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**Wheathill Benefice Worship**

Date	08:30 am	10:30 am (or as noted)	Other Services
5th Nov. 4 before Advent	Holy Communion Keinton Mandeville	Morning Prayer Lydford on Fosse	—
<b>12th Nov. Remembrance</b>	—	<b>Remembrance Lydford War Memorial</b>	—
19th Nov. 2 before Advent	Holy Communion Barton St David	Morning Prayer Keinton Mandeville	—
26th Nov. Christ the King	Holy Communion Lydford on Fosse	Morning Prayer Barton St David	—

**All Remembrance Services:**

Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> November, 10:50 am in Keinton Mandeville.

Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> November, 10:45 am in Barton St David.

Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> November, 10:30 am in Lydford on Fosse at the War Memorial.

**Advent Course**

Our Advent course this year will look at the four themes of Advent:

patriarchs, prophets, John the Baptist, Mary the mother of Jesus.

We will use one of the readings for the relevant Sunday. In the Rectory on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm, starting on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November for four weeks. All are welcome

**Save the Dates**

**December 3<sup>rd</sup> Christingle/Caketing and Advent Star**

4:00pm in Keinton Mandeville Church. Christingle, but not entirely as you've always known it! All are welcome.

**December 20<sup>th</sup> 'Experience Christmas'**

In Lydford parish hall and Church. An opportunity to 'walk through' the Christmas story, open from 10:00am -12:00 pm and 2:00pm - 3:30pm for all ages. Each 'walk through' will take about an hour, no need to book.

All welcome. More details next month.

**Transport to Church**

An understanding has been reached with **Wheathill Priory Community Transport** for those people who need lifts to Church Services. WPCT will try to assist on Sunday mornings, so if this applies to you or someone you know, **please ring 07799 487 719**, preferably 48 hours in advance. *Thank you WPCT!*

**The Henry Livius Trust**

The Livius Trust aims to provide items, services or facilities at Keinton Mandeville Primary School to advance religion in accordance with the doctrines of the Church of England.

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**Rev. Jane Durham (01458) 223417**

Deborah Whittingham (01458) 224057

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**Church Car Parks**

*In Keinton, Kingweston and Lydford it is now possible to give when you visit using the QR codes found on noticeboards or at the door.*

*If you use the churchyards or car park please do consider making occasional or regular donations towards their maintenance and their ongoing place in the lives of our communities.*

**Churches opening for private prayer**

The churches of Barton St David, Keinton Mandeville and Kingweston are now all open daily. Lydford church will open at the weekends as before once local conditions allow.

## How do you feel about November?

- Happy that it is almost Christmas?
- Struggling with the long dark evenings?
- Enjoying the fire (if you have one)?
- Struggling with the cold?
- Wondering how long until Spring comes?
- Enjoying the winter weather?

For some people November is a part of the favourite time of year, for others it marks the beginning of difficult months, and for others it is just 'business as usual' trying to keep their head above water.

In our nation November is of course also when we remember:

- Those whom we love but see no more, our service this year is on **30<sup>th</sup> October 7:00pm Keinton Mandeville**
- A plot to overturn parliament, that has sectarian undertones, but turned into a 'celebration'
- Those who gave their lives in two world wars and subsequent conflicts (*See remembrance details elsewhere in the magazine*)
- Friends and family as we start to prepare for Christmas.

With the unrest and uncertainties in the Middle East I expect that our remembering those who have died in times past will be particularly poignant. As a nation we're not immediately involved but no doubt we're all aware of the implications of conflict in this area and the need for a peaceful settlement to be found, somehow, even though today that seems a far-off prospect.

So how will you approach the remembering and different situations we encounter this November?

Paul writing to the church in Thessalonica says:

*'Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways. The Lord be with all of you.'* (2 Thessalonians 3:16)

God is the God of peace, a peace that enables us to stand secure amid personal, national, and international storms. So, whatever you face this month, may you know the God of all peace with you, watching over you and those whom you love. This may not mean that we live free of difficulty. But it will mean that in the midst of everything we are not alone.

May you know that peace

Jane

## Keinton Mandeville Parish Church Openers – September 2023

Should you need to swap, please could you let Emma know as well as the person due to hand the key onto you.

