackle a Rogation Walk of unrelenting rain . . . but even that might be a good reminder that there are areas on this earth that long for rain and would regard a downpour as the ultimate blessing.

Once again, Thank You for all that hard work in the Churches and parishes,
With Every Good Wish and Blessing,

John Tyler.

Benefice of Athelney – Service Rota

May – 2019

5th May	THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER		
08.00	North Curry	Holy Communion	Rev'd John Tyler
09.30	Lyng	Holy Communion	Rev'd Martin Mudie
10.00	North Curry	Eucharist	Rev'd John Tyler
18.00	Stoke St Gregory	Evensong	Ralph Roberts
<i>8th May</i>	<i>(Wednesday)</i>		
17.00	Stoke St Gregory	Evening Prayer	Dr Jane Sutton
12th May	THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER		
08.00	Stoke St Gregory	Holy Communion	Rev'd John Tyler
10.00	Stoke St Gregory	United Benefice Eucharist	Rev'd John Tyler
<i>15th May</i>	<i>(Wednesday)</i>		
17.00	Stoke St Gregory	Evening Prayer	Dr Jane Sutton
19th May	THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER		
08.00	North Curry	Holy Communion	Rev'd John Tyler
09.30	Burrowbridge	Holy Communion	Rev'd John Tyler
11.00	Stoke St Gregory	Eucharist	Rev'd Martin Mudie
18.00	North Curry	Evensong	Dr Robert Dunning
<i>22nd May</i>	<i>(Wednesday)</i>		
17.00	Stoke St Gregory	Evening Prayer	Dr Jane Sutton
26th May	ROGATION SUNDAY		
08.00	North Curry	Emmaus Eucharist	Rev'd John Tyler
11.00	Stoke St Gregory	Short service	
14.30	Burrowbridge	Short service	
15.15	Burrow Mump	Blessing	
16.15	Athelney Abbey	Blessing	
17.30	Lyng	Short service, and blessing from the tower	
<i>29th May</i>	<i>(Wednesday)</i>		
17.00	Stoke St Gregory	Evening Prayer	Dr Jane Sutton
<i>30th May</i>	ASCENSION DAY <i>(Thursday)</i>		
19.00	North Curry	Holy Communion	Rev'd John Tyler
2nd June	THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER		
08.00	North Curry	Holy Communion	Rev'd John Tyler
09.30	Lyng	Holy Communion	Rev'd John Tyler
10.00	North Curry	Eucharist	Rev'd Martin Mudie
18.00	Stoke St Gregory	Evensong	Dr Robert Dunning

Letter from the Right
Reverend Ruth Worsley
Bishop of Taunton
Finding the best in the world



It's Somerset day on Saturday, 11th May. It is an opportunity to profile some of the delights of our county and develop relationships across our communities. It is on this day that we remember Alfred (a failed 'Bake Off' contestant?) taking on the Vikings from the Somerset marshes and winning, thus spawning a 'make Somerset great again' moment.

Now, don't get me wrong! This isn't about us in Somerset trying to prove we are better than anyone else. We have seen plenty in recent days which has sought to divide rather than unite us as a country. Rather, this is an opportunity to value the uniqueness of some of our wonderful people, places and possibilities here in Somerset and across the diocese. I do hope you will join in! Visit www.somersetday.com for more details.

And surely that is what the Church should be about too. Celebrating all that is good, joyful and abundant in us. It reminds me of those words from Philippians 4:8...

'Whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.'

It is so easy to get caught up with negatives, with the glass half empty syndrome, with stuff that brings us down rather than building us up. I wonder if we might make this month one where we encourage ourselves and others to find the best in the world and people around us. Live life in all its fullness! (*John 10:10*)

Please come to a
Coffee Morning



Saturday 18th May
from 10am-noon

in the **Methodist chapel garden,**
foot of Windmill Hill, North Curry
in support of

**christian
aid**

Christian Aid
Week
Sun 12th - Sat
18th May

and please bring your *Christian Aid*
envelope
or leave it in the Post Office

News from North Curry /Curland Methodists, by Daphne Gilham

OUR FAVOURITE HYMNS

On Sunday 31st March evening, we held our favourite hymn service at North Curry and Curland Methodist Church.

