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Once again Keinton Parish Church will be collecting donations for the Glastonbury Food Bank during January, February and March in 2024.

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Wheathill Benefice Worship – February/March 2024

Date	08:30 am	10:30 am (or as noted)	Other Services
4th Feb 2 before Lent	Morning Prayer Keinton	Holy Communion Lydford on Fosse	—
11th Feb 1 before Lent	—	Benefice Holy Communion Kingweston	—
14th Feb Ash Wednesday	7:00pm Ash Wednesday Holy Communion Lydford on Fosse		
18th Feb Lent 1	Morning Prayer Barton St David	Holy Communion Kingweston	3:00 pm Tea & Talk Lydford
25th Feb Lent 2	Morning Prayer Lydford on Fosse	Holy Communion Barton St David	4:00 pm Keinton Faith 'n Fun
3rd March Lent 3	Holy Communion Keinton	Morning Prayer Lydford on Fosse	—
10th March Lent 4	Holy Communion Lydford on Fosse	Mothering Sunday Service Barton St David	—
17th March Lent 5	Holy Communion Barton St David	Morning Prayer Keinton	—
24th March Palm Sunday		Holy Communion Barton St David	4:00 pm Keinton Faith 'n Fun
28th March Maundy Thursday		7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Holy Communion Keinton Mandeville	
29th March Good Friday		2:00 pm At the Foot of The Cross Kingweston	
31st March Easter Day	All Age Holy Communion Easter Day Lydford on Fosse		

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7:30pm at The Rectory. All welcome

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. The Trustees are open to any proposals to accord with the Trusts aims.

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**Keinton Mandeville Meet Up
(includes surrounding villages)**



We guarantee a warm welcome for **Carers, the Cared for** and anyone who would benefit from getting together for fun, company, information on hot topics – Fraud, Fire Prevention etc. and availability of local support.

We welcome attendees suggesting ideas for future speakers/topics. Everything is free including refreshments.

Where - Keinton Mandeville Village Hall TA11 6ES. **When** - First Wednesday of the Month. **Time** - 11:0am to 12:30pm For further information contact –

jane.carers@outlook.com

Dear all

I'm writing this just over half-way through January, and the magazine takes us to the end of March, which this year includes Easter Day, a bit like the shops selling Easter Eggs and Hot Cross Buns as soon as Christmas Day has happened, I'm trying to look forward!

This year Ash Wednesday is on 14th February so Lent begins on Valentine's Day. At first this may feel a bit incongruous, after all one of the known approaches to Lent is to give up chocolate, whilst Valentine's Day is a day to give and receive chocolate!

We know practically nothing about the original Valentine, who may in fact have been two people martyred in the third Century for their faith. The origins of Valentines Day have little to do with Valentine himself and go back to John Donne who wrote a poem for Princess Elizabeth the daughter of James 1 who married on Valentines day in 1632, and this poem merged with the commemoration of Valentine and fertility symbolism arising from the spring mating rituals of birds!

But beginning Lent on Valentine's Day it is not as incongruous as it feels. The reason we may choose to give something up in Lent or to take up a new discipline or experience is so that we may grow in our love and commitment to God. So maybe beginning Lent, a time of reflection and preparation for Easter and remembering someone who was martyred for their faith is a good combination.

As our Lent course this year, we're going to use the *Archbishop of Canterbury's Difference course*. It is an opportunity for people of all faiths and none to think about how we live with those who think and believe differently from us. We will have a Christian basis, but all are welcome. We meet for 5 weeks on Wednesday evenings starting on 21st February in The Rectory. All are welcome.

Observing Lent then prepares us to celebrate at Easter. To remember and recall Jesus' death and then celebrate his resurrection on Easter Day. Details of our services for Easter are in the magazine and you're welcome to join us.

We look forward to welcoming you at some point in the next few months

Best wishes

Jane

Benefice Churches

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.

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.*

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!*

From the Registers

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of:

Stephen Paul MAYNARD of Keinton Mandeville, who died at home on Sunday, 5th November 2023, aged 49 years. A thanksgiving was held at the Crematorium in Yeovil followed by interment of his ashes in St Mary Magdalene Church, Keinton Mandeville, on Wednesday 29th November 2023.