Meanwhile, if anyone else would like to help with the locking and unlocking of the church, please call 223344.

Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct – Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Helen & Tony Gosney	224192
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Ean & Freddie Jackson	224475
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Larry Hennessy	224132
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Belinda & Viv Simson	223470
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Jo & Chris Tripp	223684

## From the Registers

We offer our congratulations to:

**Matilda (Tilly) ELLIOTT** on the occasion of her Baptism which took place at St Mary Magdalene Church, Keinton Mandeville on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023.



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**Keinton Mandeville Table Top Games Group**

If you would like to come along for a drink and a chat or have a coffee/tea while playing table top games like **Scrabble, Boggle, Rummikub, Logo, cards, chess** etc. then why not come along to the group which meets in KM Village Hall.

We chat, drink tea and coffee and play table top games if we want to! If you would like to come along just for a coffee and a chat without playing any games then you will be made just as welcome.

As the winter approaches *this is a warm space* to come along to. There is no charge as the sessions are funded by Keinton Mandeville Parish Council.

The group is open to anyone who would like to come, you don't need to live in Keinton Mandeville.

**Dates for the next two months**

These are Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> all between 10am and 12 noon.

There is no need to book...just come along if you can. We look forward to seeing you and the kettle will be on!

**Viv Lane and Claire Harding**

**Keinton Mandeville Knit and Natter Group**  
*Knit and Natter meets on Monday afternoons from 2:00pm to 4:00pm.*  
 New members, irrespective of ability are always welcome or even those who have never knitted before.  
*For further information please phone (01458) 223344.*

**Barton St David Scout Group**

**New Members**

We have had a flurry of new joiners which is wonderful. Most sections are now full but perhaps one or two more could be squeezed in (especially if they are small!!).

We also operate a waiting list and this does seem to move quite quickly as youngsters move into the next section up or move house. If you'd like to see if we have a space or would like your under-6 to be added to our waiting list then please fill out a form here:

<http://www.bartonstdavidscout.group/join-us/>.

Or email me [gslbarton@yahoo.com](mailto:gslbarton@yahoo.com) and we will certainly do our best for you.

Our Leaders seem to enjoy Scouting as much as the youngsters and are able to have a go at all sorts of activities and events that would be very difficult to do in any other setting.

It has been described by other Groups as a free hobby but I like to think that it's more about like-minded adults getting together and being inspired by each other and especially by the youngsters and scouting in general.

If you feel that you have an hour or two to give every month or so then let me know. Anyone that knows me realises that Scout helpers aren't all like Bear Grylls! Helping out flexibly at the beginning is a great way to see if it's really as good as I say! Then you can make a decision much later on, once you know how you can fit a bit of volunteering into your busy lives.

**Vega Sturgess,**  
**Group Scout Leader**

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## Big Breakfast News!

The Big Breakfast Committee would like to say  
an enormous thank you  
to everyone who supported the Big Breakfast 2023!

A very special thank you must go to our very generous food sponsors...

**VJ at Keinton Stores, AJ and Helen Hashmi, Home Farm at Kingweston,  
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and Helen Paradise, The Quarry Inn and Burns the Bread.**

Thanks to your generosity we are able to produce such a wonderful breakfast for £6.00. Thanks also to *Mary and Julie for making 150 scones* and to *all the volunteers* who helped behind the scenes to set up, clear up, wash up and to those who helped on the stalls. The *children from Keinton Mandeville School* did a wonderful job calling out the breakfast numbers and serving! Thank you, as well, to *KM Netball Club* who leafleted and to *KYAG and Barton St David Scout Group* for collecting tombola prizes.

Thank you to all the local businesses and individuals who donated raffle prizes, tombola prizes and came along on the day either to enjoy a delicious breakfast or cream tea (or both!).

Without the support from our community the Big Breakfast couldn't be the occasion that it is. There was a wonderful 'buzz' in the hall as people chatted with people they knew and those that they didn't know! The hall looked lovely with tables adorned by beautiful *flower arrangements donated by Belinda* which were later auctioned. The raffle, tombola, tea table and charity stalls were all attractive and well supported by you all.