This circuit service was led by our minister the Rev'd Deborah Kirk, and the hymns were chosen by the congregation. Among the hymns chosen were old favourites, Love Divine all Loves excelling, Be still for the presence of the Lord, Living Lord, And can it be and others. Count your Blessings was one chosen less often but very familiar to the congregation.

Deborah gave a little talk about each of the hymns explaining, where possible: their origin; history; relationship to passages in the Bible; information about the writers/composers, etc. In this way she engaged the congregation in some brief discussion which allowed all of us to fully understand the meaning of each hymn we sang.

Almost all churches in the circuit were represented in the congregation; the hymns chosen were sung with great gusto. It was a lovely service and a great evening.

After several postponements, the church council was held at the home of Dick Brewer on Tuesday 9th April. Attendance was unfortunately lower than usual due to illness. However the discussions were full and detailed. Among the items talked over were matters of property eg some of the windows need attention, lettings taken up at the moment and future arrangements. It was decided that due to our circumstances at present we should not be taking part in the village May Fair this year.

The Christian Aid coffee morning in the Chapel garden will hopefully go ahead.

The Methodist Church Council noted that the vicar is leaving and send her our best wishes for her retirement.



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North Curry W.I, Jill Cox reports

On the 1st May we meet for our AGM, when not only will we be electing a new committee, but also discussing our resolutions for the year which have been decided on by WIs throughout the country. From more than 105,000 shortlist selections, two

topics were chosen – 'A call against the decline in local bus services' (especially in rural areas) and 'Don't fear the smear' (to raise awareness of the importance of cervical screening). All WI's countrywide will be voting for or against each resolution and these results are sent to NFWI for a final debate and vote at the Annual Meeting held at Bournemouth in June. If these topics are adopted, this then means our voice can be heard and can make a real difference as they become part of local and national campaigns.

Look out for us at the May Fair – we'll be there again with our popular tombola and prizes wrapped (this year) in yellow and green.

If anyone enjoys walking, do join us for approx a 2 mile charity walk on Thursday 16th May, 2pm meeting at 1, Longs Field, North Curry (TA3 6NN) and returning there for tea afterwards. Money raised will benefit ACWW (a charity donating to women in less-developed countries for use in projects designed to improve the lives of themselves and their families). This is open to everyone and if a group of you decide to take part just let us know so that we have enough cake! (telephone 490363).

North Curry W.I. recently held their Group Event where they entertained members of Creech St Michael, Stoke St Gregory, Hatch Beachamp, Curry Rival and Hambridge W.I.

70 ladies enjoyed a ploughman lunch followed by competitions, guest speakers and entertainment.

North Curry surpassed themselves by winning 1st prizes in all five categories. Margaret Lomax County Group Advisor presented cups to: Zilla Sykes (short story), Kathy Goodwin (cookery), Margarie Wall (handicraft), Shelia Billingham (floral arrangement) and Jill Cox (photography).



Our Church's Vision Committee

The vision committee's main task is to seek to offer a vision of what sort of church we are hoping to become.

We see our role as being a Christian Spiritual Centre at the heart of the Village for everyone. To help us achieve this aim we wish to provide opportunities for Christian worship, prayer, meditation and education. Provide a spiritual and prayerful space for everyone to use, provide a warm welcome for both local people and visitors and to meet the needs of all within a Christian ethos while maintaining increasingly strong links with other Christian groups.

To help us in this role St Peter and St Paul seeks to be a church that

Opens our doors to the whole community.

Opens our activities beyond our walls.

Opens our minds in worship, prayer and study.

In an age of increasing individualism we want to build up our community. To ensure our church is a place that is safe for all God's people by working together to prevent abuse, and link with our local community especially in the service our members offer to the many village organisations. We are willing to make room for all and to continue to seek to find what God wants for us as a Church at this time and in this place.

Ralph Roberts Licensed Lay Minister.

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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.

Our Polar Explorer Returns..!



