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Light of the world

Church Diary Events for 2019 – April - July

Monday, 1st April, Lent Course Jesus' radical perspective on Suffering

Monday, 8th April, Lent Course Jesus' Legacy to his Followers

Sunday, 21st April, Easter

Tuesday, 23rd April, Tardito Concert

Sunday, 28th April, Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Saturday, 11th May, May Fair Stall, in North Curry

Saturday, 18th May, Christian Aid morning, Methodist Church garden

Sunday, 26th May, Rogation Sunday, Walks and various Benefice services

Sunday, 16th June, Choral Evensong, with "In Ecclesia" choir

Saturday/Sunday 29th/30th June, Flower Festival

Produce Market, first Saturday of every month - next date: 6th April

Bellringers, every Monday evening

Easter Day Services, 21st April

Starts with a sunrise service at 6.00am, Stoke St. Gregory's Baptist Garden-see pages 10/11 for various listings.

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Easter 6th – 22nd April

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Summer 24th July – 1st September

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Bell tower hatch, ceiling rose

See page 20 for full story

Customer Parking, church style!



Non Parish Church Diary Events: April

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| Wednesday, 3 rd April, SS Great Britain | WI |
| Thursday, 4 th April, Plants for awkward areas | NC & District Gardeners |
| Saturday, 6 th April/ 20 th April, Bingo | Burrowbridge |
| Saturday, 6 th April, Julie Felix Concert | Village Hall |
| Monday, 8 th April, Methodist Church Council | Methodist Church |
| Saturday, 13 th April, Coffee Morning | WI |
| Wednesday, 17 th April,rubber ducky! | North Curry Society |
| Wednesday, 24 th April, Film Stars Don't Die in Liverpool | North Curry Film Club |

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

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| Surgery | 01823 490505 | www.northcurryhealthcentre.co.uk |

Editor's comments

If you are a new reader, picking up your copy of the magazine for the first time, then welcome to this month's edition. There is plenty to read and perhaps to amuse; news from North Curry clubs as well as the diary events guides. This Easter edition has been especially designed for us by Phoebe Lewis, aged 10, from our Primary School; and what a fabulous design it is too. She won our competition held in March to design the cover, but more on that later in the magazine.

If you would like to promote your club or event for the entire village to join in, then email your details to ncurrymag@gmail.com. Also, if you would like to advertise your business to reach our village readers, then again, get in touch. Copy deadline is 13th of the month before publication. Eg May's deadline would be 13th April.

Feedback is always appreciated; on ways we can improve the magazine. I did happen to receive one very complimentary email from a satisfied reader. Good to know there are at least 2 of you that read the magazine. [I know the rest of you are just so shy, and in total awe not to have written in as yet!] I of course, did ignore the 1,677 complaints.

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Complaints Watchdog

We take your complaints seriously, and have opened a watchdog desk to handle all such matters. Our Rosco newshound will diligently "chew" over any letters or emails. The desk is open 29th February every year, except for leap years, when it is closed for staff training purposes. Please take the time to read the entire magazine. The editorial ends on page 31.

Produce Market

Village Hall

Saturday 6th April 9.30am-11.30am

Time to practice your haggling and to grab a bargain!
The kitchen will be open throughout, serving bacon butties and hot drinks
Its more than just produce on sale, there are an assortment of craft stalls,
plus books, cuddly toys, stationery as well as just nick nacks

Dont miss out!

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LLIBRE VERMELL DE MONTSERRAT

the old pilgrims' music

Tickets £10

On sale NOW

at the Post Office

Roberto Tardito - European Tour 2019

First performance of his tour starts
at North Curry, 23rd April



7th April, our benefice church at Lyng
is having their Planned Giving Service.

If you would like to join the 3 current members they have paying for their
church upkeep, please contact their treasurer.

Contact Margaret Williamson – 01823 690471
emwilliamson@btinternet.com

Announcements/ News in Brief

Congratulations to our March 200 Club Winners

1st Prize - £30: Tony Stodgell

2nd Prize - £20: Julian Comrie 3rd Prize - £10: Ken Hutchins

If you are not a member, and would like to join, please contact Sue Bethune on 490179. The annual subscription is £18. Players must be 18+ yrs. If you are renewing your subscription and pay by standing order, please remember to update it from £12 to £18. The fund raising from this goes towards the maintenance costs of the churchyard and footpaths.

Due to insurance purposes and the risk of fire/ arson, no unattended lit candles are permitted in the church or unattended matches and alike.

The Lent Courses continue this month, and were very well attended during March. See page 14 for more details.

The Grand Quiz Night in March raised over £950 towards church funds. Our sincerest thanks to all involved, for providing a challenging FUNd raising evening. Our first recital evening was attended by over 60 people and generated £150 to each of the supported charities; the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and the Mission to Seafarers. The audience were also treated to the rarely seen Ellis/Tyler double act on the door and bar.

More news on our vicar's retirement will follow in May, with also news regarding the Ordination of Jane Sutton at Wells Cathedral on 30th June.