The amazing kitchen team comprising the cooks,

*Mel, Tracy, Hugh and Elaine*

*and the platers up, Steph, Catherine and Sarah*

served **393 breakfasts** which is 4 more than last year and the most we have ever done!

Altogether **we raised just over £6,400** and this doesn't include the money taken on the charity stalls, which they keep for themselves. Thank you all so much for helping to make this such an incredible total. In the December Parish Magazine, we will let you know how the money has been allocated.

Many thanks to everyone who had a go at the quiz and *thank you to Trevor for writing it!* It was won by the Elliotts of Orchard Way...very well done.

If you would like a copy of the raffle prize winners, please contact us on **[Keintonbigbreakfast@gmail.com](mailto:Keintonbigbreakfast@gmail.com)**.

Once again, an enormous thank you to everyone who helped to make this year's Big Breakfast the success it was.

## Women's Institute

### Keinton Mandeville and surrounding villages

The WI meets in Barton St. David Village Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:15 pm. We have a wide and varied programme of speakers and activities, which are both fun and informative.

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**The next Parish Council Meeting** will take place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30pm in the village hall. Public session will take place at 7:30pm immediately before the formal meeting. All are welcome to attend.

### Traffic Survey Commissioned

The commissioned survey Report will be available by the end of October and will enable the parish council to consider the recommendations. The report can also be referenced, where relevant, for planning application comments.

### Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan Group have drafted a map to illustrate potential future housing developments. A community will be expected to accommodate housing developments and the aim of a Neighbourhood Plan is to enable a community to have some influence over where that might be. The map is available from the website or by emailing the clerk direct.

### Happy Tracks

The additional of the new wooden train which has been provided by the parish council is already being used and enjoyed by children.

Kaye Elston

## Keinton Environment Group (KEG)

### Keinton Community Copse

We always welcome anyone to spend a couple of minutes weeding around the trees or letting us know if they see a problem. Also do please let us know if you would like to add a tree or trees of your own to this area – possibly as a memorial to a friend or relative. (*contact details below*)

### Rewilding

As we have recently reported, we are getting ready to start planting pollinator-friendly verges and other areas around the village throughout November and some of this work will have begun by the time you read this. Do get in touch (*details below*) if you have an area you would like to consider for us to “re-wild”.

Also we’d still like to hear from anyone who might like to help with this project – we think it would be a great idea for young people doing their Duke of Edinburgh Awards to get involved as a community service project.

### Hedgehogs

– and more

Please contact us (*details below*) if you see a hedgehog or would like advice on feeding and providing shelter for them. Some of our members are skilful at constructing hedgehog, bat and bird boxes and would be delighted to pass their expertise on to you and your family.

### Trees for planting

You may remember that KEG used to organise a tree “give-away” – usually about the end of January. Sadly, OVO energy who used to sponsor this scheme have decided to make the offer available only to large public open spaces. However, individuals can still contact some organisations who will make trees available for private planting. We suggest you try Reimagining the Levels (Contact us | [RTL \(reimaginingthelevels.org.uk\)](http://RTL.reimaginingthelevels.org.uk)).

### Next Meeting

A reminder that all our meetings are open to anyone to attend and we’d love to get more people involved in what we do. KEG’s next meeting is on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 6:00 pm in the Quarry Inn (please note earlier time).

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## Barton St David Friday Afternoon Table Tennis

Sessions are held in the village hall and run from 2:00pm until 4:00pm with a break in between for refreshments, which are provided. There is no annual fee but a charge of £2 per person per session. Bats and balls are provided.

Please contact Elaine on (01458) 850465 or via email: [esbalcombe@googlemail.com](mailto:esbalcombe@googlemail.com) if you are interested.

## Barton History Club

In October we remembered Peter and Penny Robinson, our founders, at the Robinson Memorial Lecture when Professor Ronald Hutton addressed a packed Barton Village Hall on the subject "How pagan were the Medieval Christians?".

Professor Hutton kept us totally engaged explaining that there is virtually no evidence of paganism in the medieval period when Christianity with one God and many Saints comprehensively fulfilled all the roles previously filled by the Romano-British gods thus rendering the pagan gods redundant!