Mary recently returned from her adventure in Sweden. Here she models the very latest in arctic bikini wear... not sure it's going to be a new trend for North Curry, but you never know.

Mary's prowess to modelling came late in life, but with her style and grace, soon she will be parading in the latest fashion catwalks across Europe...

On page 35, you can see Mary in all her glory without her "bikini"... oo'eerr



John Tyler has this thought provoking fable... what could it mean..?

My Dear Friends,

And now ... Something Different:

There was once a street which had a sunny side and a shady side. The two sides never mixed. The sunny side gasped in the heat; their curtains faded, their paint blistered. The shady side shivered in the cold and damp; the house-plants drooped through lack of sun, dry-rot ravaged the woodwork. Each side hated the other; both were starving.

One day a Baker's Van drove down the street. Its back doors swung open and dozens of loaves of bread tumbled onto the road. The driver never noticed and drove on. The street-people gathered on their two separate sides to stare at the loaves of bread – something they had never seen before.

"What is it?" they asked one another.

"It's a secret weapon planted by those horrors over the way," the answer was muttered back. "Throw it back at them!" Soon the air was filled with loaves of bread flying backwards and forwards – and getting a lot more battered.

But in one of the houses on the sunny side lived a toddler who had not been taught to hate the shady side yet. When a loaf landed near him, he pulled off a bit and put it in his mouth – he did that with everything. He liked the taste, and carried on eating. Soon some of the people near him noticed what he was doing and tried a bit too. Gradually this spread until no bread was flying about and everybody was munching away.

"It's good," they said ; "it's food."

When they were nearly full some sunny side and shady side people met in the middle of the street. They all had plenty of bread, and they were so taken up with the strange experience that they forgot to hate each other. Before they realised what they were doing they were sharing bread together.

After that the street became different; the two sides got on well together. They all spent the summer on the shady side of the street and the winter on the sunny side. It became such a pleasant street that the driver of the Baker's Van often came round that way, and since he had never troubled to mend the catch on the back door of his van, loaves of bread became quite common in the street.

If you want to check the 'Key' to this story, you will have to hunt for it elsewhere in this Magazine...

North Curry and District Amateur Gardeners, by Heather Williams



Our next meeting is on Thursday 2nd May when our speaker will be Brigit Strawbridge talking on "Bees". We all know how essential these little creatures are to our environment, be they wild or domesticated and I think it will be most interesting.

This will be the last talk before our summer break.

We do however have other interesting things going on! On Wednesday 15th May we're off to Sherborne Castle and Gardens in Dorset. Forms are available at the next meeting if you haven't already picked one up. Member's friends, family or anyone at a loose end is welcome to join us!

On Saturday 25th May, we have our fabulous Plant Sale with coffee and cake at the Pavilion 10.00 -12 noon. We'll have our usual selection of gorgeous perennials plus anything else our members have managed to grow for us to sell!

There will also be two additional daytime outings, an NGS garden to visit and an evening outing so watch this space!

Meeting are held on the first Thursday of the month in the Greenway playing fields Pavilion at 7.45pm for 8pm. New members and guests are always welcome.

NORTH CURRY FLOWER FESTIVAL

Make a note in your diary!

29th & 30th June, Parish Church

Book Themed Displays

throughout the church

Open from 10am – 6pm

FREE ADMISSION

Refreshments will be available.



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 4th & 18th May 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).

Rogation

Farmers call it the six leaf stage or if they are modern, growth stage 32. That is the time in the life of a wheat plant when the ear ceases to be dormant in the base of the stem and starts to rise within the plant, swelling as it ascends. The ear, complete with grains, existed in the seed (you would need an electron microscope to verify this) but only now would you be able to see it with the naked eye.

This point also marks the "end" of feeding and fertilising the plant, except perhaps foliar feeds of trace elements, for everything should have been done before now. The wheat plant is usually in this stage in late April onwards so for this reason, it would seem natural to bless the crops at this time.