Julia Madeleine SLACK of Barton St David, who died at Yeovil District Hospital on Friday 15 December 2023, aged 85 years. Her cremation took place at Mendip Crematorium on Tuesday 2 January 2024 followed by a thanksgiving and interment of ashes at Barton St David Church on Thursday 11 January 2024.



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February 2024

Sunday 28 th Jan - Sunday 4 th Feb	Helen & Tony Gosney	224192
Sunday 4 th Feb – Sunday 11 th	Ean & Freddie Jackson	224475
Sunday 11 th Feb – Sunday 18 th	Larry Henessy	224132
Sunday 18 th Feb – Sunday 25 th	Jo & Chris Tripp	223684
Sunday 25 th Feb - Sunday 3 rd Mar	Neil Bain	223314

March 2024

Sunday 3 rd Mar - Sunday 10 th	Sue Baker	223519
Sunday 10 th Mar - Sunday 17 th	Judith Sherwood	223834
Sunday 17 th Mar - Sunday 24 th	John Walker	223617
Sunday 24 th Mar - Sunday 31 st	Alan Lines	223441

Keinton Knit & Natter

Knit and Natter has been going now for almost 15 years. We meet on Monday afternoons from 2:00pm – 4:00 pm in the Methodist Church rooms. Everyone, including complete beginners, are welcome irrespective of their level of ability.

We can guarantee lots of interesting discussions, love and support and continuous laughter during the meetings. So, if you would like to come along and join us then contact us on (01458) 223344. You are guaranteed a warm welcome.

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 up to April 2024

These are Wednesday, February 21st, March 20th and April 17th all between 10:00am 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

Women's Institute

Keinton Mandeville and surrounding villages

Our WI serves Keinton Mandeville and many other local villages. We meet in Barton St. David Village Hall at 7:15 pm on the third Thursday of each month. We also meet regularly for a variety of informal events in between.

We have a wide and varied programme of speakers and activities, which are both fun and informative. Some members play Pickleball each week to keep fit and/or to be sociable.

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To round off the services over the Christmas period, the Benefice Choir and guest artists, from the very young to slightly older, gave a super and very well received concert in Lydford Church on 29th December. Funds given at the concert raised over £500 for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

Thank you to everyone for their support.

After time off in January to rest their voices, the choir prepares to lead the Benefice Services over the coming weeks and will also start rehearsing music for the Easter period, which falls early this year.

The choir normally meets on a Thursday evening at 7.30pm in Kingweston Church, although in preparation for extra events some additional rehearsals will be included. Do talk to Lynne Kirkman, 01458 224158 – new voices are always very welcome!

Wheathill Priory Community Transport – WPCT

A volunteer driving service by and for the residents of Keinton Mandeville, Kingweston, Lydford and Barton St David.

If you reside in any of these villages, do not drive or have your own transport and have difficulty with public transport you may be eligible to use the scheme.

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- Visits to friends or relatives (including when in hospital)
- journeys to bus stops, bus stations, railway stations for onward journeys.

Should you find yourself in need of a lift please give us a call – preferably 48hrs in advance – and we will do what we can to help:

contact number is: 07799 487 719

For further information visit the village web site or, alternatively, brochures are available from the coordinator. **Covid Jabs** – If you are a resident of Keinton Mandeville, Lydford-on-Fosse, Barton St David or Kingweston, your local Community Transport is able to provide FREE transport to Local Vaccination Centres. Interested? Please call 07799 487 719





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The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday 6th February and Tuesday 5th March 2024 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.

Precept request by parish council 2024-25

In January the parish council set their budget and confirmed that their precept request (*request from the government*) would be in the sum of £20 804 (£20 280 in 2023).

This will result in a 6.5% increase per annum for Band D properties which will be £43.80 (£41.13 in 2023). The council have had to really consider carefully the amount requested due to the financial concerns expressed by Somerset Council on their ability to continue to provide non-statutory services. Parish councils may have to pick up the cost of some services e.g. having bins emptied.

Traffic Report

The report commissioned by the parish council was drafted by the consultant and then a further request was made to look closely at pinch points in the village and this has now been completed. A verbal response from the consultant recommends that no further pressure is put onto Queen Street in terms of traffic. The draft report should be with the parish council by the end of January.

Kaye Elston

Keinton Environment Group (KEG)

Keinton Community Copse

Our "Adopt a Tree" scheme should be available in the Spring; we are in the process of producing a map and catalogue. We hope this will get you involved in looking after your own little part of the copse or just letting us know if you see a problem (contact details below).