## Forthcoming Events

**Thursday, 9th November at 7:30pm** a return visit by Dr Francis Burroughes who will describe and show examples of "The Golden Age of Glass".

## Thursday 7th December at 7:30pm

"Festive Folk - The Somerset Russets" Seasonal musical entertainment, followed by mulled wine, mince pies etc! As we enjoy this event we (and The Russets!) feel it appropriate to have a **cash collection** in aid of local food banks at this time of the year. Both events will take place in Barton St David Village Hall, free to members, £2 (cash please) for non-members.

## Benefice Choir



After the joy of singing at the Harvest service, which was followed by a delicious Harvest Lunch in Keinton Village Hall, the choir's social programme then included a very fine BBQ!

Choir practices in November (*Thursdays 7:30pm in Kingweston Church*), are now looking towards the Remembrance Sunday service at St Peter's, Lydford, on 12<sup>th</sup> November, always a special time as the congregation gathers outside at the War Memorial and with so much conflict currently in Europe and the Middle East, it will surely have an added poignancy.

Next comes the Advent and Christingle Service on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December in Keinton Church, another lovely service, especially for families with young children.

The Benefice Choir will be singing at the *Keinton Mandeville School Christmas Fair on 1<sup>st</sup> December* and for the *Carers' Social Group coffee morning in Keinton Village Hall at 11:00am on the 6<sup>th</sup> December*.

There will be Carol services or sung services in the Benefice churches over the Christmas period and a Seasonal concert with which to end the year. More details to follow in the December edition of the magazine.

The choir has been delighted to welcome some new voices, but if you would like to come and sing, especially over the Christmas period, please don't hesitate to contact Lynne Kirkman on (01458) 224158.



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### St Peter's Church, Lydford on Fosse

*The Services for September are on page 2 of the magazine.*

**Thank You** to those who kindly donated towards the Autumn collection for the Lord's Larder. The goods have been delivered to Yeovil and very gratefully received. There will be a **Christmas Collection for the Lord's Larder** and this will happen over the weekends of 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> November. Any dry goods that can be given to make Christmas better for those in need. Should you have difficulty taking the items to the Church then please phone Ralph – 240164 or Jennie 240236. The same applies for any money donations.

#### Talk and Tea

This proved to be a pleasant afternoon with thirty one people from around the Benefice attending. It is hoped that another *Talk and Tea* can be arranged for early in 2024.

#### Churchyard Tidy

This is going to take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 10:00am. We would be grateful for any help from anyone in the Lydfords. Please contact Ralph 240164 to offer your help.

#### Coffee Morning – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

*At the Parish Hall from 10:30am – 12:30pm.* Normally St. Peter's hold a Gift Week in October but this year it is being replaced with the Coffee Morning which will give a chance for people to meet and chat. There will be produce – plants in containers; cyclamen; poinsettias; raffle; guess the weight of the Christmas cake and hopefully other stalls.

St Peter's has experienced a costly 2023 with repair to the valley roof costing in the region of £10,000 and new ropes for the bells which amounted to £800. Though your support on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December is appreciated, should you wish to make a monetary donation which will go towards the upkeep of the Church and Churchyard, and hopefully, enable the PCC to secure the future of your Church in Lydford then in advance we say 'thank you'. **Please use the QR code below** or contact the churchwardens Ralph 01963 240164 or Jennie 01963 240236.



#### Experience Christmas, Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December

During the day the benefice will be holding experiences in the hall, church and forest garden for all ages, with two sessions, morning and afternoon. More details in next months magazine.

#### Welcome & POPin Cafe

Following on from the 'Big Help Out' initiative of the King's coronation, the list of helpers and their offers will be available to see at the monthly Cafe mornings.

Hopefully the first of our Soup lunches was well received last month, as we will be offering this again for November.

You are all welcome to come along for soup, roll and tea or coffee on **Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> November, 11:30am for 12 noon until 1:30pm in the Parish Hall.**

*On behalf of Walters & Pope Charity, Caroline, Ann and Lynne*

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- ❖ **HELP!** Do you know anyone in Lydford who needs help and/or support?
- ❖ It may be help with buying books for university.
- ❖ It may be help with buying tools or equipment for a new job.
- ❖ It may be support for someone who is ill, or who is caring for someone.