Rogation Benefice Walk, 26th May.

Revd Tyler will lead us around our various churches, see page 18 for details.

The Parish Council have unveiled its new website, with plenty of information. www.northcurry.com

The mobile library calls once a month. It visits on a Wednesday every 4 weeks and stops in Queen Square for 45 minutes between 1.45pm–2.30pm. There is a good selection of books of all subjects and it is a really important resource. The next visit is on Wednesday 24th April.

At the 11th March Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting, it was agreed to pay £15,696 as the 2019 Parish Share, as recommended by the churchwardens.

The Architect plans for the various church boundary defects were agreed by the PCC, and the tendering of contractors will now begin. Plans are

also in place to repair the Chancel parapet and gable cross. More news on these projects in the next edition.

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

As reported in the national news at the end of February, a weekly Sunday service will no longer be compulsory for churches after a vote to change a 400-year-old law was passed by the Church of England's ruling body. The General Synod voted to end the law - dating back to 1603 - which required priests to hold a Sunday service in every church they looked after.

Little Angels, Toddlers Club and Pram Service. Every 2nd Thursday in the month at the church. Look forward to welcoming you there to meet other parents and their children.

And not in the other "news"

The Church now has a Baby-Changing crib; looking to exchange your newest addition to the family... no silly, it's for the nappies... D'oh!

Congregation in fear, as Armed Chairs set to surround the coffee table; presumably in protest at the new baby changing device!

Our newly assigned Safe Guarding officer will ensure our Chubb is vigilantly watched, day and night!

1st April Treasurer Hunt – a rare collection of BC dated Roman Coins, coated in *fools gold*, discovered after digging out the footings for the new fence. Searchers are not encouraged to join in on 1st April.

Outrage, as arsonists forced to bring own matches and ignition devices to church! What is the world coming to...?

Helpful Instructions for Parents

If you can see the writing on the wall, it's time to take the crayons away from the kids!

Children will not willingly share anything except your secrets and their germs.

The first thing a boy learns when he gets a drum is that he'll never get another one.

A child's ideal illness is one that: gets them off school for three days: only comes on at eight in the morning: doesn't stop them watching telly: and is cured by chocolate and milkshakes.

The Rev'd John Tyler writes

My Dear Friends,

Holy Week and Easter dominate the centre of this month of April – rather later than in most years. If you have ever wondered why there is this variation in the Christian Calendar, the answer is relatively simple: It is fixed to coincide with the Paschal Sabbath, the first Saturday after the first Full Moon after the Spring Equinox (March 21st). Perhaps not quite so simple now that I have written it down, but maybe it might earn you a point at the next Quiz Night.

Holy Week and Easter are a unique opportunity in the Christian Year to get our bearings. This Spring has been rather more chaotic and fraught than most, both on the international, national and local level. It is therefore even more important to sort out What Really Matters. The answer for many of us is in the Life, Ministry, Suffering, Death and Resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. If you check the Gospels you will see that the Passion Narrative (covering the last week of his life) is written as a continuous narrative – unlike the rest of the Gospels. This is an indication that from the very earliest history of the Christian Church, there was a wish to enter into and follow the happenings of these days as a coherent and continuous experience: Following in the Footsteps of Jesus, to put it in a more straightforward way. That journey will lead us (like all Christ's disciples down the ages) to the terrible death on the Cross and the total darkness of the Cave-Tomb; and like all the disciples, we are tempted at first to accept this as the end. But the unexpected Easter overturns all our certainties and preconceptions, and nothing, either inside or outside our Christian faith, is ever quite the same again. I hope and pray that for many of you that Easter Joy and transformation will become more real than ever this year.

April is also the month for Church Annual Meetings. Please support and attend these if you can, but I would like to take this opportunity (on behalf of the Vicar and myself) to pay a very warm tribute to all those Church Officers who have served our Churches and congregations with such faithfulness and diligence during this past year. It is impossible to name individuals in the space available, but I am constantly impressed by the devoted single mindedness of Churchwardens and PCCs, and all who have worked so hard during what has not been an easy year, not just to maintain high standards but to explore and develop new initiatives and ideas as we move forward. I am also very conscious of those whose service to our Churches and communities is almost invisible and sometimes perhaps in danger of being taken for granted; believe me, it is noted and appreciated by many of us.

Thank you all very much indeed!

With Every Blessing and Good Wish for Easter and the Future,

John Tyler.

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



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Bath & Wells

Living the story. Telling the story

He is not here. He is risen!

I heard a wonderful story recently about a Church Sunday School which was putting on a drama telling the story of Holy Week and Easter. All had gone well and the wonderful moment arrived when the angel appeared to the women at the tomb to declare those glorious words: '*He is not here, he is risen.*' (Luke 24:6). Unfortunately, five year old Brian could not remember what to say, and so the Youth Leader had to quietly remind him of his line. He then confidently grabbed the microphone and triumphantly shouted, 'He's not here; He's in prison!'

