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BRITISH SUMMER TIME ENDS 27TH OCTOBER
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**BUT BEFORE THEN,
THERE IS PLENTY OF TIME
TO READ INSIDE
THIS MONTH'S
EXCITING ISSUE...**

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Church Diary Events for 2019/20 : October – January

Saturday, 12th October, District Bellringers AGM

Friday, 18th October, Voskresenije Russian Choir concert

Tuesday, 29th October, Children's Activity Day

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

Saturday, 16th November, Autumn Fair in the Village Hall

Sunday, 17th November, Readings and Music for Remembrance

Coffee Mornings, every Monday morning

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

5th October

School Holiday Terms

Half Term 28th October – 1st November

Winter 23rd December – 3rd January 2020

Bellringers, every Monday evening, 7pm-8.30pm

Non Parish Church Diary Events: October

Wednesday, 2nd October, African Drums!

North Curry WI

Thursday, 3rd October, Hestercombe Gardens

NC & District Gardeners

Saturday, 5th & 19th October, Bingo

Burrowbridge

Wednesday, 16th October, A Night at the Opera

North Curry WI

Saturday, 20th October, North Curry's Apple Day!

Wednesday, 23rd October, Red Joan

North Curry Film Club

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

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

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

www.northcurrychurch.co.uk/ email ncurrymag@gmail.com

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

Cheque payments to North Curry PCC

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North Curry PCC – Account No: 00514650, Sort Code: 30-98-45

Announcements/ News in Brief

Congratulations to our September 200 Club Winners

1st Prize - £30: Ken Tate

2nd Prize - £20: Mignon Drake 3rd Prize - £10: Jenny Satchwell

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

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

It is with sadness, that we report the passing of Rev Peter Curtis at the end of August. Revd Curtis served North Curry Parish Church over many years and he will be remembered fondly.

Mobile Library Service is back. It will return to its usual place in Queen Square on Wednesday 9th October at 1.45pm-2.30pm.

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

Flower Rota at the church – we are urgently requiring assistance and helpers with the church flowers. If you would like to be part of the team that keeps our church in blooming good display, please contact Lorraine on 491665. Without additional support, there is a good chance no flowers will be put on display.

As part of the planned autumn refurbishments, work has begun on the Chancel as well as various other churchyard repairs. Kindly observe all Health and Safety signs, as plenty of protection panels and fencing will be in place for the next 8 weeks.

Isle Abbots, North Curry & Isle Brewers Heating Oil Club – now is the time to join! Visit www.oil-club.co.uk/search and click the link to North Curry. Joining is free and order as part of a buying group. The more members we have, the better rate per litre we can negotiate – which saves us all £££.

A Bible Course at Stoke St Gregory Baptists starts on 8th/ 9th October. There will be two possible sessions to attend – a Tuesday evening or a Wednesday afternoon. The Tuesday evening session will be at 7.30pm, whilst the Wednesday afternoon session will be at 2.45pm. Please contact The Revd Sonya Setchell, 07485 004486 for details.

North Curry Bellringers, Darren Woodyer writes

Back to school

One of our biggest challenges in bellringing is recruiting new ringers. Unfortunately, we don't come with a console and a control pad in the tower. We do however have a TV up there but that is connected to the cameras so people can see the bells ringing. Also, with people's lives being so hectic other activities seem to take over. The amount of people I have say to me "oh, I would love to have a go at that".

It was decided last year to see if we could team up with the local school and start an after-school class once a week to see if the children would be interested in learning. Mrs Morley and I agreed that a Thursday afternoon would work well. We have now run three different classes and each one has been amazingly attended. We now have some children with our practice group on a Monday night, with other family members also joining. At the end of last year for the school, the children who learnt to ring rang for their final assembly (which was held in the church). We set up the TV down in the church so that the other children and teachers could watch the bells ringing. This was the first time that a congregation were able to see and hear the bells ringing from inside the church. Pretty cool!

Well, as the title states it's back to school for the children. I am led to believe that we have another full class starting this year and this will go on until Christmas. So, if you hear the bells ringing out on a Thursday afternoon you will know what is going on.