The Walters and Pope Trust Fund has a small annual income – the Trustees would like to spend this money, fairly and discreetly, for the benefit of anyone who lives in Lydford.

If there is anyone who would like assistance, please contact the Trust in confidence: *Secretary, Caroline Seehra tel: 07926 488190 or The Treasurer, Ann Parkhouse tel: 01963 240268.*

### Mid Wessex Singers Christmas Concert

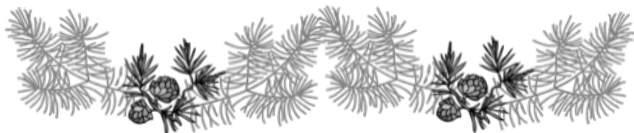
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### Lydford on Fosse Parish Council

The council meet on the second Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm in the Parish Hall close to St. Peter's church, West Lydford.

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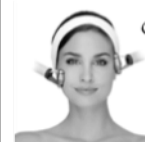


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## Lydford and District Gardening Club



The library is to be found in the north wing of Brueside. In the library are many good books including *Asterix the Gaul* by Goscinny and *Underzo, the Ladybird book of Warwick the Kingmaker*, a vital source for anyone wishing to achieve a decent grade in GCSE History and the book which evolved from the television series about the American Civil War by Ken Burns. A tragic yet magnificent story which should be on everyone's list.

However, also to be found on one of the top shelves, is a copy of the novel *'Hard Times'* by Charles Dickens. This is not a large volume yet it is well-bound with handsome gilding and, perhaps not too surprisingly, appears relatively untouched. Asterix is dog-eared and scruffy. The Ladybird book would not make a lot on a vintage stall because of its condition yet Mr. Dickens remains pristine. The book has 400 pages. Each page has something in the region of 32 lines.

Just to make the maths easy, each line has, on average, 10 words. Because of the multiples of 10 involved, long multiplication is not even required!  $4 \times 32$  is 128. Add 000 on the end and it is clear that Mr. Dickens reckoned on needing something in the region of 128,000 words before he could tell a story. Be thankful this magazine imposes limits on verbosity and available space because this particular report is already almost halfway to being the finished article.

The October meeting of the club featured Claire Hart talking about *'125 years of vegetable growing'*. This was not all based on her own personal experience! Whilst gardening has been proven to have multiple health and mental-health benefits it cannot yet claim to sustain life beyond a century and a quarter!

Ms. Hart based her talk on the history of King's Seeds, a firm which began in 1888, is still going and is one which prides itself on the purity and germination rates of its product. The company has 325 acres of grounds where they trial stock and do their utmost to ensure that varieties run true and are not prone to *'rogueing'*.

The biscuits were as wonderful and life-extending as ever and nobody asked any tricky questions of the speaker thus enabling the good folk of Mid-Somerset to return to their firesides in time to catch the denouement in Midsomer Murders.

### LDGC AGM

The next few months are busy ones in the lives of Lydford gardeners. *November 14th in the Parish Hall sees the annual running of that 'not-to-be-missed' extravaganza that is the Club A.G.M.* Accounts will be seen, reports of the year's activities will be received and places on the committee will be offered to the highest bidder. These official activities should come in at under 10 minutes. Otherwise the speaker for the evening will have left in high dudgeon after being sidelined by officialness.

The word on the street is that this speaker is a high ranking member of the Garden's Group hegemony, unused to playing second fiddle to standing orders and she will be telling all that knows about *'Winter Hanging Baskets'*.

### LDGC Christmas Dinner

And if that were not enough, further efforts will be made to inform people about and encourage them to attend the Club Christmas Dinner which is due to take place *on December 12th at the Cross Keys* next to the world famous Lydford crossroads. Those members who were awake and attentive at the October meeting have already made menu choices and offered their £10 deposit for this feast. Those who were at the back of the class, drifting away to memories of the first concert they ever attended, will be given another opportunity to understand the system.