As we move this month from Lent into Holy Week and onto Good Friday I am sure we are all looking forward to Easter Day when we shall once again hear those words ring out 'He is not here, he is risen!' And we shall rejoice and celebrate again the glorious truth that Jesus rose from the dead. Death could not hold him. When Jesus began his ministry in Galilee he declared that: 'The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And those words from Isaiah help us understand why Jesus came. He came to proclaim freedom for the prisoner and to release the oppressed. He came that we might 'have life and have it to the full'. He came to release us from our sins and set us free from our fears. He came that we might know God and that through knowing God we might have eternal life. 'I am the resurrection and the life' he said. 'Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.'

The good news of the Easter message is that although Jesus died upon the cross he rose again and through his resurrection he overcame the power of sin and the sting of death. That is why Paul could write: 'Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.' (1 Corinthians 15: 57). This Easter let us give thanks that Jesus is not dead. He is not in prison. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Right Revd Peter Hancock
Bishop of Bath and Wells

Benefice of Athelney – Service Rota April – 2019

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| 31st March | MOTHERING SUNDAY | BST starts, clocks go forward | |
| 09.30 | Lyng | Service of the Word | Rev'd John Tyler |
| 10.00 | Burrowbridge | Service of the Word | Ralph Roberts |
| 10.00 | North Curry | Family Eucharist | Rev'd Martin Mudie |
| 11.00 | Stoke St Gregory | Eucharist | Rev'd John Tyler |

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| 7th April | THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT | | |
| 08.00 | North Curry | Holy Communion | Rev'd John Tyler |
| 09.30 | Lyng | Holy Communion | Rev'd John Tyler |
| 10.00 | North Curry | Eucharist | Rev'd Martin Mudie |
| 18.00 | Stoke St Gregory | Evensong | Dr Robert Dunning |

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| 14th April | PALM SUNDAY | | |
| 08.00 | Stoke St Gregory | Holy Communion | Rev'd John Tyler |
| 10.00 | Burrowbridge | Holy Communion | Rev'd John Tyler |
| 10.00 | North Curry | Eucharist | Rev'd Martin Mudie |
| 11.15 | Stoke St Gregory | Eucharist | Rev'd John Tyler |
| <i>15th April</i> | <i>Monday of Holy Week</i> | | |
| 18.30 | Stoke St Gregory | Compline | <i>Lay-led</i> |
| <i>16th April</i> | <i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i> | | |
| 18.30 | Lyng | United Benefice Eucharist + Compline | Rev'd John Tyler |
| 18.30 | Stoke St Gregory | Compline | <i>Lay-led</i> |
| <i>17th April</i> | <i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i> | | |
| 18.30 | Stoke St Gregory | Compline | <i>Lay-led</i> |
| <i>18th April</i> | MAUNDY THURSDAY | | |
| 10.00 | North Curry | Holy Communion & Stripping of Altars | Rev'd John Tyler |
| 20.00 | Stoke St Gregory | Holy Communion & Stripping of Altars | Rev'd Martin Mudie |
| <i>19th April</i> | GOOD FRIDAY | | |
| 10.00 | North Curry | United Benefice Stations of the Cross | Ralph Roberts |
| 11.00 | Stoke St Gregory | Ecumenical Service | Rev'd Martin Mudie |
| 14.00 | Lyng | United Benefice Good Friday Devotion | Rev'd John Tyler |
| 19.30 | NC Methodist Church | Taizé Service | Rev'ds Deborah Kirk & Martin Mudie |
| <i>20th April</i> | <i>Holy Saturday (EASTER EVE)</i> | | |
| 20.00 | Lyng | United Benefice Easter Vigil | Rev'd John Tyler |

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| 21st April | EASTER DAY | | |
| 06.00 | SSG Baptist Garden | Sunrise Service | Rev'ds Sonya Setchell & John Tyler |
| 09.30 | Lyng | Holy Communion | Rev'd Martin Mudie |
| 10.00 | Burrowbridge | Holy Communion | Rev'd Keith Powell |
| 10.00 | North Curry | Eucharist | Rev'd John Tyler |
| 11.00 | Stoke St Gregory | Eucharist | Rev'd Martin Mudie |
| <i>24th April</i> | <i>(Wednesday of Easter Week)</i> | | |
| 17.00 | Stoke St Gregory | Evening Prayer | Dr Jane Sutton |

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| 28th April | THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER | | |
| 09.30 | Burrowbridge | Morning Prayer | Ralph Roberts |
| 10.00 | North Curry | Eucharist + APCM | Rev'd John Tyler |
| 11.00 | Stoke St Gregory | Eucharist | Rev'd Martin Mudie |
| <i>1st May</i> | <i>(Wednesday)</i> | | |
| 17.00 | Stoke St Gregory | Evening Prayer | Dr Jane Sutton |

The old pilgrims' music

The Parochial Church Council is arranging more community events in the church, including concerts. Following swiftly on from the recital of classical music last month, on 23rd April (Easter Tuesday) Italian singer Roberto Tardito will be bringing songs selected from the Red Book of Montserrat, a 14th-century manuscript of devotional texts compiled and retained at the ancient monastery in the Catalonian mountains above Barcelona. Dr



Shelagh Noden, music director at St Mary's Cathedral Aberdeen writes "as an academic I was attracted by his use of material from the *Libre Vermell*, a mediaeval collection of pilgrims' songs similar to *Carmina Burana*. He has a rather unusual style, rather folk-pop".