With regards to the Bell Tower Appeal, we are now waiting for the structural survey to happen. This will give us more of a detailed breakdown of what we can do which is within the safety of the tower's limits. We hope to have this done by the end of this year. We will then be able to start the serious fund raising in 2020.

Why not come and give ringing a go.

Practice Evenings: Monday, 7pm – 9pm.

Contact Darren, tower captain 07718 059071

email: gogrand siredoubles@gmail.com

For pictures and information please visit our website:

www.northcurrybells.com

Bell Tower Appeal

If you would like to make a donation towards this project, please back to North Curry Bellringers: Account: 38229860 - Sort Code: 30-91-91 or give a cheque in person to Paul or Darren.

The Rev'd John Tyler writes

My Dear Friends,

As I write this Autumn is setting in with strengthening winds and cooler nights; the trees are turning colour and gardening seems largely to consist of cutting out and clearing up the overgrowth of Spring and Summer. In our Churches this has been a time of Harvest Celebration – a time to pause and give thanks to God for the many gifts – too often just taken for granted – he so generously provides.

We pause, certainly, but the work continues; and that is true not just for farmers and gardeners, but for everyone: Our Churches are places of great activity as we move through the Vacancy - not just working to attract applicants to be our Benefice Vicar, but also maintaining and expanding the life and worship and ministry of the local Churches and supporting the community in our villages. When I go to the gym I often wonder why nobody has tried to harness all the energy expended on rowing machines, treadmills, etc. to generate electricity; equally, I am continually impressed by the time and energy people (not least those 'retired') are prepared to devote to the Churches and the welfare of their local community. Thank God for the ideals of public service; and Thank you all.

It is no business of mine to comment on what is happening nationally. Apart from anything else, by the time this in print everything will probably be different anyway. Our prayers are needed for politicians of all opinions and persuasions. There is a story of how Queen Victoria once nearly laughed in Church (Yes, "We were amused . . . "). The Minister at Crathie near Balmoral prayed that God might bestow his wisdom on Her Majesty's Government, led by Mr Gladstone (dramatic pause) ". . . for it is sairely needit . . ." The Household were interested to observe that the Queen turned purple with suppressed laughter. Meanwhile I guess our own prayers this Autumn could do worse than focus on good manners, courtesy, mutual understanding and co-operation, among politicians at every level; and we ourselves can set them a good example, I hope. There is a lot of healing needed in a nation that has allowed itself to become so divided.

With Every Good Wish and Blessing,

John Tyler

Benefice of Athelney – Service Rota

October – 2019

2 nd October	(Wednesday)	Stoke St Gregory	Evening Prayer	Revd Dr Jane Sutton
17.00				
3 rd October	(Thursday)	North Curry	School Harvest Service	Revd John Tyler or Mr Ralph Roberts
14.00				

6th October			THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
08.00	North Curry	Holy Communion		Revd John Tyler
09.30	Lyng	Holy Communion		Revd John Tyler
10.00	North Curry	Eucharist		Revd Martin Mudie
11.00	Stoke St Gregory	Harvest Festival Eucharist		Revd Canon Moorsom
9 th October	(Wednesday)	Stoke St Gregory	Evening Prayer	Revd Dr Jane Sutton
17.00				
12 th October	(Saturday)	North Curry	District Bellringers Service	Revd John Tyler
16.30				

13th October			THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
10.00	North Curry	United Benefice Eucharist		Revd Martin Mudie
16 th October	(Wednesday)	Stoke St Gregory	Evening Prayer	Revd Dr Jane Sutton
17.00				

20th October			THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
08.00	North Curry	Holy Communion		Revd John Tyler
09.30	Burrowbridge	Holy Communion		Revd John Tyler
10.00	North Curry	Morning Prayer		Mr Ralph Roberts
11.00	Stoke St Gregory	Eucharist		Revd Keith Powell
23 rd October	(Wednesday)	Stoke St Gregory	Evening Prayer	Revd Dr Jane Sutton
17.00				