Dates for your Diary

We are planning a wildflower planting day

Depending on the weather – on the **weekend of 16th / 17th March**.

Please let us know (a) if you'd like to get involved and (b) if you have an area of your verge or garden you would like to become a wildflower bed or area.

Our next **KEG big event will be on Saturday, 15th June** when we'll be in the Village Hall most of the day; there'll be visiting speakers, refreshments (including a pizza lunch) and lots of other activities.

We will also be running an evening event **Improve your Carbon Literacy** – in mid-April (details to be publicised later) so keep your eyes and ears open!

Wildlife Gardens

At our event in June, we will be presenting an award for the Best Wild Garden in the village and would like to hear from anyone who knows a friend, relative or neighbour you think would deserve this award

Next Meeting

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, 14th February at 7:00 pm in the Quarry Inn

Facebook: (5) Keinton Environment Group (KEG) Facebook
Email: info@keintonenvironmentgroup.org.uk



Open Gardens 2024



Open Gardens 2024



Our last 'Open Gardens' in Keinton Mandeville was held in June 2022.

We had a wonderful warm but drizzly day with a total of 10 gardens open within the village and loads of stoical, damp but happy visitors. The intention now is to hold a similar event on the afternoon of **Sunday, 23rd June 2024**, but, perhaps, with a little more sunshine.

Opening times will be from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm and the event will encompass a number of other activities running in parallel including the ever-popular cream teas.

More details will be published in this magazine in April but I am giving you, here, advanced warning to prepare your cherished gardens should you be willing to accept visitors that day. Whatever the size of your garden, whatever the style and planting, whether it be mainly shrubs, perennials or annuals or even if used exclusively for growing vegetables or a beautifully manicured lawn, please consider opening it.

I am hoping for a diverse mix of gardens so do not feel you should hold back even if you think your garden is rather quirky - what about a naturalised garden that is attractive to wildlife or a small courtyard garden? Please note the date in your diaries.

I will be asking again for volunteers in April and providing some more details but if you are keen to take part please give me, Neill Thomas, a call on 01458 223613 at any time.

If you do not have a garden and/or just like to look at other gardens please do come along as a visitor. The afternoon will conclude in the early evening with a short church service with a garden theme.



**All proceeds from the afternoon
will go towards the upkeep of our churches.**



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.

Whatever it is you're looking for we can always find gardening related activities to suit your mood and energy levels on the day. We are a Covid secure site and we will be working outdoors in a socially distanced way.

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Lydford on Fosse Parish Council

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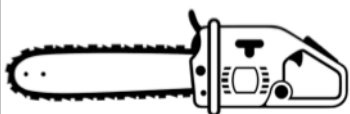
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St Peter's Church, Lydford on Fosse

The Services for January are on page 2 of the magazine.

Folk Evening, 3rd February –The benefice is holding a folk evening with the *Rough around the Edges folk group* in Barton St David village hall at 7:00pm with baked potato super, all for £10 a ticket. Please contact Ralph for tickets on: 07530 296885

House Communion

Wednesday, 7th February 3:00pm

In West Lydford Parish Hall. All in the Benefice are invited to come and join us for a short Service of Holy Communion with enough time left for chat and afternoon tea with friends. Any problems with transport please contact Ralph on (01963) 240164 or 07530 296 885.

Tea and Talk

Sunday, 18th February at 3.30pm in West Lydford Parish Hall. This is a Benefice event which was held for the first time last year. *The Speaker will be Chris Thomas from the Street Pastors in Yeovil* who will speak about their vital work in the community. Tea and cake will be available after the Talk. We look forward to seeing you.

Saturday, 30th March – Easter Garden

Planting of the Easter Garden in St Peter's Churchyard, West Lydford. This has proved to be a very popular event in the calendar of the local Church and we hope as many as possible will come along in 2024.



The morning will start with the planting of the Easter Garden which will be followed by an *Easter Egg Hunt* in the Churchyard.



Something new this year – we wish to hold a Teddy Bear's Picnic

For this we will need to know, if possible, the children who will be attending and if they have any special dietary needs so, please, can you contact either Jennie on (01963) 240236 or Ralph on (01963) 240164. Should you have one then *please bring your Teddy Bear.*

Please Read On ... It is a very small band of people who work tirelessly in the interest of St. Peter's and the members of the community. *Do you think you could help by offering to join the Parochial Church Council?* We meet approximately 5 times a year to arrange Services plus any other items that crop up. We also do our utmost to keep the Church and surroundings as one would like to see. So if you have a community spirit and a belief in the working of God in our world then please contact Ralph (01963) 240164 or Jennie (01963) 240236 for more information. Thank you.