Roberto is making his first stop in North Curry before continuing his UK tour in Birmingham, Liverpool, Scotland and on to Germany. We are most fortunate in securing this booking. You may remember his previous tour last year was called off due to severe snowfall across Europe. The concert will start at 7pm and is expected to last two hours, including a 30-minute interval. Tickets are on sale at North Curry Post Office, price £10.

STOP!

Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Sunday 28th April

Please do not skip this notice!

THE VESTRY MEETING AND THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

These meetings will take place after the 10am service on
Sunday 28th April.

This is **your** chance to hear what has happened over the last year, especially in financial terms, and what is proposed for the coming year, particularly in view of the Vicar's retirement at the end of June.

It is also your chance to vote in the election of Churchwardens and the Parochial Church Council- and to volunteer for one of the roles yourself.

There will be light refreshments at the meeting; Rev. John Tyler has agreed to preside over the Vestry Meeting for the election of Churchwardens after which Mary Piers will preside over the APCM.

Please do come and participate in your church's governance.

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Volunteers required for church committees

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



North Curry Coffee Shop

Situated in the centre of the village, is a community project run by volunteers and is entirely self financing. Since it opened in May 2006, over £100,000 has been raised for charities nominated by our volunteers.

The menu features high quality coffee and tea, a selection of fruit juices and soft drinks, a range of home made cakes and light refreshments suitable for lunch or morning and afternoon snacks.

ANNUAL COFFEE SHOP OPEN EXHIBITION

To give you plenty of notice, this year's Autumn Exhibition will run from 17th September to 10th November. This year's theme is "My Favourite Piece" which can be in any media eg painting, print, drawing, sculpture, ceramic, embroidery etc. Further details of the exhibition to follow nearer the time.

From Tuesday 9th April we will be serving our summer menu including a range of salads, we look forward to welcoming you.

Opening hours time 10am – 5.00pm, Tuesday to Sunday.

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LENT COURSE - April

Our Lent Course this year has the general title '**Jesus before Christianity**'. Ralph Roberts will chair the 1st April, whilst Revd Tyler will do the 8th April. First in the

North Curry Parish Church, (change of venue from the Autumn) from 4 – 5 pm, then later the same day at the **Church Rooms, Stoke St. Gregory**, from 6 – 7 pm.

These sessions are **FREE** to attend, though any (small) donations towards the cost of tea, coffee, heating and copying, would be appreciated. Each session, lasting less than an hour, is virtually independent, so there is no need to feel committed to be at all of them, and anyone can come and join in at any session.

It might be a good idea to bring along your Bible.

If there is anything more you would like to know, please contact John on 01460 281574, or at tyleruk@tiscali.co.uk .

April 1st **Jesus' Radical perspective on Suffering**

April 8th **Jesus' Legacy to his Followers**

Wednesday, 3rd April – 2.00pm

North Curry Village Hall

SS GREAT BRITAIN

We are expecting a nautical feel to our April meeting, as we welcome Ian Caskie as guest speaker from the SS Great Britain Trust.

We look forward to hearing of the ship's amazing story from her original design by Brunel and of the phases of her working life, to her eventual salvage from the Falkland Islands and her return to Bristol.

Ian has been a dedicated volunteer and guide for many years; visitors will be very welcome to come along to listen to his inspiring illustrated talk. We are planning, following Ian's visit, our own trip to Bristol to see for ourselves this magnificent vessel and take part in the Brunel experience.

We continue a busy April programme the following week with a lunch and a 'friendly' competition afternoon as we host our group W.I's - all of us competing for long standing trophies in various crafts.

COFFEE MORNING WITH THE

**SALE OF NEARLY NEW
CLOTHES
& BRIC A BRAC**



SATURDAY 13TH APRIL, 10.30 A.M. - 12.30 P.M

**BY KIND INVITATION OF SHELIA AND ALAN BILLINGHURST
15, STOKE ROAD, NORTH CURRY**

Proceeds to North Curry W.I.

North Curry and District Amateur Gardeners, by Heather Williams



Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 4th April** when our speaker will be **Roger Hirons** with "**Plants for awkward areas**". We've all got some of those so it should be interesting.

Advance notice of our first outing of the year to Sherborne Castle and Gardens on Wednesday 15th May and of our Plant Sale on Saturday 25th May 10.00- 12.00 noon.

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month in the Pavilion of the Greenway Playing Fields at 7.45 for 8.00pm. New members and guests are always welcome so come and join us for the talk and stay for coffee and a chat afterwards.