BST ends, clocks go back one hour				
27th October			BIBLE SUNDAY	
09.30	Burrowbridge	Morning Prayer		Dr Robert Dunning
10.00	North Curry	Eucharist		Revd Prebendary Stephen Lynas
11.00	Stoke St Gregory	Eucharist		Revd John Tyler
30 th October	(Wednesday)	Stoke St Gregory	Evening Prayer	Revd Dr Jane Sutton
17.00				

3rd November

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY (WITH ALL
SOULS)

08.00	North Curry	Holy Communion	Revd John Tyler
09.30	Lyng	Holy Communion	Revd John Tyler
10.00	North Curry	Eucharist	Revd Martin Mudie
11.00	Stoke St Gregory	Morning Prayer	Mr Ralph Roberts

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

Produce Market

In the Village Hall

Saturday 5th October

9.30am-11.30am

Thank you to those that helped tidy away last month.
The extra hands made the job so much easier!

Do come along and browser at your leisure at the various stalls.
There is a wide selection of craft and produce goods on sale.
Our kitchen is open throughout serving delicious bacon baps and hot drinks.

Autumn Fair

Saturday 16th November

9:30am – 1pm

in North Curry Village Hall

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



Journeying together

I was on the train today and a South Western Railway poster caught my eye. The headline was 'Our Promise to You'. It then said: 'We are passionate about delivering a great service for you and are here to make travelling easier.' It went on to spell out what that meant in these words:

Be visible and available to you when you need us
Offer information and answer questions you may have
Make announcements about the destination and its calling point
Keep you informed should things be delayed during your journey

Obviously this was talking about trains, but it got me thinking as some of those things could also be applied to my role as Bishop. My role, and that of Bishop Ruth, the archdeacons, our other colleagues and the central support staff in the Old Deanery is to support the work of mission and ministry which takes place across the parishes, chaplaincies and schools of the diocese. And we are all passionate about doing the best we can to support you and to 'make your travelling easier'. And by 'travelling' we mean the walk that we have with Jesus as his followers and his disciples.

One way we seek to support you by being visible and available. Bishop Ruth and I like nothing better than getting out and about across the length and breadth of the diocese, meeting people and hearing all that you are doing to live and tell the story of Jesus. Every month we meet hundreds of new people and we try, as and when we can, to answer questions and let people know what is going on.

These parish magazine articles are another way in which we try to keep in touch and share what we are up to. The diocesan website, our e-newsletter, Connect, Manna magazine and our social media feeds on Facebook and Twitter are other places you can catch up with what we are doing, but more importantly to hear and read about what God is doing among us and within the communities we serve.

The train poster ended with the words 'Let us know how we are doing'. And that is another important reason why we love to get round the diocese so that we can hear what else we can do to support you and to share with you in living and telling others about the love of God.

With my prayers and very best wishes
The Right Revd Peter Hancock
Bishop of Bath and Wells

News from North Curry /Curland Methodists, by Daphne Gilham

Autumn has come to North Curry and plans for the winter months are already in hand.

By the time this edition has gone to print the Harvest Festival and Harvest Supper will have been held. A report will follow next month.

A letter of thanks has been sent to the Coffee Shop for their kind donation to the Chapel. This support is always much appreciated.

Messages are regularly sent to those members who are in Residential Homes or unwell at home.

Congratulations have been extended to Dick who celebrated his 90th birthday in August.



Future dates

13th October

A local Arrangement service to be led by a Worship team at 11am

5th December

A Taize Service at 7pm

15th December

Carol Service at 3pm

20th December

The Stable Nativity at Dick Brewer's farm

Resurrection Choir of St Petersburg

Friday 18th October 7pm

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

Tickets £10

on sale at the Post Office now

See page 15 for programme details.



Events Review



During September, we welcomed the Taunton Military Wives Choir. Whilst we were hoping for a few more supporters, those that attended were treated to a performance of around 20 songs, ranging from popular to traditional. Some old time as well as new songs were sung, and they even had the audience joining in with one or two at the end! For amateurs, they came across very professional.

They were so good, we immediately took the chance to invite them back next year, and hope more of us can join in to listen to these talented ladies.

