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distance from one another.

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*You lucky lucky bunnies,* or unlucky depending on how you view this load of old waffle. Its only little old me here, welcoming you all to this, the first instalment of tosh for 2022, and no its not improved, and neither have the jokes.

The good news was that we did have the outlaws for Christmas this year, "what's wrong with a turkey" I hear you ask, after last years stay at home Christmas. It was so good to have them here. In truth though, we think they only came here to be with there first great grandchild, who is altering so quickly. Now he has reached the grand old age of 4 months. Already he knows more about mobile phones than I do, which is not that difficult in truth.

We here in the Nash household hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and new year, and that Santa brought you everything your heart desired, and your digestive system has recovered. I heard that over the festive period we consumed up to 4000 calories a day, which is twice the recommended intake for a adult man. Fortunately most men aren't adults so it doesn't count.

Didn't England's cricketers do well last weekend, they managed to earn themselves a draw. Ok they were still rubbish, but you have to look for any crumb of comfort when supporting England.

Will close now as I have to practice reading some very difficult books for the grandchild, and the big hungry caterpillar has some very large words in there, good job there plenty of pictures.

Best wishes Tim Nash. the now verging on ancient chairperson.

Breaking news, A new mummy covered in chocolate and nuts has been discovered in Egypt.

*Archaeologists believe it to be Pharaoh Roche.*

I accidentally swallowed a hand full of scrabble tiles recently. *My next trip to the bath room could spell disaster.*

and finally a joke for Ray. You know who you are.

My 4 year old son has been learning Spanish all year, and he still can't say the word please.

*Which I think is poor for four.*



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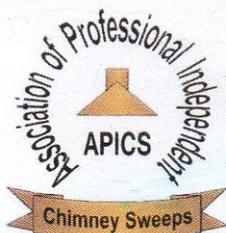
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CCTV and security sensor lights are also a good deterrent.

If you discover your fuel has been taken or your tank has been tampered with, please report it to the Police using Tel 101 or email via the Devon and Cornwall Police website. 999 if you see the offence happening  
More crime prevention advice can be found on the Devon and Cornwall Police website.

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# St Mary the Virgin, Marystowe

December at Marystowe and in our Church community was busy and also highly emotional.

We must begin this catch up writing about our great sadness at the passing of John Dawe, he has been missed at every turn, the most unexpected things have reminded us of him – putting the light under the altar for the Crib for example – but one of the wonders was his music choice that resounded around the Church for his service, everything including Shirley Bassey, the theme from the BBC World Service, The Beatles and Doris Day.

For the second year we held a Zoom Christmas evening with a reading of Oliver Twist and songs by the Lifton singers, we had a great audience with people calling in from Switzerland and New Zealand! But best of all we raised funds for the Church and made a donation of £500 to The Children's Society. A big thank to the Lifton Singers, Vicky and Carol for the delicious supper bags, and, of course, the cast:

Guy Talbot – who maintained his dignity in the face of utter nonsense and non-talent

Joy McSmythurs – loud and brassy – life imitates art

Mike Jefferies – hen-pecked ...life imitates art again

Annie Jefferies – watch your pockets next time you are with her

Margaret Dunn – always wanting more

Colin Dunn – ever the trooper in search of his BAFTA

Amy Harrowell – loves the special effects (Ketchup)

Reverent Andy Atkins – beware the smiling vicar – a baddy lurks within?

Shona Dickinson – any excuse to dress up and wear a top hat

Andy McSmythurs – dreaming of an Am Dram free 2022

We are making a more sedate start to 2022, with a coffee morning at the Church on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February when we will be launching our knit-along Lent Scarf project, please see the separate article in this magazine for more details.

The coffee morning will be a chance to browse the books and jigsaws as well as having a great catch up and look forward to Spring!

Please remember our books and puzzles are still available and can be delivered if you are unable to get out and about. We are finishing the stock take and expect to be able to have the updated lists online shortly.

May we wish everyone a peaceful healthy and happy 2022.

Joy McSmythurs

# MARYSTOWE COFFEE MORNING

Please do join us on 26<sup>th</sup> February  
10am – midday for a coffee and a  
catch up.

Browse the books, jigsaws, cards  
and fridge magnets.

Get your pattern and wool for our  
Lent Scarf.



## Discover more about the Tamara Landscape Partnership Scheme

The National Heritage Lottery Funded Tamara Landscape Partnership Scheme is now underway in the Tamar Valley. The scheme will run from 2021 to 2025 or early 2026. It will work for a brighter future for the Tamar Valley and its communities by creating opportunities and positive change through a programme of 10 exciting projects. The scheme area covers 295km<sup>2</sup>. Check out <https://tamaralandscapepartnership.org.uk/>

Key details of Tamara include:

- Apprenticeships and internships to improve job prospects and to provide support for local businesses
- Advice and grants for farmers to reinstate landscapes and maintain traditional skills
- Community allotments with training opportunities and reintroduction of heritage varieties
- Social prescribing, including walking, running, art and bush craft
- Opportunities and support for local businesses as the Tamar Valley strives to become the destination for a low-carbon, sustainable holiday
- Benefits for walkers as the Tamar Valley Discovery Trail will be extended to reach the coast.
- Five-year event programme for local people and visitors alike to access the Valley.