Welcome & POPin Cafe

Tuesday, 27th February 11:30am for Soup at 12 midday to 1:30pm

Do come along for our last Soup Lunch! as we will go back to our coffee mornings from next month. As usual we look forward to welcoming everyone with a choice of soups and cheese scones, followed by tea or coffee. Come along for a chat or to peruse the books on offer.

March

We will see a return to our Coffee and home-made Biscuits! **Tuesday, 26th March 10:30am to 12 midday in the Parish Hall.** All are very welcome!

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The Walters and Pope Trust Fund (Lydford-on-Fosse)

- ❖ **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.*

Barton St David Mothers' Union

Tuesday, 13th February at 11:30am - Meet at the church prior to a visit to Dobies Garden Centre in Shepton Mallet.

Tuesday, 12th March at 14:30pm - Meet at Folly Cottage, Church Street courtesy of Val Southwell-Sander for tea and a chat.

Barton St David History Club

Our first meeting this year was extremely well attended and rewarded with an excellent presentation by Professor John Cleland on *"The Global Response to the Population Explosion : Successes and Failures"* which led to a long and broad-ranging question and answer session and lively discussions over refreshments.

Upcoming Events (all in Barton Village Hall)

Thursday, 8th February at 7:30pm

David Odgers on *"Glastonbury and Lalibela - Contemplations on a Shared History"*
David writes *"The sharp-eyed among you may have noticed that Glastonbury is twinned with Lalibela in Ethiopia"*. David has been involved - both professionally and as a visitor - with Glastonbury Abbey and the Rock Churches of Lalibela. His illustrated talk will explore the history of the two sites (particularly with regard to pilgrimage) as well as their current condition and future prospects.

Thursday 14th March at 7:30pm

Barry (Baz) Hamblin on *"The History of the Measurement of Time"*

Thursday, 11th April at 7:30pm

Bernard Sellick & David Daggar *"Somerset Wanderings (with a camera)"*.
All welcome....Members free, Non-members £2 at the door

Barton St David Friday Afternoon Table Tennis



Sessions are in the village hall every Friday afternoon from 2:00pm until 4:00pm with a break for provided refreshments during that time. It is not a club, so no annual fee but a charge of £2 per person per session is required.

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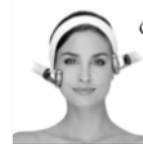


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Lydford and District Gardening Club



The monsoon season for Somerset duly arrived on Monday 4th. As one gets older, does the anticipation of pleasure coming from any forthcoming social event diminish in inverse proportion to the actual increase in age? When one is a bright young thing, full of the joys of youth and with the many opportunities of life stretching ahead, social events are jewels to brighten up the beige pages of a working diary full of stuff which has to be done just to earn a crust. The weekend entertainment is not to be missed and expectations are always great. Discos, parties even just a few drinks in the local, these are the things which will make life worthwhile. The question invariably hangs in the air - will this be the occasion when a lifelong partner might be found or some similarly cataclysmic event may happen to rearrange the cosmic waves that undoubtedly determine our futures. The next bash is always going to be the best, whether that be in public house, sports club, nightclub or village hall. And, despite many nights which provide contrary evidence, expectations and anticipation remain immensely lofty.

However, with supposed maturity, as one approaches the Autumn of existence, the pull of the hearth becomes increasingly strong. Especially in Winter when the night is dark, the weather cold and the Brue is rising in an aggressive manner. Excuses can always be found to stay within reach of the heating controls/fireplace. *'My hair needs washing and simply will not last another day in its current state!'* *'The dog has been off-colour just a tiny bit and I must stay in to keep an eye on things. I could not live with myself if he/she/they took a turn for the worse and I was not there!'* *'I have a report to write for the Parish Magazine and deadlines are deadlines!'* *'Sorry, points need oiling on the model railway layout. Who knows what will happen if I don't get busy with the three-in-one?'*

Such was the situation on Tuesday, 9th January when, as has been the case since time immemorial, it being the second Tuesday in the month, the Gardening Club was due to meet. Dark, cold, possibly windy, the Brue gathering up its energies to make a real effort to cover the car park - not a night for the faint-hearted. Rarely has a log-fire appeared so attractive. When has a cosy T.V. drama been so appealing? How could a trusty hound be so abandoned? And yet, the hours from 19:00pm to 21:00pm were absolutely fulfilling. The Parish Hall was warm, the honey cake was delightful (*Paul Hollywood take note!*), there was a gorgeous buzz of animated conversation and, thankfully, the church bells, as operated by some keen but unskilled recruits, were silent.