The Harvest Supper did not reach the backing it enjoyed in previous years, with just over 50 tickets sold. This was a great shame, as Lorraine and her fellow workers had put in a tremendous amount of work and effort in advance. It is vital



that you support these fund raising/ social events, but also do so in advance of the night (a few just turned up on the night expecting there would be food and room). If you have ever planned a party, you know that you need to know in advance the numbers so that adequate catering provisions can be arranged. It is the same for this Harvest Supper. As for all our events, please do not leave to the last minute to decide.

On the positive side, we managed to raise over £150 towards Mercy Ships, the supported charity for the evening, and raised around £300 towards our funds – which will come in useful towards the current building and refurbishment developments.

Many of you have noticed the state of the north east corner wall, pictured below. The good news is that during October, work will begin on various churchyard walls and monuments, and on the Chancel. An estimated £48,000 will be spent on the various dilapidations and the work is anticipated to last around 2 months. The contractor Crowstep, will have various safety signs and panelling up during this time, and all users of the church and the churchyard are to observe the safety notices in force during this time.



During August, a new bench which was donated by the previous vicar,



Rev Tricia Staple, was installed at the cross pathway. Why not make use of it the next time you are strolling through the churchyard!

Something new...

On Saturday December 7th and Sunday 8th we shall be having a **CHRISTMAS CRIB EXHIBITION** in the Church of St. Bartholomew at Lyng. We particularly hope to display Cribs that are unusual (perhaps even quirky) ; the Exhibition will be open to ALL the Churches of the Benefice, though constraints of space may restrict what we can put on display. Please contact me if you would like your Crib to be part of this.

December 7th will coincide with the Lyng Advent Fair. More details in our next Magazine issue.

John Tyler. 01460281574. tyleruk@tiscali.co.uk

On 28th September, a meeting was held in Stoke St Gregory's village hall to review the recent questionnaires that had been circulated throughout the benefice. It was a fairly well attended meeting, with around 80 people (mainly 50+) from each of the 4 churches.

The results of the questionnaire were presented, and from 1785 circulated throughout the benefice, just over 152 replies came in. (North Curry returning 87 from 870 circulated). In addition to these, a further 57 online replies were received.

As you may recall, the questionnaire asked...

1. How relevant do you feel your church is to you
2. How can we be more welcoming and open to the whole community?
3. Please tick up to 5 things that you value most about your church:
4. What do you believe are the community's most pressing needs?
5. Do you have any other comments? for example, in a few key words or a simple phrase describe the qualities we should be looking for in a new vicar.

The majority of the individual replying by paper, emphasised a very high relevance to the church, where as the online replies had a much low relevance.

The headline consensus of those that replied was that the church should be at the centre of the community, whether due to its faith, fabric or as hub for events to bring everyone together, with community bonding and building of high desire and importance to the benefice villagers.

At the end of the meeting, there was forum discussion where a few matters were brought up, but the comments to drive the 4 churches more cohesively as one benefice probably was the overriding theme.

The parish profile team will now assimilate the feedback into the final parish profit document, which is hoped to be ready later this month.

Post Script note from David Walker:

Every one of the fifteen values identified in the survey was ticked, if only by 10% of respondents. Of the more than 200 survey replies, over half (54%) gave one of their five ticks to "A beautiful historic building" and two in five (38%) to "A place to worship God". It was therefore encouraging to see so many of the Stoke, North Curry and Lyng regulars coming to Burrowbridge for the United Benefice Harvest Festival the very next morning. Every month there is an opportunity to visit one of our four beautiful parish churches and experience their hospitality; please join in these joint services.

Calendar Competition

The 2020 Calendars are currently in production, and will be on sale soon.

However, for 2021, we would like you the villagers to provide the photos. So over the course the next year, to September 2020, please take as many photos as you can of North Curry life for inclusion in the calendar.

The competition is open to all, and can be of any aspect over of village life you would like seen in our calendar.

In later issues, we shall give more details on where to email/post your photos, but ideally, digital images are easier to handle than scanning in from paper photos. But for now, just get snapping away!