Through 10 specific projects, at least 250 activity sessions will take place to improve mental and physical health & wellbeing; 50 hectares of woodland will be restored; 10 hectares of trees will be planted, and 5 new orchards will be created.

### Getting Involved

#### Volunteering

Tamara will provide a suite of volunteering opportunities for everyone including:

1. Wildlife surveys
2. Getting hands on and practical through days out volunteering in the countryside
3. Helping run our events programme
4. Supporting our *Natural Connections* wellbeing programme
5. Apprenticeship and Intern schemes
6. Heritage projects

#### Find out more and have your say

We'd love to hear from you if you are interested in being involved in Tamara. Contact the teams Community and Volunteering Officer, Sammy Fraser, on [Samantha.fraser@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:Samantha.fraser@cornwall.gov.uk)



Monday 10  
January

7pm to 8pm  
Online talk

## Winter Talks Series

### An insight into farming in the Tamar Valley

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# Soupa Troopers

All welcome to this community event



2022

Wednesday January 12<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday February 9<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup>

**From 12.30pm in Lewdown Victory Hall**  
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## CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Lewtrenchard with Thrushelton & Kelly with Bradstone

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Sunday 9.15 am

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(P. Sparling 01822 860355)

#### **Okehampton**

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 11am

Fr M. Darline Joseph

01837 52229

#### **Launceston**

Sunday 10.30 am

Holy Days 7.30pm

Canon John Deeny 01566 773166

### **Quakers**

Meeting for Worship

Tavistock every Sunday 10.00am.

4 Canal Road, Tavistock.

Contact – Kay Nicholson

01822 614596

Okehampton

Every Sunday 10.30am.

Children's Meeting 2nd Sunday

Community Centre, Okehampton

Community College, Mill Road,

Okehampton.

Contact - Eleanor Flack 01837 53475

### **St. Mary the Virgin, Marystowe**

Please see the church website [www.southtamar.church](http://www.southtamar.church) for details about services.

Services are also available online from 6pm on Sundays.

## **Lifton Benefice Service times for February 2022**

*Any updates will be posted on the Benefice Website. [north-tamar-churches.org](http://north-tamar-churches.org).*

*At going to Print, the following services are arranged in the Benefice*

### **Sundays and Festivals**

<b>6<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Fourth Sunday before Lent
8am	Eucharist at Stowford
9.30am	Parish Eucharist at Lifton
11.15am	Parish Eucharist at Kelly
<b>13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Third Sunday before Lent
9.30am	Parish Eucharist at Broadwoodwidge
	Morning Prayer at Thrushelton
	Morning Prayer at Lifton
11.15am	Parish Eucharist at Lewtrenchard
<b>20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Second Sunday before Lent
9.30am	Parish Eucharist at Lifton
11.15am	Parish Eucharist at Stowford
	Morning Prayer at Kelly
<b>27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Sunday Next before Lent
9.30am	Parish Eucharist at Thrushelton
	Morning Prayer at Lifton
11.15am	Parish Eucharist at Lewtrenchard

### **Wednesday Morning Eucharist: 10.30 at Lifton**

*There will be some occasions when the Wednesday Morning Service will be a service of Morning Prayer.*

## *From the Parish Priest*

Dear friends,

The second anniversary of my licensing as your parish priest has just passed. Two years which have been quite extraordinary in so many ways. Apart from my first few weeks here, we have not had such thing as an ordinary Sunday, or an ordinary week or an ordinary anything!

There is always hope that normality will be round the next corner, but when we get there, there is always another corner to navigate.

In former days we spend so much time looking for things to take us “out of the ordinary” to the special. Whether that may be events, or holidays, or celebrations, but now after two years of our lives being utterly turned upside down, so many people are just yearning for ordinariness.

When the full Christmas Season ends on the Feast of Candlemas, on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, the Church keeps a period of what we call Ordinary Time. A time when we are not preparing for or celebrating any of the great seasons. The Green time, when our church’s Altar Frontals and vestments are the colour of nature, and of every day. A brief time when we are not mad between our celebrations of Christ’s birth and the preparations for his Passion, death, and resurrection.

But what we must always remember, is that although we call this time “Ordinary Time”, in Christ, all times are extraordinary with and through him. However dull, or depressing, or frustrating life may seem, even in the middle of a world pandemic, our Baptism, and our communion with God and each other is an extraordinary privilege, and one, that we should enjoy and rejoice in.