The speakers were Dave and Lizzie Reynolds and their presentation was about the bees that they tend and how people could tweak their gardens to give these lovely and vital little beings a helping hand in terms of what could be planted to provide food at all times of the year. The presenters spoke very well as a gently sparring double-act and obviously knew their topic and how to put over their message to best effect. A definite sign of appreciation by the audience was the number of questions which were asked and in most cases answered. It became obvious that the world of bees is complex and in some cases not yet fully understood. The vital role that they play in fertilising crops is not to be underestimated.

February Club Meeting

This will be on Tuesday, 13th and will feature Dr. Francis Burroughs who will be talking about front gardens and how they have been used through time. Presumably the part they now play as a car park will not take up much of the allocated time!

And, as this is one of the famous double issues of the magazine, mention needs to be made of **12th March** when someone from Brimsmore will be coming to talk about companion planting. Presumably this will be about marigolds with tomatoes and such like, rather than just digging with your friends! Although the latter topic could have merit as a subject if anyone is willing to offer such a thing.

The Club welcomes everyone to all of its meetings. For just a small donation, less than the cost of a half-pint of beer, all are invited to come and have a cup of coffee and a biscuit or two in the warm surrounded by horticultural cuddles.



Moviola screening at Lydford Parish Hall
This will be on Friday, 1st March 2024

The doors open at 7:00pm and there is a bar available until 7:30pm when the film will be shown.

The film being screened is The Great Escaper (2023) starring Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson. The film tells the real life story of Royal Navy veteran Bernard Jordan who "escaped" from his care home in June 2014 to attend the 70th anniversary of the D-Day commemorations in Normandy.

Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson bring their A game to this true life heart-warmer. To reserve tickets or for more information please contact Linda Foote on (01963) 240336

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Re-start a Heart Training Evening

In spite of the cold and the sprinkling of snow, 40 people turned up for the British Heart Foundation's free CPR training session on Monday 8 January. Was this something to do with it being held at the Cross Keys? Our thanks go to Amanda and Robyn for their very lively and engaging delivery and for their patience in answering our questions and guiding us through the techniques we needed to learn. Thanks also to Dave and Tom at the Cross Keys for hosting and setting-up for the event.



We're also very grateful to those participants game enough to lie on the floor and play the casualty so that we could all have a go at putting somebody in the "recovery position".



Thankfully, when it came to trying out CPR and using a defibrillator, we were able to use dummies! Many of us were surprised just how easy it is to use a defibrillator as it actually tells you exactly what to do.

Early feedback on the course from participants has been very positive with many feeling much more confident should they witness somebody experiencing a cardiac arrest. To maintain this level of confidence we plan to run more courses in future. The team was also strongly encouraged to continue with its work to acquire defibrillators for Lydford-on-Fosse, and hopefully to establish a local team of Community First Responders.

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Lydford Ladies Third Tuesday Group

On a cold but beautiful sunny day in January, fourteen of us met for a warming lunch and catch-up at *The Den* at Jon Thorner's. Everyone seemed to enjoy their lunch but surprisingly no puddings were ordered ... possibly due to New Year's Resolutions!

Future Events

3rd Tuesday Annual Review in the Parish Hall on **Tuesday, February 20th at 7:30 pm.**

A chance for members to hear about what we have Planned for 2024 and catch-up with friends over coffee and tea. Anyone interested in joining the club is welcome to come along too.

(Annual subscriptions are due in February so please bring along £15 if you'd like to join for the year).