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

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

The Somerset Village Agent project is run by the Community Council for

Somerset (CCS) and now covers half of the county

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.



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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



Appeals for help from you...

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

What does being in debt feel like?

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

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

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

Have you heard of the aria "**La Donna è mobile**"? If you haven't, this is the talk for you! You will certainly know the tune. At the next meeting of the North Curry Society, local resident Don Hoyle will explain what this song is about and how it fits into the opera story it comes from. You'll soon realise how incongruous it is that this music is used in a pizza advert showing a romantic evening for two! Lots of operas have recognisable tunes, but few people know the stories behind the songs. Did you know that "**Nessun Dorma**" is about a Chinese Princess who had the unfortunate habit of getting her suitors executed? The talk will be illustrated, including film clips.



Don is a retired teacher who has been an opera fan since he was a teenager. If you like Opera, come to enjoy some top quality singing. If you don't know much about it, come and find out what lies behind some of the tunes you are sure to know already.

Don's talk will be preceded by a short AGM at 7:45pm, when annual subscriptions will be due (still £5/year). Visitors very welcome on payment of a small entrance charge. We look forward to welcoming you.



Do you have the voice of an angel, and would like to join our choir?
Our friendly group looks forward to welcoming you. Please call Jean Smith on 01823 490961 to find out more.



North Curry Coffee Shop

We have had a busy and profitable summer which means, with the recent Charity payout, our total contributions to date since the Coffee Shop opened, amount to £175,000.

As we continue to thrive we need lots of willing helpers to serve our many customers. Therefore, we are always keen to welcome new people to our team of volunteers, who are willing to give up a couple of hours a week, to work in the shop. If you are interested please pick up a leaflet from the coffee shop or call Alison Stone on 490282. If you haven't already done so please pop in to the coffee shop to view our Autumn Art Exhibition and vote for your favourite piece. The exhibition ends on 20 October when it will be replaced by an art display by pupils from North Curry Primary School which will run for 2 weeks.

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

Burrowbridge Bingo Come and join us at Coronation Hall

We try to meet every two weeks on a Saturday evening at 7.30pm, next meetings 5th & 19th October 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 traffic lights, 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. Go on with you.... what are you waiting for?





Presented by Don Hoyle

On **Wednesday 23rd October** we have the delicious Italian comedy **Mid-August Lunch**. Gianni, a broken man with mounting debts, is forced to entertain his 93-year-old mother during Italy's biggest summer holiday, Ferragosto. His landlord and doctor will forgive his debts in exchange for a small favour, which turns out to be more than he bargained for. An hilarious & heartfelt film. In Italian with subtitles. Come along and join the Film Club— still **only £25 for 11 films**. Doors & bar open at 7pm, with the film starting at 7.30pm. Also open to non-members (£5 on the door).



We have our first Winter Warmer of the season (where we have an interval for tea & cake) on **Saturday 19th October**. It is the Bogart classic **The Maltese Falcon**.

Doors open at 2.30pm, with the film at 3pm. We charge £5 with a donation for the tea & cake.

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

North Curry and District Amateur Gardeners, by Heather Williams



Our next meeting will be on Thursday 3rd October when our speaker will be David Usher on "The restoration of Hestercombe Gardens." I believe David played quite a large part in the restorations so this should be an interesting talk.

This will follow our AGM which takes place at the earlier time of 7.15pm. The AGM is always very brief, a bare half hour so please do come and support it and give us your opinions and suggestions. The club runs for the benefit of all members and we welcome any input!

Meetings take place in the pavilion of the Greenway Playing Fields on the first Thursday of the month at 7.45 for 8.00pm. Everyone is welcome so do feel free to come and join us for the talk and stay for a cup of coffee and a chat. We'd love to see you!