North Curry Flower Festival

29th/30th June at North Curry Church

Contact Lorraine Bryan Brown
01823 491665

This year's theme is Book Titles

And we hope to make this year's event
as spectacular as last year's



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

Prizes each month £30/ £20/ £10

Proceeds for churchyard maintenance

To sign up, contact Sue Bethune on 01823 490179

If your renewal falls between April to September,

Please, please remember to update

your standing order to £18 !

Julie Felix is coming to North Curry in April

She is giving a concert at the Village Hall
on Saturday 6th April



A legend of the folk music world; singer, songwriter, guitarist, charismatic entertainer... dubbed "the First Lady of Folk" by the Times ...the first folk singer to have her own TV show, to fill the Royal Albert Hall, and to sing in Westminster Abbey.



Doors (and bar) open at 7pm, with the concert beginning at 7:30pm. Julie will give two 45-minute sessions, separated by an interval (with bar).

The bar will re-open for Julie's "meet & greet" and CD sale & signing following her second session.

Tickets will be £12 each, available **now**, at the Post Office, from Fleur White (01823 491424), or – depending on availability – at the door. Don't leave it to the last minute - demand is so high that advance reservations for well over 50% of the available tickets have already been accepted.

This means that there is no guarantee that any will be left for at-the-door purchase on the night of the concert.



Burrowbridge Bingo

Come and join us at Coronation Hall

We try to meet every two weeks on a

Saturday evening - at 7.30pm, next meetings 6th & 20th April
in the Millennium Room of the Coronation Hall.

We play for small cash prizes and an accumulating cash Jackpot,
plus coffee break raffle

with small raffle prizes donated by members.

**A full 10 games as well as two jackpot rounds costs £5
tea/coffee and biscuits just 30p.**

For more details, just phone Sue or Brian Walker on 01823 698500.

Pop along - you'll be very welcome. Directions to the hall – on reaching Burrowbridge, take the left turn at the crossroads, before the bridge, into West Yeo Road. The hall is about 500 yards on the right, with plenty of parking.

Wednesday, 17th April: Have you seen my little rubber ducky?

A talk by Ken Atherton FRGS, FBCart.S

After Ducking Stools last month, for our April talk Ken Atherton will be telling us about his Little Rubber Ducky. A title intended to intrigue.

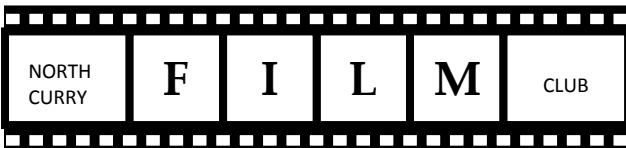
The fate of a shipment of bath toys, lost in 1992, has led to greater knowledge of the world's oceans and the potential environmental disasters awaiting us. This thought-provoking presentation highlights the dangers of plastics in our oceans.

Ken spent his formative years selling postcards, buckets & spades, beach balls and Blackpool rock to unsuspecting visitors to his home town. In 1963 he joined the UK Hydrographic Office, now located in Taunton. This was a wonderful opportunity to combine his interest in geography and art with his love of maps and the sea. In addition to the time spent working directly on Admiralty Charts he also held an appointment in the Immediate Requirements unit in Whitehall, London, spent a total of 15 years in the Aerial Photography Section and 6 years as archive and data manager with the grand title of Curator of Original Documents. After 38 years with the UKHO Ken took early retirement in March 2001.

Ken is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, an Honorary Fellow of the British Cartographic Society (and a former Vice President), a member of the Society for Nautical Research, a member of the Defence Surveyors Association and a member of the South West Maritime History Society.

The North Curry Society meets on the third Wednesday of each month in the Village Hall, starting at **8pm** (hot drinks and socialising from **7:30pm**).

Annual membership of £5 includes admission to talks, discussions and refreshments; visitors pay a small charge (currently £1). Whether you are a visitor, new to the Society or an established member, we look forward to welcoming you.





Presented by Don Hoyle

On **Wednesday 24th April** we are showing **Film Stars Don't Die in Liverpool**.

An oscar winning star, Gloria Graeme (played by Annette Bening), no longer in demand in Hollywood, spends her last years appearing in plays in the UK, where she falls in love with a young Liverpoolian (Jamie Bell). A sad, yet moving film about love and death, with a fine performance by Bell. It is Bening's film though; she is absolutely on top form.

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

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

North Curry Bellringers, Darren Woodyer writes



Ding Dong merrily on high but how do you get the bells up there?

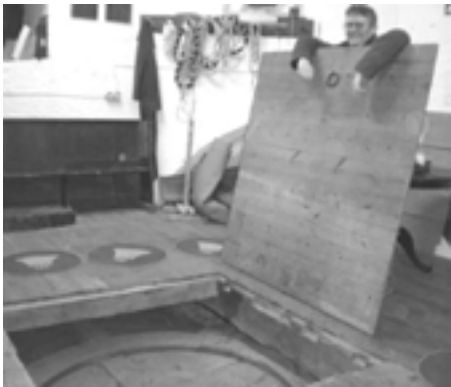
Lots of people say to the bellringers "it's nice to hear the bells ringing over the village, or across the moors", and with the tower being the tallest building in the village, the sound can definitely travel.