Tuesday, 19th March at 7:30 pm

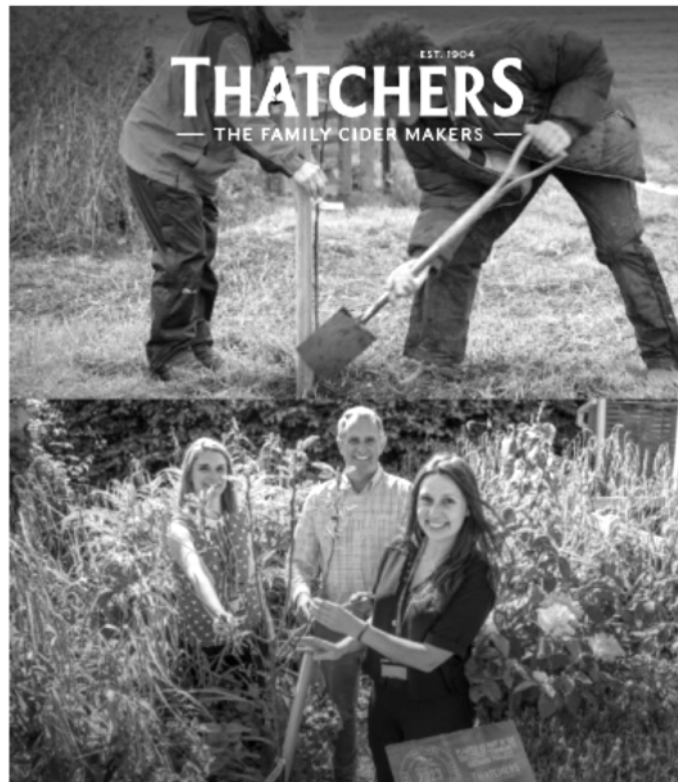
A Talk about the History of the Wheathill Area – A talk by Alan Cort (*of Somerset Vernacular Building Research Group*) about the fascinating history people and buildings of Wheathill. His talk will touch on: Waterloo; four queens of England (and one king); the Spitfire; James Bond ... plus a few snippets about the Lydfords too!

Open Meeting – all welcome. Non members £3.

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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A Reminder

The January NHW slot in the Parish Magazine included a letter from **Matthew Reed – Mendip Neighbourhood Policing Inspector**. Just in case you missed it, amidst the run up to Christmas, I thought I would include a particularly important paragraph again!

"... Lydford and the surrounding villages are safe places to live and work. They enjoy a low crime rate when compared to other areas. This is not to say we are complacent because sadly, incidents requiring our attention do still occur. In speaking to members of the local community, I feel that the perception of crime is different to the reality of what is reported to us. People often feel like they don't want to report minor matters to the police, in fear of wasting our time.

Unfortunately, what we don't know about, we can't deal with! Underreporting of crime and antisocial behaviour is a common problem. So, I would like to take this opportunity to encourage members of the community to report all incidents which they feel may be linked to criminality or anti-social behaviour. You will never be criticised for making a call with good intent if when checked, the circumstances turn out to be innocent. We would prefer to check than risk missing something!"

Hopefully, if we all do our bit we can create an even safer neighbourhood!

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Sunday, 18th February Holy Communion **Rev Collin Moore**

Sunday, 3rd March Holy Communion **Rev Collin Moore**

Preachers for the rest of March have yet to be confirmed. Please look at the Chapel noticeboard for details.

Memory Tree

Thank you to all those who added a decoration to the tree.

The decorations from the memory tree with now be safely looked after until next Christmas, and used to decorate a new tree. In this way the memories of loved ones will continue.

Tea@3

Many thanks to Nikki for leading the afternoon of carols and popular Christmas songs! It was a wonderful start to the Christmas season, with a really festive atmosphere. We sang, played games pulled crackers and really enjoyed the time together...

Tea@3 will now be a settling into a regular date, on the first Thursday in the month – **Thursday, 1st February; 7th March and 4th April.** Please come along and join us – there will always be a warm welcome and a chance to get together over a game, jigsaw or a craft you enjoy.

The children come along after school at about 3:30pm and take part in the games and colouring, and of course the refreshments! Tea and coffee is provided as well as biscuits and yummy cakes. If you would like to donate a small prize, we will have a raffle as well... We look forward to seeing you there!

Regular Groups

Knit and Natter on Monday afternoons from 2:00pm – 4:00pm. Everyone is welcome regardless of ability!

Toddlers – Mums, Dads, grandparents and carers – please come along from 10:00am – 1 noon, and enjoy some activities and fun, its also a great opportunity to make new friends!