Voskresenije Choir of St Petersburg

Sing Russian sacred music and traditional songs

7pm Friday 18th October

at North Curry Parish Church

Conducted by musical director, Jurij Maruk

Performed by

Anatolii Artamonov (Basso profundo), Mikhail Karpuk (Bass)

Anna Muradyan (Soprano), Vera Silnikova (Soprano)

Katerina Bukhantceva (Alto), Tamara Goregliad (Alto)

Nikita Ryzhov (Tenor), Andrei Solokhin (Tenor)

Programme

Part One – Sacred Music

1 In thy kingdom remember us, O Lord - Sergei Rachmaninov (1873-1943)

2 Prayer of the blind - Georgy Sviridov (1915-1998)

3 Sacred love - G. Sviridov

4 Lord, save thy people - Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

5 Blessed is the man - A. Archangelsky

6 Open to me the gates of repentance - Artemii Vedel (1767-1808)

7 The repentant thief - Mikhail Burmagin

8 Praise ye the Lord – Georgy Rutov (1873-1938)

Part Two – Traditional Songs

1 I come out to the path - words by Mikhail Lermontov

2 The twelve brigands - traditional Russian song

3 Coachman, do not rush the horses - song about love

4 Flowers blossomed - lyrical song

5 The lonely coach bell rings - Russian Christmas Carol

6 Deep in the wine cellar - song of the old bachelor Bursch

7 Those were the days- original Russian song

8 La Spagnola - Vincenzo di Chiara

(Note this is a provisional schedule and may change for the night)

Tickets, **still only** £10, for a fabulous night's entertainment.

On sale now from the Post Office.

Wine and soft drinks available at the interval, along with a chance to buy CDs and chat with the performers.



Once again, the ladies that do the church flowers have prepared some stunning harvest festival displays. If you have not already seen them, please get down to the church to see them for yourself, as these black and white photos certainly do not do them justice. Thank you ladies, we are truly spoilt by your creative flair and craft. Interested in joining the team and helping to put on the displays in the church? Lorraine is always looking out for keen individuals to assist her – please call 491665 to become involved.

Children's Activity Day

Half Term week – lots of fun for
the little ones!

Tuesday 29th October in the
Church 10am to 12.00noon

Free to all, refreshments provided

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

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

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

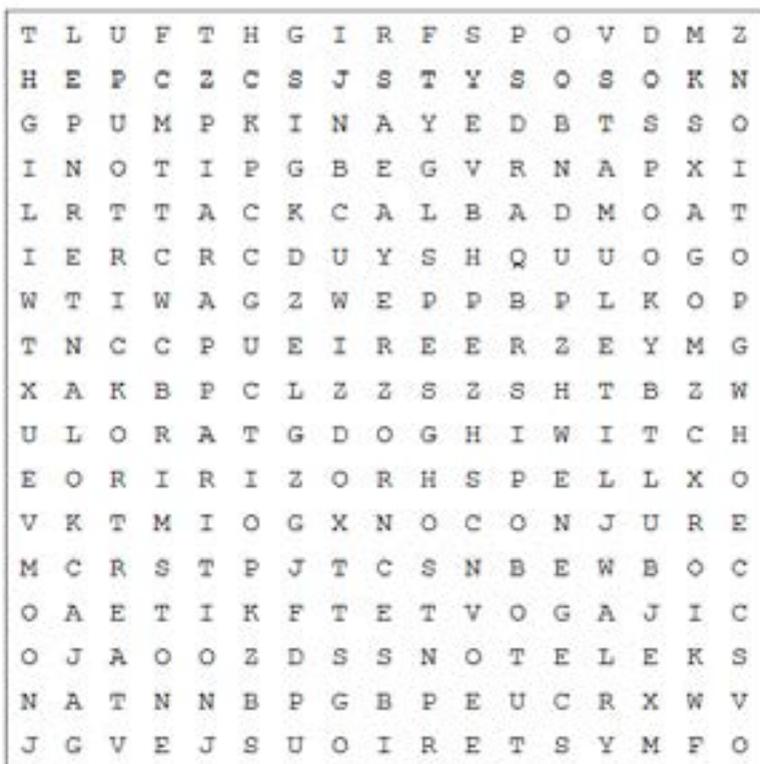
Last term break, around 25 children attended our craft and activity day, where the emphasis is on FUN, but the children also get the chance to learn whilst they play. And parents get to join in too if they so desire.

At the end, they all sit down for a story...