With love and prayers,  
Philip

**EVERYONE WELCOME TO**

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2022**

**FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022**

**@ LIFTON DOWN CHAPEL**

**2.30 PM**

**PRACTICE: FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

**2.30PM**

**LIFTON DOWN CHAPEL**

**FURTHER DETAILS:**

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**Bridestowe Methodist Church**

**Preachers for February at 11.00am unless stated**

**6th            Bridestowe Worship Group**

**13th          S Hammond**

**20th          A Banfield**

**27th          Rev C Jackson**

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Lent is not just about giving up chocolate, it is also a time to reflect and to give to charity, it is an opportunity to add to your spiritual life by setting aside time to study the bible and meet with other Christians to reflect on Jesus' life and prepare for the events of Holy Week and Easter.

If this sounds very worthy but difficult to fit into your life, or too intense, or just not you – well Marystowe Church has come up with an idea to make your Lent journey achievable and enjoyable – we have a knitting journey through Lent.

The project is a scarf with a pattern for everyday - except Sundays - in Lent that ties in with a daily bible verse. This is a project that can be done alone (particularly given Covid concerns for some), or if you prefer to get together to talk about the project, the bible verses or anything else then we are going to have coffee and catch up on a weekly basis at different local homes and churches. The host of each get together will choose a charity and refreshments will be on a donation basis towards this charity. With 6 weeks in Lent we are targeting six charities to benefit through our journey.

Marystowe Church is producing the pattern with the accompanying verses, it is available for a minimum donation of £4 (it is a 32 page booklet). Marystowe Church will have a stash of double knitting wool to help you make the scarf as colourful as you wish.



# The Bible Course – a journey through Lent

Annie Jefferies and Joy McSmythurs are hosting the South Tamar Mission Community Lent course for 2022. It is The Bible Course produced by The Bible Society.



*“Big, complex, old ... just some of the words people use to describe the Bible. Sound familiar? That’s where The Bible Course comes in. The course will increase your confidence, equip you to read the Bible better and help you to see its relevance to daily life. The course provides a birds-eye view of the world’s bestselling book. Over eight interactive sessions, it combines video teaching, group discussion, personal reflection and daily readings.”* From The Bible Society.

The Sessions will be on Thursday evenings by Zoom 7pm to 9pm. The first session is on 10<sup>th</sup> February, and is weekly with the last session on 31<sup>st</sup> March.

Please do join us, although there is a big picture, it is not essential to attend every session.

Please contact Annie or Joy to ensure you are sent the link each week to join in. The course is interactive, but this is not compulsory, you are very welcome to just listen (indeed there are some who might suggest getting a word in with the hosts online will be a challenge!). The course is free, all you need to have is a PC, laptop, tablet or a smartphone, with a cup of tea or glass of wine and – if you haven’t given it up for Lent – chocolate.

Both Annie and Joy have previously done the course and enjoyed it, suggesting it to Reverend Andy as a great opportunity to share more widely around the Benefice.

Annie – 614178 [annie.jefferies@btinternet.com](mailto:annie.jefferies@btinternet.com)

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We've had a busy few months since we could restart club activities. In September we had a very successful new members evening and we now have over 60 members.

We've been to Okehampton Hatherleigh and Holsworthy carnivals with our 'thank you key workers' themed float, and we came 3rd at Okehampton.

We've had social evenings including bowling, adventure golf and pumpkin carving. In between all of this we've held 3 charity events so far- a cider and pasty quiz in October raising £490 for the stroke association, a Christmas poultry bingo in December raising £1106.80 for Hospiscare and most recently we sold Christmas wreaths that we made which raised £310.54 which is to be split between our three chosen charities of the year the stroke association, Hospiscare and brain tumour research.

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The group needed more volunteers to be able be more visible and active at educating drivers.

This will also help collate data that we can use to build the case to get Devon County Highways to put in measures to reduce speed though our growing village hopefully before someone is killed or seriously injured by the very poor driving and lack of respect for the residents of the village.

**We badly need more active volunteers to ease the burden on the operators of the group and be active more often.**

If you can find some time to help, please contact [Cllr.Terry.Southcott@westdevon.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.Terry.Southcott@westdevon.gov.uk) or call 01566 783079 or 07831309666

Analysis of records for 23-12-2021 to 23-01-2022	
<b>All Records</b>	54
Excessive Speeder Records (> 1.5*Limit)	1
For the period	
23-12-2021 to 23-01-2022	
Count Speeders 40mph	54
% of All Records	100%
Max Speeder 40mph	62 mph
Average Speeder 40mph	50 mph
Count All Sessions 40mph	15
Avg. Speeders per Session	3
Count Sessions with Passing 40mph	15
Vehicles Passing 40mph	960
Avg. Vehicles Passing per Session	64
Avg. % Speeders/Session	5%
Session time at roadside	14.5 Hours
Avg. Offenders per hour	3.7
Vehicles without MOT	1
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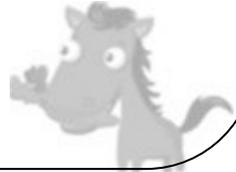
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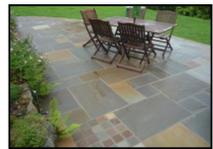
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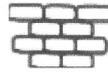
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