The Rogation ceremony replaced the Roman procession of *Robigalia* at which a dog was sacrificed to propitiate *Robigus* the God of agricultural diseases. This was supposed to protect their crops from wheat rust. Happily for dogs Mamertus, bishop of Vienna, introduced a kinder ceremony around AD470, and it gradually spread across Europe. The faithful would mark it by fasting and abstinence in preparation for the day, and farmers would have their crops blessed at the same time. A common feature on this day was the ceremony of Beating the Bounds, where priests and parishioners would walk the parish boundaries and pray for the protection of their village. Psalms 103 and 104 were sung and people were reminded of the curses that the Bible ascribed to those that violated field boundaries. These processions were thought to be more important when a right of way needed to be protected against agricultural or building incursions.

During the reign of Henry VIII there were a notable number of Rogation processions, in order to increase crop yields, especially in 1543 (the year that he married Catherine Parr) when there were heavy rains. There were a few parishes when boys (presumably wrongdoers) were caned at certain places on the walk. Later these parishes changed to the kinder practice of the boys beating boundary stones with canes. I could find no mention of such practices in North Curry.

When all this is done, it is time for the farmers to close the gates on their wheat fields, and let the lengthening days and warmer weather to do the ripening. Next thing to do is harvesting and Lammas.

Tom Jeanes

Rogationtide Walk, Sunday 26th May

Revd John Tyler will again lead the walk around our benefice, visiting all the Athelney churches and asking for God's Blessing at each.

Below, is a brief outline of the day.

All finely tuned "athletes" are welcome to join us at...

8.00am	Start at North Curry Church	Emmaus Eucharist
9.00am	walk to Stoke St. Gregory	approx 3 miles
11.00am	Stoke St. Gregory Church	Short service
11.30am	walk to Burrowbridge	approx 4.25 miles
2.00pm	Arrive at Burrowbridge, Break for lunch	
2.30pm	Burrowbridge Church	Short service
3.15pm	Burrow Mump	Blessing
3.30pm	walk to Athelney Abbey	approx 1.5 miles
4.15pm	Athelney Abbey	Blessing
4.45pm	walk to Lyng	approx 1 mile
5.30pm	Lyng Church	Short Service
6.00pm	From top of Church Tower	Blessing

Times are approximate and may have to be adjusted.

You can walk the entire route (approx 9.5 miles), or just join us on part of it.



Burrowbridge Church, our lunch
time destination

photo courtesy of Julian Comrie

Whilst the gradient will be mostly level, some footpaths and muddy fields may be involved.

Stout walking shoes/ boots are recommended, and bring along some "emergency" refreshments, including water.

Dogs welcome, but must be kept under strict control the whole time.

We will have refreshment and rest points along the way.

Offers of help to transport weary walkers back from Lyng at the end of the day would be much appreciated. Please contact John if you can assist.

Children's Half Term Activities

at North Curry Parish Church
Tuesday 28th May 10:00 - 12 Noon



A playful emoji...

Primary and pre-school children are all welcome to take part in various crafts and try out the organ. Regrettably, visits to the bell tower will not be possible this time because works to the ringing chamber floor will not be complete. Refreshments during, and a story at the end. Please could younger children be accompanied by an adult.

Anyone interested in helping, please contact Jenny Satchwell on 490463.



...finishes with a story

This is COMPLETELY FREE and open in and around North Curry.

Last time out, the children learned about the Tree of Life.

What will the theme be this time?

The only way to find out is to come join us.

Well behaved parents are also welcome...!

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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.



News from Rainbows & Guides

1st North Curry Rainbows have just celebrated their 5th birthday with a sleepover at Somermead Lodge. The theme was Dinosaurs. The Rainbows made fluffy dinosaur feet, decorated wooden keyrings and baked 3D dinosaur shaped biscuits!

This term one of the Rainbows topics was First Aid. They have learned how to put on a plaster, what items should be in a first aid kit and how to wash their hands. They finished the term with an Easter egg hunt and craft evening.

If this sounds like something that you would like to be part of, 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.



1st North Curry Guides split into two groups for their topics. They chose Lead and Innovate. The Lead group have been learning how to resolve conflict, the qualities needed to be a good leader and how to budget. The Innovate group have been problem solving, coding and baking biscuits.