Volunteers are always required and welcome, so if you are able to assist in anyway, please contact Jenny Satchwell on 01823 490463.
Free Refreshments provided. We look forward to seeing you there.



Happy Halloween



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Halloween Tea Break!



North Curry W.I, Jill Cox reports

It was good to meet up with most of our members last month at our first meeting since the summer break and especially to welcome several visitors. Our speaker proved popular and there was much to discuss regarding future events, visits and outings, enough variety and interest we hope for our visitors to join us again, even with a view to becoming a member.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 2nd October during which there could be the distant sound of African drums emitting from the village hall! Our speaker will be Marion Nieuwenhuizen of 'Fab Drumming'. A fully qualified teacher, Marion teaches African drumming, African dance and international folk dancing and has studied dance and music in several countries throughout the world. She is passionate about the use of drums and rhythm and will be sharing her love of the culture and music for which Africa is renowned. Marion will be inviting us all to participate and with her well known enthusiasm and infectious joy for drumming it looks like we'll be in for a fun afternoon.

Our meeting begins at 2.00pm and if you are not a member but would like to come along as a visitor we will look forward to seeing you.

Although our monthly meetings are the mainstay of our group, we also try to meet at other venues and get together socially either for outings, theatre visits or dining out and we must thank committee member, Heidi Thrussell, for initially organising this which is proving popular with many of our members. Later this month we will be sampling Turkish cuisine as part of our different tastes 'dining out' programme – can't wait!

Reminder on the clocks...

British Summer Time Ends 27th October, with the clocks going back an hour... so an extra hour in bed for Sunday 28th... yay!

At the end of September, the church welcomed an exhibition of quilts made locally. The group have shared some of their photos from the exhibition, as well as give us a brief review of the weekend. The PCC thank them for their endeavours and kindness, and look forward to welcoming them again.

Quilt exhibition sparks patchwork quilt raffle project in aid of the church

A group of friends, who have been quilting together for 30 years, are selecting a design and fabrics to create a patchwork quilt to raffle in aid of the church following a successful exhibition during harvest festival weekend.

Lots of people visited the church to see more than 30 quilts displayed alongside the church's magnificent floral arrangements and to enjoy tea and home-made cakes.

From king sized bed quilts to wall hangings and cot quilts, and even a dog mat, the great variety of designs and fabrics made for a vibrant and colourful display.

Visitor donations in aid of the church totalled more than £260 and some of that sum will be spent on materials to create a quilt which the group hopes will increase the stake through a raffle.

The friends, who meet regularly in each other's houses, wish to thank the church for giving them such a very warm welcome.