But how did they get up there?

It must be one of the most commonly asked questions.

At the moment, the ringing chamber floor is exposed for inspection due to ongoing maintenance work. This gave us a unique opportunity to be able to show how it was done.

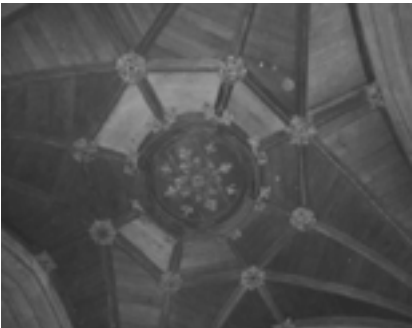
The process of moving bells up and down the tower, either for installation or removal for repairs, has not changed for centuries. It is all mainly done



with block and tackle pulleys, and these are specialised lifts. They have a gear system within them so that we can pull on a chain and whatever the weight on the other end, you can slowly lift. It is hooked onto a main beam high up in the tower and then the lifting hook is lowered down to the bell. There they are connected, and the lift can commence. It is very manual labour orientated, with the largest bell weighing nearly a tonne,

least to say, it is certainly not the easiest of jobs.

The bells were transported into the church on a trolley system and then placed on the floor under the ceiling rose,



which is just where the low altar is situated (next time you are in, look up to roof!). This ceiling rose covers the ringing chamber trapdoor, and once lifted out, provides the necessary access. From there the same process is done to lift them from the ringing chamber to the belfry which is where they are today, right in the top of the tower.

Paul Scott is standing by the rose to give an idea of its scale; the same size



as the mouth (the loud part) of our largest bell. As you will see, this not only gives an indication of the size of the hatchway, but the craftsmanship taken to beautifully create the detailed carvings in the ceiling rose.

I hope you found this article interesting. If you would like to know more about our bells and tower, or just want to come and see what all the racket is about, you can pop up to the tower on a Monday evening or you can give me a ring to have a chat about it first.

Practice Evenings on a Monday, 7pm – 9pm.
Contact Darren, tower captain 07718 059071
email: gograndiredoubles@gmail.com

For pictures and information please visit our website: www.northcurrybells.com



*Wooooo-hooooo...
...little Darren was having way too much
fun at his first bellringing tryout.*

Rogationtide Walk, Sunday 26th May

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

Below, is a brief outline of the day, with a more detailed presentation to follow in the May edition of the magazine.

So if you plan on joining us, maybe it is time to finely tune your limbs in preparation. Why not indulge yourself in some walks around our beautiful village in readiness of the jaunt?

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

Times are approximate and may have to be adjusted.

You can walk the entire route (approx 9.5 miles), or just join us on part of it. Whilst the gradient will be mostly level, some footpaths and muddy fields may be involved.

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

Stoke St Gregory Church
the first stop on
our walk



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

We will have refreshment and rest points along the way.

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

The Somerset Village Agent project is run by the Community Council for Somerset (CCS) and now covers half of the county



Village Agents help to bridge the gap between isolated, excluded, vulnerable and lonely individuals & statutory and/or voluntary organisations which offer specific solutions to identified needs.



Please contact Linda if you or someone you know would benefit from her support.

Linda Burton | Village Agent | Tel: 01823 331222 | Mobile: 07931018019 | Email: linda@somersetcc.org.uk

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Local tide times.

As before, only the high tides are listed; low tides are roughly half way between each time slot. North and south coast times are approx the same, though the table for Watchet is used as a guide.

I hope it is dry on 26th May ...ponders Revd Tyler. Are you joining us, dear reader?