Sophie, a St John's Ambulance Peer educator came to teach the Guides First Aid. All the Guides have successfully completed their First Aid interest badge. We finished the term making Easter chocolate crispy nests over a tea light candle and a Promise Ceremony where three Guides made their Promise.

If this sounds like something that you would like to be part of, please contact Kate on 01823 690471 or 1stnorthcurryguides@gmail.com or www.girlguiding.org.uk for more information.

Guides are for girls aged between 10 and 14yrs.

Little Angels Toddlers Club and Pram Service

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

Next meeting
10am – 16th May

Wednesday, 15th May 2019

David Elkington will give an outline of Britain under the Romans, as well as Britain before the Romans reached this distant land, presenting a sample of the civilisation they found here - some of which remained 'pre-Roman' throughout their occupation. Home and military life, art, religion, towns and villas will all feature, and hopefully encourage further visits to the many marvellous sites and museums in Britain.



David was born in Bristol and has taught in Somerset since the 1960s, concentrating on Roman Britain. He became interested in Roman Britain almost before school and studied Classics and Classical Civilization both at school in Bristol, and at University in Durham, which is close to Hadrian's Wall where he also did a bit of digging during his time there. Later he took a Master's degree in Roman studies and besides teaching in Somerset gave extra-mural lectures on Roman Britain for Bristol University for twenty-five years. He then gained a schoolteacher's scholarship from the British School at Rome to study and photograph in Rome and Pompeii for a month. Subsequently he has co-written two instructional works for Oxford University Press for teachers of A level Classical Studies.

David last came to the North Curry Society four years ago, and we are delighted to have him back. 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 a year; visitors are very welcome on payment of a small entrance charge (currently £1). We look forward to welcoming you.

Volunteers required for church committees

The Parochial Church Council has a number of committees that support the Council's decision making process. Events, Finance & Fabric and Vision all work as their own team. We are in need of people from across the congregation and village, for the benefit of the church and wider community, to join these groups. If you would like to join and to contribute towards your village church, then please contact a warden. You do not need to be a member of the congregation to be on these committees, just ask the treasurer! New faces with fresh ideas would be most welcome.

Colour and Light Enrichment Week:

25th February – 1st March 2019

The week started with a whole school 'Wow' assembly presented by Sonic Sally from the Fizz Pop Science Company. The children were treated to a variety of bubble themed experiments including how different gases can fill a bubble making them far more dangerous than an innocent bubble should be; a chemical reaction that made a very foamy eruption; and a grand finale where a couple of brave volunteers had giant bubbles put over their heads! This was followed by 'light' themed workshops for Seahorse, Elver and Dolphin classes which focused on white light and rainbows, how light travels and the wonders of ultraviolet light.

Each class focused on a different coloured poem from the poetry book 'A song of colours' by Judy Hindley. This inspired lovely poetry and artwork some of which will be put up on the display boards in the summer term for all to appreciate and enjoy. We were treated to examples of stunning 'purple' poetry written by Shark Class in last week's Show and Share assembly. I was very impressed with their high quality writing, full of metaphors, alliteration, personification and even a lovely touch of humour in one!

A wide range of other cross-curricular activities took place throughout the week including: thought-provoking letters written by different coloured crayons based on the picture book 'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Drew Daywalt; pictograms showing favourite colours and Smarties fractions; colour mixing activities; experimenting with shades of colours and creating names for these shades; artwork based on work by the artists Kandinsky and Mondrian; still life daffodil watercolour paintings; creative 'Thinker's Keys' activities; periscope making; festivals of light in RE; learning colours in French; colour filter investigating; outside painting, plus many more.

The half-term design and make a simple periscope or kaleidoscope challenge proved very popular, and we were delighted with the amount of children who brought their designs in to share with their class during the week.

The whole school came together again at the end of the week in an assembly to share their highlights, and to sing some coloured themed songs that they had been practising in their classrooms.

A lovely week, full of colour and light, awe and wonder, excitement and enjoyment was had by all!

Emma King – Science Subject Leader – March 2019



Building Work projects at the church, this spring and summer

Maintenance Works

What is going on and where does the money come from?

Anyone with a home and particularly an old home will know that maintenance is a permanent issue.