Half-Term Treat

On Thursday, 13th February at 3:00pm, we will be showing an age appropriate film in the Community Hall. Children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult, please. There will be a charge of £2 per child, thank you! The children can bring their own beanbag if they would like too! Pop corn and drinks will be available.

See The Methodist Hall Improvements

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'Logy' comes from a Greek word logos interpreted as reason, the ordering of knowledge, logic. In John's Gospel, logos is a word to describe Jesus – through whom all things are made and from whom all true knowledge comes. Logos is the word, the source of all goodness and grace, for every human life, and for all of creation.

It is the 'logos', the word, who inhabits our lives, our creation – inviting us to recognise His light, and allow it to overcome the darkness of our own limited concerns and agendas. We meet the logos in scripture, in worship, in prayer, and deeper reflection.

In Jesus, as logos, we can find the wisdom, the resources and the commitment to play our part in caring for creation. We are able to invite others to recognise the deeper truths about Eco, our common dwelling place, and to see more clearly how we join with others to work out what to do, how to live, and honour the gift of life that we receive through Him. The Logos is the possibility of good news for humankind and for the Earth.

What a responsibility each Christian disciple is called to bear! And what grace can be ours to enable us to fulfil our calling, and help all of God's children become caught up in the praise and prayer that gives true life to our dwelling place, and to exercise our stewardship appropriately.

Read John 1v1-14. Become an ECO-warrior – committed to our common dwelling place – through celebrating the power and presence of the LOGOS.

ECOLOGY: we know it makes sense.

Bishop Alastair

Supporting the community

Rev. Deborah Perreau, Deanery Mission Priest for Somerset South, has received a **Community Resilience Award from Somerset Council** in acknowledgment of her exceptional efforts following severe flooding in the area in 2021. Deborah has collaborated with local agencies, secured additional funding for emergency flood resources, and facilitated opportunities for people to share their experiences.

"It was vital that care and compassion were our outer garments but even more so a listening ear. The church takes in the battered and bruised and sends us out restored and with resilience."

Caring for those working at sea

More than 400 gift boxes filled by church communities in Bath and Wells were shared with sailors who came to Royal Portbury and Avonmouth Docks near Bristol. Chaplains from the Mission to Seafarers also gave out hundreds of warm hats, scarves and gloves, all knitted by volunteers in the diocese.

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Veg Plot Planning & Plant Raising Course at Plotgate Community Farm
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This course will help you to get organised for spring and grow garden veg through the year, develop your skills and feed your growing knowledge for a productive year in your veg plot.

We'll be in and around the Plotgate barn, propagation polytunnel and gardens for discussions and practical activities during the six Thursday mornings.

Join us to learn about making the best use of your time and growing space, from seed-saving techniques and know-how through crop planning to growing your own seedlings and veg plants. It's free if your income is less than £25,000/year – the full fee is £144.00. Find out more and sign up with **Somerset Skills and Learning** – by 14th February at www.sslcourses.co.uk/courses/course/veg-plot-planning-and-plant-raising-developer/ or call 03303327997.

Questions? Ask Jane@plotgatecommunityfarm.org

Plotgate Community Farm is co-operatively run by its members. The growers and volunteers produce seasonal vegetables on a 16-acre site in Barton St David. Members can collect, or have delivered, a weekly or fortnightly share of the produce, each box containing at least 8 different types of vegetable. There are events, activities and opportunities as well as fresh food all through the year.

Find out more at the Barton Inn on Friday evenings, 4:00pm – 6.30pm when we're there with the veg boxes. If you would like a share of the harvest, we also deliver on Monday evenings and Saturday mornings. Call or text 07817608283, or email: info@plotgatecommunityfarm.org. Our other collection points are in Glastonbury and Street on Mondays, Langport on Saturdays. More info at:

www.plotgatecommunityfarm.org and Facebook

What is this life...

(Inspired by 'Leisure' by W H Davies)

What is this life if full of cares,
 We have no time to love and care.

No time to wave across the gate,
 For fear it might just make me late.

No time to have a cup of tea,
 With neighbours that we hardly see.

No time to help the man next door
 Or play with children – "what for?"

No time because I have to look
 At everything that's on Facebook.

We'll never know the joy we'd find
 In spending time just being kind.

No time to spend some time in prayer,
 I rashly think 'what point is there?'

No time to gaze upon the face
 Of our glorious God of Grace.

God gave us time to wisely use,
 For Him and others, not to lose.

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