| Watchet (High Waters) | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| GMT | | Datum: Chart Datum | | Year: 2019 | |
| April | | | | | |
| Time | Mtrs | Time | Mtrs | Time | Mtrs |
| 1 04:01 | 9.03 | 12 10:52 | 9.11 | 23 08:53 | 11.12 |
| M 16:28 | 9.25 | F 23:16 | 8.99 | Tu 21:12 | 10.77 |
| 2 04:48 | 9.82 | 13 | | 24 09:30 | 10.28 |
| Tu 17:10 | 9.95 | Sa 12:06 | 8.65 | W 21:47 | 9.90 |
| 3 05:28 | 10.38 | 14 00:44 | 8.71 | 25 10:06 | 9.38 |
| W 17:46 | 10.41 | Su 13:39 | 8.70 | Th 22:24 | 9.05 |
| 4 06:02 | 10.70 | 15 02:16 | 9.07 | 26 10:45 | 8.58 |
| Th 18:18 | 10.71 | M 15:05 | 9.37 | F 23:12 | 8.33 |
| 5 06:33 | 10.92 | 16 03:38 | 9.91 | 27 11:43 | 7.94 |
| F 18:48 | 10.95 | Tu 16:16 | 10.31 | Sa | |
| 6 07:05 | 11.10 | 17 04:39 | 10.81 | 28 00:30 | 7.87 |
| Sa 19:19 | 11.15 | W 17:10 | 11.13 | Su 13:13 | 7.71 |
| 7 07:37 | 11.21 | 18 05:30 | 11.47 | 29 02:02 | 8.02 |
| Su 19:50 | 11.22 | Th 17:57 | 11.66 | M 14:38 | 8.11 |
| 8 08:10 | 11.13 | 19 06:15 | 11.85 | 30 03:14 | 8.68 |
| M 20:24 | 11.05 | F 18:38 | 11.94 | Tu 15:42 | 8.87 |
| 9 08:44 | 10.82 | 20 06:56 | 12.02 | | |
| Tu 20:58 | 10.66 | Sa 19:17 | 12.04 | | |
| 10 09:21 | 10.31 | 21 07:35 | 12.01 | | |
| W 21:34 | 10.12 | Su 19:56 | 11.92 | | |
| 11 10:00 | 9.71 | 22 08:14 | 11.72 | | |
| Th 22:16 | 9.54 | M 20:34 | 11.49 | | |

Add 1 Hour for British Summer Time 31st March - 27th October



World Day of Prayer

A congregation of 20 or so from across the village met together on the first Friday in March to share in the World Day of Prayer service, prepared this year by the women of Slovenia. The service helped us to understand some of the backgrounds of the various groups of people in this interesting country, formed in 1991 from former Yugoslavia. The theme was 'Come, Everything is Ready' - which related to the parable of the great banquet (Luke 14: 15-24), and focussed on God's insistent invitation for everyone, relationship, inclusion and grace.

The familiar hymns were interspersed with Slovenian choruses, led for us by Barbara Uglow on the organ. Our 5 local women in authentic dress gave us their stories around a celebration table laid with items signifying the local culture. The service included a reflection on the front cover artwork for orders of service, as we interpreted the meaning of the various figures and items on the table.

We took away red tulips as a symbol of celebration, and everyone agreed that the service had been challenging and uplifting, as well as giving us some understanding of Christians in another part of God's world.

The Lenten cross was again in place for the service on Sunday 10th March the first Sunday of Lent. The service was conducted by the Rev'd Deborah Kirk. The artefacts of a purse containing thirty 'pieces of silver' was laid by the cross and appropriate readings were offered by members of the congregation.

Members of the Church council that was postponed, please note it will now be held on 9th April.



Little Angels
Toddlers Club and Pram Service
Every 2nd Thursday in the month at the parish church.
Next meeting - 10am – 12th April

North Curry Wildlife Group news, Tim Spotswood reports

Churchyard Bird Nest Boxes

With permission from the Churchwardens, the Wildlife Group has installed six nestboxes in the churchyard. The timing coincided with BTO's (British Trust for Ornithology) National nest box week (14th – 21st February) and hopefully some will be occupied this year. However, it often takes a few years before birds find them and put them to use so don't despair if they are unoccupied the first year. Birds are having a tough time finding natural nesting sites largely due to our habit of clearing away any tree which is dead and has holes in it, and blocking up areas where swifts, swallows and martins nest.

Nest boxes have to be designed for particular occupants. Blue Tits, for example, nest in closed boxes with a hole no bigger than 25mm in diameter; to stop competitors a metal plate is placed over the hole, which reduces the standard 32mm hole to 25mm. It is metal, so that woodpeckers etc cannot make it bigger. These nest boxes need to be placed about 3 metres high in a south/east position and slightly tilted downwards. In good years Blue Tits produce two broods and it is estimated that each brood consumes over 10,000 caterpillars before they fledge. It is a fact that Tit nest boxes in fruit orchards considerably reduce the amount of spraying the trees are subjected to. We all know how dangerous sprays are to all insects, and the creatures that depend on them for food.

The little Coal Tit will use a Blue Tit nesting box but only if it is placed in a secret place about one to two metres above the ground.

Sparrows, which are now on the endangered list, usually nest in colonies but will on occasions utilise Tit nest boxes but the hole needs to be at least 32 mms in diameter. Great Tits also need a hole the same size.



Flycatchers and Robins nest in open fronted boxes but in completely different positions; Robins are shy breeders and want their nests hidden from view and situated about one metre from the ground; Fly Catchers like their nests at least 3 metres high. In past years FlyCatchers have nested in the Church porch, but sadly have been absent for some years.

It is always such a joy and pleasure watching our feathered friends going about their business. We are so fortunate sharing God's creation with such wonderful creatures and it is our duty to look after them.



The nest boxes were paid for out of a National Lottery Community Fund grant.

If you would like to know more, contact Phil Stone at phil.stone7@icloud.com or visit their website at www.northcurrywildlife.com.