Originally built in around 1300 and significantly altered about 100 years later and onwards to the nineteenth century, the church requires continual maintenance.

How do we know what to do next?

Every five years the churchwardens are required to have a comprehensive review of the church fabric done by an architect approved by the diocese. The review is commonly known as the Quinquennial Report, and we use Benjamin Beauchamp of Wedmore, who are very experienced with historic buildings, to produce this for us.

The report (last done in 2016) advises us as to what must be done immediately, within eighteen months and what can be done later.

Work done Recently

Since 2016 we have done some repairs at the west end of the church, churchyard walls, and essential repairs to roof leadwork. A second lightening conductor has been put in place. The good news is that the south porch which has some cracks in each of the four corners appears to be stable.

Process

At home assuming one had the funds and a repair is necessary the work would be put in hand. For the church there are more hurdles. The steps roughly are:

Problem identified

Is there funding

Apply for a faculty*

Go to Tender

With luck the work goes ahead. This process may seem irksome (and sometimes is) but we are just temporary custodians of a grade 1 building and the diocese is in effect our "planning authority".

* a faculty is permission from the diocese involving, plans, specification, and often architect's recommendation.

2019 works

Last year we were successful in obtaining funding from the National Lottery Awards for All to be spent on repairs in the churchyard.

Now we have their funding, the architect's specifications and recently received diocesan approval to proceed, we expect to go to tender very soon. In particular, this work will be to the north wall of the old churchyard, the preaching cross base and the lych gate and kissing gate. Additional work will be done on the chancel (east end of church) and almost all of that will be paid for by the Church Commissioners. The Church Commissioners are responsible for the structural (but not decorative) repair costs (97.08%/ 2.92% we have to pay) to the chancel. Their representative visited us in April, and we agreed on what was required. In due course, there will be scaffolding on the east end of the church to enable some blistering stonework to be repaired.

You may well have seen the much-improved fencing along the north side of the churchyard extension replacing the dilapidated and unsightly chain link fencing. Most of this was done with goodwill and labour from our own PCC. It is intended to continue the east side also, but this will have to wait until the end of the year when the ground is dry and there are not likely to be animals in the field.

Work outstanding

More substantial work will be needed in the ringing world but that is a whole new subject.

Ideally, we would like to conserve the statues of St Peter and St Paul and Jesus himself who are currently eroding gently on the south porch. We do not have the funds at present. Does anyone want to sponsor the conservation of a saint? (Imagine how that would look on your CV!).

Seriously though it will cost c£700 **just** to get a report from a professional stone conservator to say what and how repairs can be done.

Whilst there is always more to do, our architect on a recent visit was quite complimentary about our efforts to keep our beautiful building intact.

This reflects the continuous hard work of many people who clean gutters, clean the paths, oil the doors and other jobs done unobtrusively all the time and collectively at events such as the cleanup day on March 23rd - Thank you to you all.

Ringling Chamber floor

Upon receiving diocesan permission to proceed with levelling the ringing chamber floor, work began in earnest during April. The materials had been "magically" elevated to the ringing room and work is well under way with the new floor. All the labour and materials were provided by the ringers.

David Akerman
Churchwarden, April 2019 update



North Curry Village Choir Spring Concert

We are singing our Spring Concert
On 11th May at 7.30pm
North Curry Parish Church
Tickets only £10 (£5 under 21)

**Tickets available
From the Post Office**

Choir members, or at the door on the night.

Gloria – Vivaldi, Aesop's fables – Chilcott, Maiden Fair – Haydn, Easter Hymn – Mascagni, plus various solo items.

Sasha Herriman – Soprano Miles Quick – Musical Director
Rachel Robinson – Accompanist String quartet

North Curry Cricket Club, Chris Golding writes

Pre –Season games scheduled:

Sat 4th May NCCC v Wiveliscombe (A) 2.30pm Start

Sat 4th may NC Saints v Minehead (H) 2.30pm Start

Please watch out for your Fixtures Book including exciting news of a NCCC U11's Cricket Team playing back in the village on Sunday mornings.