Anne Pike



North Curry's Apple day Celebration

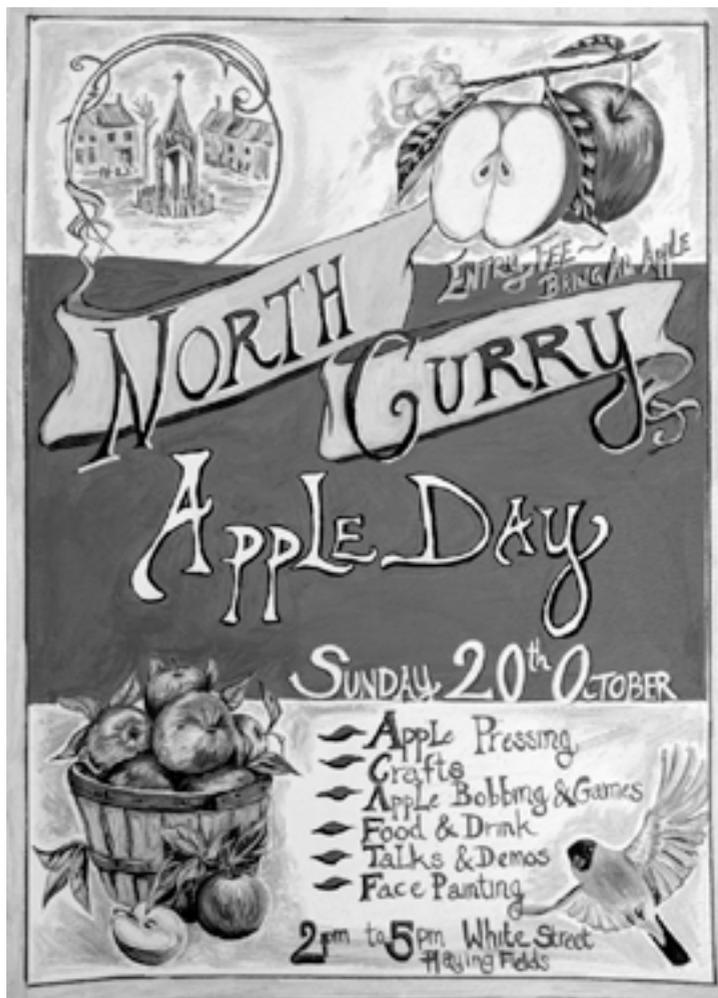
20th October - 2pm to 5pm

White Street playing fields and community orchard.

Join us in a feast to celebrate Apples and the Autumn, Orchards, our Village, our produce and our flora and fauna, the entrance fee is a local apple! Please bring food and produce to share and your apples to juice.

There will also be fruit variety recognition, seasonal games, music from the village band and Fiddling Folk, singing, face painting, kids craft, cooking, wildlife and fauna walks and talks, information on bee keeping and how to care for fruit trees and much more. The event is organised by the village Wildlife group, in association with Transition Athelney.

If you would like to help with this and future events contact Tim at milton3hill@yahoo.co.uk,



We will be holding another Wassail in January too.

North Curry Church

Is part of the Benefice of Athelney, along with the parishes of Stoke St. Gregory, Lyng and Burrowbridge – the Parish Church is frequently referred to as 'The Cathedral of the Moors', and from the River Tone valley it is easy to understand why. It was built on a site of an earlier Norman church in about 1300 in the Decorated style, using Ham Hill stone, blue lias stone, and some grey sandstone from a quarry within the parish. About a hundred years later it was updated in the Perpendicular style when the roofs of the nave and aisles were raised to accommodate larger windows.

Evidences of the original pitches can be seen both outside on the south and east faces of the tower, and inside on its west arch. At this time the upper stage of the tower and the parapets were added, as was the interesting collection of gargoyles and hunkypunks.

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

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

Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals

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

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

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

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

Hiring the Church

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

Will Planning and Legacies

Having a Will in place, for when the time comes, is strongly recommended for all individuals, to ensure your final wishes are clearly laid out to friends and family.

Planned Giving and Donations

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

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

One off donations can be made anytime – cheques payable to North Curry PCC, and can be mailed to the Church address – see inside back page for details. BACS to North Curry PCC – Account No: 00514650, Sort Code: 30-98-45

Register of:

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals (April 2019 - September 2019)

We ask for God's Blessing on all the following

Baptisms

Edward Tommy Tucker, Andrew George Tratt	
William Matthew Daniel Perry	May 2019
Imogen Ruby Wilson	June 2019
James William Parrington, Luca Pine	August 2019

Weddings

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

Funerals

Gordon Bowey	April 2019
Muriel Mudie, Avril Madeley, Michael Griffiths	June 2019

Church Opening and Closing Rota

Sunday, week commencing during:

October

*6th Robin Rudman
 13th Mike Baker
 *20th John de Winton
 27th S&A Billinghamurst

November

*3rd Tony Brooker
 10th David Walker
 *17th Ralph Roberts
 24th Tom Jeanes

December

*1st D&S Franks
 8th Robin Rudman
 *15th Mike Baker
 22nd John de Winton
 29th S&A Billinghamurst

* 8am service

Commonwealth War Graves

Private Harry Udell Gannett, Devonshire Regiment died 13th January 1919
 Private Charles William Stodgell, Devonshire Regiment died 2nd February 1919
 Second Lieutenant Peter John Carr , Royal Artillery died 11th October 1941
 Sgt John Bernard Hebditch, Royal Airforce Volunteer Res. died 1st December 1943
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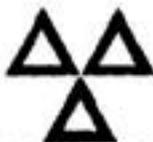
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