### Seed catalogue

And talking of systems..... for many years members have received a great deal from avuncular Mr. Fothergill who has practically given away his seeds via the medium of a lovely, plush and accessible catalogue. The harsh world of modern economics has meant that the required information for seed choice is now only available on Mr. Fothergill's imperfect website.



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### LDGC continued:

The Club will always strive to try and achieve the best seed deal for its members and those who navigate through the aforementioned site should still get a 50% reduction in the cost of their order. However it has to be said that other seed companies do exist and D.T Brown, Premier Seeds Direct, Kings Seeds and Small Garden Sowing might all be worth a look.

### Wild Roots Growing for Wellbeing Group

*Mondays 10:30 am - 1:00pm at Catsham Nr Baltonsborough.*

The Wild Roots Growing for Wellbeing Project welcomes people who are keen to get outdoors, learn new skills, share their skills or just have the opportunity to spend some time in a peaceful environment. Our main emphasis is on horticulture and rural craft activities which take place in our large vegetable, fruit and flower growing area. Maybe you need an excuse to get out of the house or you just want to dip your toe into being around other people again.

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## Major new Exhibition Celebrates the British Motorcycling Story

Haynes Motor Museum is set to unveil a major new exhibition telling the story of British motorcycling from its origins to the modern day. *'Life on Two Wheels: The British Motorcycling Story'*, which opens on 21<sup>st</sup> October, will provide a fascinating new perspective on the social history of the motorbike and the impact bikes have on society, technology, and the economy.

Innovative displays will allow up-close access to dozens of historically significant bikes, alongside interactive and hands-on STEM activity stations and layered interpretation designed to engage visitors of all ages and interests.

*"For the first time ever, this new exhibition will tell the entire story of British motorcycling from its beginnings at the very end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century to the current day,"* said Museum Curator, Dr Luca Hoare.

*"It will also highlight the central role the motorbike has played in our society over the decades. The exhibition features many of history's most iconic motorcycles including a 1930s Brough Superior and Sidecar and a 1970's Triumph Bonneville,"* she added.

The exhibition is part-funded by the British Motorcycle Charitable Trust and is the first permanent new display at the award-winning Somerset attraction for three years. It is also the first to have been undertaken since the Museum gained full Arts Council England Accreditation.

As well as detailing the evolution of the motorbike from its early origins to the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the new exhibition will look at everything from the science of how motorcycles work to the specialised protective clothing.

Displays will showcase the role of motorbikes at work and during wartime as well as for pleasure and leisure, examine the changing fortunes of the British motorcycling industry and exploring current trends.

*"Life on Two Wheels is the first of a series of new exhibitions planned for the next few years as we continue the exciting transformation of the Museum into a more accessible destination with wider appeal for multiple audiences with a focus on enthusiasts, families, and the social visitor,"* said Chief Executive, Chris Scudds.

Opened in 1985 by John Haynes OBE, the man behind Haynes Motor Manuals, the Museum is home to the UK's biggest exhibition of cars and motorbikes dating from 1900 to the present day.

Haynes Motor Museum, Sparkford, Nr. Yeovil, Somerset, BA22 7LH. Open 10:00am daily. For more information call 01963 440804 or visit [www.haynesmuseum.org](http://www.haynesmuseum.org)

## Lydford Ladies Third Tuesday Group

Our October event was a lively and informative talk by Nettie Oakley-Prior from Craft House Chocolate in Somerton. Nettie is one of a small number of bean-to-bar craft *"chocolate makers"* in the country – in other words, someone who makes their own chocolate from scratch using raw cacao beans, rather than buying it ready-made from a manufacturer.

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## Future Meetings : Tuesday, November 21st

*"Desert Island Discs"* a social evening for Third Tuesday members and women visitors. Come along and tell us about a special piece of music that you would take with you if you were a castaway on a desert island, plus a luxury item and a favourite book. And **January 16th 2024** - Meal out at a local pub.

**Women Visitors** welcome to all our events usually held at 7:30pm on the third Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall, West Lydford (unless otherwise stated).