The ECB Cricket Allstars for 5-8 years old will start Friday 7th June from 6pm – 7pm - www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars

Finally a BIG thank you to all our sponsors and supporters for the 2019 season

Chris Golding

Club Captain, North Curry Cricket Club

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





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The website lists many events that are happening in the county, to recognise and honour our rich and varied historical and cultural heritage.

Visit: www.somersetday.com



Presented by Don Hoyle

On **Wednesday 22nd May** we are showing the

hilarious comedy, **Le Concert**. Thirty years ago, Andrei Simoniovich Filipov, the renowned conductor of the Bolshoi orchestra, was fired for hiring Jewish musicians. Now a cleaning man at the Bolshoi, he learns by accident that the Châtelet Theatre in Paris invites the Bolshoi orchestra to play there. He decides to gather together his former musicians and to perform in Paris in the place of the Bolshoi orchestra. As a solo violin player to accompany his old Jewish and Gypsy musicians he wants Anne-Marie Jacquet, a young virtuoso. If they all overcome the hardships ahead this very special concert will be a triumph. In French and Russian with English sub-titles.

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

More information on our films on www.northcurryfilmsociety.org.uk

Burrowbridge Film Club

Saturday, 11th May are showing 'A Star Is Born' at the Coronation Hall. Refreshments available at 6.30pm, the film starts at 7.30pm.

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



Julie Felix concert Village Hall 6th April, Helen Griffiths reviews

From the moment Julie positively danced on to the stage, giving a high kick, she had the audience in a packed Hall in the palm of her hand.

She continued to hold us - with a mixture of songs nicely chosen to please the age-group in the Hall, interspersed with stories of her travels and her friends over the last 50 years, she entertained us first for 45 minutes, worried about over-running. For this audience, she could have carried on singing for another 30 minutes before an interval – but a girl needs a bit of a rest!

As she reminded us, she passed her 80th birthday last year. Her anecdotes in particular reminded this particular listener of a Golden Age of modern folk music, when a singer with her guitar could travel safely and sing her way round the Mediterranean and the Middle East, meeting up with the likes of Leonard Cohen and Bob Dylan.

Some of us had been singing quietly along with the choruses in the first half so she indulged us by singing requests in the second half, including Leonard Cohen's wonderful *Hallelujah*. Most appreciated was "*The last thing on my mind*" requested by Michael (Griffiths).

She closed the concert with an encore - her version of *Tambourine Man* (much better than The Birds'!)

To those of you unfortunate enough to miss this concert, Julie enjoyed herself so much and was so charmed with the warmth of her reception in North Curry, that she suggested that she should come back next year – an idea clearly approved by the audience.

Watch this space!

Many, many thanks to all who organised and who helped set up, take down pour wine, wash up, help with publicity – in other words the back-stagers who make it work – thank you!

Ps- Julie wondered if anyone had taken any pictures and if so if they could send them to her – via Michael or me perhaps?

North Curry Bellringers, Darren Woodyer writes

Striking Competition, the youngsters do us proud!

When you are a bell ringer, nothing excites you more than a good old competition to see how you fair up against towers in the local area and also to get a Bellringers' tea!

On the afternoon of 11th April at 2pm I sat outside Broomfield Church on a bench overlooking the tower. Off we went with the first band. Six lovely sounding bells sung out over the village. It's a great time to gather your thoughts whilst listening but also hearing how good the competitors really are!

North Curry had been picked to go last so our team had a bit of a wait for 4pm, which was our allocated time. On went another band and another, all sounding very good and we're a credit to their respective churches.

Then finally it was our time. Off we went. I started to think about our band and how chuffed I was of them all. Not only had they given up their afternoon participate, but 3 of the 6 ringers were learners. Tim, Hattie and Phoebe had only started very recently, with George, Mike and I making up the rest of the team. Phoebe was very new to handling the bell on her own but we were determined to give it our best attempt, whether we finished first or last.

We were on! Hattie took the treble (number 1) Phoebe on the 2, Tim had the 3. George 4. Mike 5 and I had the Tenor (6). We were allowed 2 minutes practice. That was not bad. The children settled down and got use to the bells. Tim had a bit of a wobble but then got the hang of it. We stopped; sounded the treble twice to let the judges know we were ready and off we went. 3 minutes of rounds. We had some wobbles through the ringing but it didn't matter we did the 3 minutes. Everyone did really well.

Unfortunately we came last but I was so proud that our village had taken part. Our learners were not fazed by the event and did amazingly well. Next time, we shall be all the better of the experience, so listen out our competitors!

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

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

You only hear from the treasurer when something is awry, or it is a plea for more money or alike. So not to disappoint... if you have not already joined our church's planned giving scheme, and have recently added yourself to the electoral roll, now is the time to complete your regular donation pledge. Being a member of the church costs nothing, and is freely available to all. However, expenditure on the church building and clergy's time is required, and comes from our patron's generosity.

Now, with the plea part out of the way, the results for the March quarter show we are slightly ahead of breakeven for the year; and pretty much on budget. The additional planned giving and reduced parish share payment are having the biggest effect, coupled with the proceeds generated from the quiz and concerts, though expenditure in general has been low.

For the June and September quarters, I am anticipating that we remain around breakeven, though we may to spend a little of our reserves on the planned maintenance and refurbishment (as identified by David Akerman on pages 24 & 25). As you recall, we do have the £10,000 grant from last year to pay towards these costs. Furthermore, with the vicar's retirement, we have unplanned costs to advertise for a new incumbent, and that these costs could well be in excess £2,000. We are vague on the details for now, as simply, this is all new to us and we are finding out as we go along.

During the year, we are also looking to spend on some creature comforts for the church, which include cushion padding for the pews, comfy seating around the coffee table and a new bench along the main walkway (from the lych gate to the south door). We are also considering additional benching and tables for the kiddies corner, as we look to improve on our offered facilities for the younger members of the community. Much of these investments expenditure will come from the reserves and legacy received last year, but we shall be continuing with our many fund raising events during the course of this year to assist with the financing of these projects and operational requirements.

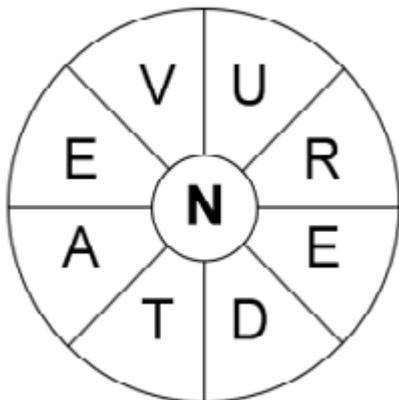
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Easter Morning Sunrise Service

A spectacular sunrise on Easter Sunday made for the perfect backdrop for the early service, as the dawn sky of soft pastel reds, oranges and blues adorned the eastern horizon, and would have made any artist proud.

Tea break!

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A couple of challenges this month. Sudoku and a Wordwheel.

Wordwheel:

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

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 (November 2018 – April 2019)

We ask for God's Blessing on all the following

Baptisms

Cally Terence Case	November 2018
Theodore John Harris	December 2018

Weddings

Robert McKinlay/ Ceri Morgan	April 2019
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Funerals

Charles Woods	November 2018
Michael Dennis, Meryll Rowe	February 2019
Leslie Stenson, Jeffery Pipe	March 2019
Gordon Bowey	April 2019

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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What does being in debt feel like?

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

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

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

Church Opening and Closing Rota

Sunday, week commencing during May 2019

5th * Ralph Roberts

12th David Walker

19th * Tom Jeanes

26th Michael Griffiths

* Denotes 8am service

Palm Sunday, 14th April

Thanks to Mary and Titch the donkey for leading a triumphal procession into "Jerusalem" at the Palm Sunday service.

KEY ...

Did you Notice: -

Hostility and Aggression are irrational; the toddler had to be 'taught to hate'? Scarce resources (Loaves) can be used as weapons or food?

Everyone benefited from sharing – especially the bread?

Even the extremes of a 'shady side' and 'sunny side' could be used to everyone's advantage – with goodwill..?

Did you get the echo of Christmas 1914? Has this fable any messages for today?



Home insurance



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

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