If you would like more information please take a look at our website:

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September 2023 Services - At 10:30 am

**Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> November Morning Worship Tony Stevenson**

**Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> November Holy Communion Rev Collin Moore**

On Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> we held our Harvest Festival, with Mr Eric Small. Eric led an entertaining and informal service enjoyed by all ages...

Thank you to all who came along with such wonderful gifts!

Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October was our Harvest Supper and Auction. Once again, we enjoyed a fun filled evening with excellent food. Many thanks to everyone who supported the evening, by cooking and donating delicious food, bringing gifts and being SO generous with the bidding!!

*We raised £485 - Thank you!*

### Toddlers

Toddlers continue to meet on Tuesday mornings from 10:00am -12noon. Please pop in, everyone is welcome, grandparents and carers too - you will be sure of a warm welcome!

### Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> December

We are holding an afternoon of

**Christmas crafts**

**on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> December**

**from 2:00pm - 4:00pm**

Showcasing our local talent! There will be a variety of tables, for you to look at - floral decorations, felting, pottery, jewellery to name a few. Items for all ages will be on sale! Maybe you'll find an 'early' Christmas gift!!

*We will also be serving tea, coffee, mince pies and other seasonal goodies... Please come along and kick start your Christmas -*

*we would love to see you!!!!*



**Ruth Worsley,  
Bishop of Taunton**



### Time to re-member

I am shortly leaving Bath and Wells for a time to serve as interim Acting Diocesan Bishop in the Diocese of Coventry. You may know that the city of Coventry saw some very heavy shelling during World War 2, which resulted in the destruction of the Cathedral.

A new Cathedral has since been built and stands alongside the old ruin as a testament of hope. Though different in style, there's a harmony of old and new. It shows us where conflict can destroy, peace can be found as we seek to live together as the people of God.

This marrying of modern and traditional styles of architecture, helps us to consider how we fashion the life we are called to live as Christians in our communities. It is not that we put aside our differences nor require others to conform to our own shape or form. Rather we recognise the value of listening fully to others and learn to hear the voice of God. Determining to value the worth of each contribution and discerning together a faithful walk with God.

This season of Remembrance encourages us to look back and to value the contributions of those who have gone before us, giving their lives in the service of others. It is not about glorifying the concept of war and conflict but the desire to establish a peaceful world for all. As we look back, so we are invited to look forward and commit to establishing a world where all have a place and where the Prince of Peace, Jesus, is our example.

Coventry is the home to the Community of the Cross of Nails. A community of reconciliation based around the cross fashioned by iron nails found within the ruins of the Cathedral following the fire. Its mission is to live out the practice of peace-building, encouraging people across the world to learn to be reconciled with themselves and one another, as they find reconciliation with God, through Christ.

As I leave here, I do so with plenty of memories, many happy, occasionally sad. Often the latter are those where I have got things wrong and failed to live up to my calling to be the grace-filled child of God I long to be. So, if I have let you down, I am sorry and please pray for me, as I will for you, that God continues to reconcile us to Himself and to one another.

And as we hold our acts of remembrance this month, may we become remembered (*put back together*), as the people of God.

**Bishop Ruth**



### News in Brief:

#### A team effort for eco-award

After taking part in a discussion with Bishop Michael about caring for the environment, the **Pupil Chaplain team at Backwell Junior School** got involved in **St Andrew's Eco Church application.**

After the church received its bronze award, the children spoke at the church's Harvest service at Moorside Farm, sharing their pride in the bronze award and their plans to go for the silver.

#### Bell-ringing boost

A new bell-ringers training centre has been opened at *Holy Trinity Church, Street*. The centre hopes to attract new and experienced ringers.

Mike Palmer, tower captain at St John's Glastonbury says,

*"This will provide a wonderful opportunity for people, young and old, to learn a skill exercising mind and body – and make a real contribution to the community."*

The new facility allows learners to develop their skills without disturbing the peace, thanks to muffled clappers and some technical wizardry which sees sensors on the bells feedback the outcome of their efforts.



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to find out which way is best.

Where differences are welcomed as the rain is welcomed  
after summer drought, or sunshine after debating flood.

A place where Love is All,  
Reigns over All,  
Envelopes All,  
Is All in All.

**DREAM ON MY SOUL !!**

M.J.P

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