North Curry Primary School, Trish Green reports

Shark Class Easter Cover Competition

Shark Class, Y6, were delighted to be asked to design the cover for the Church magazine April. It was a very relevant task as our Religious Education topic for this term is Salvation (Jesus' death and resurrection affect the rescue or salvation of humans. He opens the way back to God. Through Jesus, sin is dealt with, forgiveness offered, and the relationship between God and humans is restored).

We began by learning about 'The Stations of the Cross' through looking at gospel writings and various artistic interpretations by artists such as Caravaggio, Giotto di Bondone, Bellini, El Greco, He Qi, Titian, Peter Schipperheyn, Shirley Oxborough, Tissot and Gaugin. The children really enjoyed exploring this through the media of Art.

The children were then given a planning brief to create a magazine cover picture that would get their Easter message across by their design and lettering being clear, big, bold and colourful with an effective colour scheme to help illustrate their message.

Their designs were anonymously displayed in the church from 3rd to 10th March and voted on by visitors to the church in that time. They got lots of positive comments and the winning design was by Phoebe Lewis, age 10. Congratulations, Phoebe!

Continuing with the Easter theme, the children in Shark Class will be re-enacting The Easter Story at the school's Easter Service in the church (Thursday 4th April, at 2pm). This tradition was started last year and was met very favourably by all that attended – a very emotional experience to bring the Easter Story to life. Please join us if you wish to.

General School News.

The whole school have been thoroughly enjoying our Spring topic of Time Travellers.

Y6 have been studying Evolution and Inheritance. They had a wow starter trip to Lyme Regis to Dinosaurland Fossil Museum which was amazing. Steve Davies, the curator, opened the museum just for our visit so Shark Class had the whole museum to themselves!

Y5 have been studying Vikings.

Y3 and Y4 have been studying The Romans and are looking forward to an end of term trip to Caerleon, South Wales, to see the Roman museum, baths, army barracks and amphitheatre.

KS1 have been studying castle life.

In February we were lucky enough to be given nearly £3800, match funded by Reuters, to refresh our school library stock and Accelerated Reader scheme books – many thanks! Ms Colling and Mrs Green spent a day visiting Peters Books in Birmingham and had a great time choosing a wide range of books for the children.

Year 6 exhibits for the Design the April Cover competition





Our thanks to Trish Green, their teacher, and of course all the students for their imaginative art work. All 30 children in the class took part, below, with their exhibits.



On the theme of books, if anyone has any unwanted books that might be useful to the school and in good condition we are always happy to receive donations.

The school also had lots of sporting success this term, having played in netball, football and dodge ball as well as holding inter-house tournaments in school.

The school took part in Internet Safety Day, having a special assembly and Y4 onwards had Virtual Reality play and workshop to reinforce the importance of staying safe whilst using technology.

Our first week back after half term was a Science Enrichment Week on light and colour. It began with a Fizz Pop Science assembly and workshops for some of the children which got the week off to a bang! They did lots of creative art activities, read and wrote poems as well as lots of Science!

Also the children all took part in Willow Sculpture Workshops and at the top of the school field we now have 3 willow deer and a heron; beautifully made by the children with the help and expertise of Stefan Jennings.

To celebrate World Book Day, we encouraged the children to dress up as our favourite story characters; children and staff went to a great effort and many were unrecognisable as themselves. We also had a sponsored read. After school many of the children, with their parents, returned to school in their PJs with cuddly toys, blankets and books. We all enjoyed cookies and hot chocolate, and had a range of stories read. A lovely way to end a special day.

Next term our topic will be eco – warriors. If you have any expertise in that field please let us know if you would like to work alongside us or can volunteer any help in any way.

Our Year 6 Leavers will be looking forward to their residential at Kilve in June as well as their Leavers Pilgrim Day at Wells Cathedral and, of course, their annual leavers' trip to Crealy Adventure Park. KS2 will be putting on their annual production – the theme yet to be decided and Y6 being the main protagonists.

We will finish the Summer Term with our End of Year Summer Concert on 19th July. A real extravaganza to end the year with so please come along and see what we can achieve musically in our community!

North Curry Church

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

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

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

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

Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals

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

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

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

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

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Will Planning and Legacies

Having a Will in place, for when the time comes, is strongly recommended for all individuals, to ensure your final wishes are clearly laid out to friends and family. To supplement your planning, the church has developed a checklist leaflet, "Final Wishes", which is in no way a will, but designed to help those left behind with your instructions and administration of your estate. This leaflet will be available in the church literature section.

Planned Giving and Donations

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

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

One off donations can be made anytime – cheques payable to North Curry PCC, and can be mailed to the Church address – see inside cover for details.

Kahlil Gibran on "Giving", 1923 (adapted)

It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.

What are your possessions but things you keep and guard for fear you may need them tomorrow? And what is fear of need, but need itself? Is not dread of thirst when your well is full, the thirst that is unquenchable?

Some give with joy, and that joy is their reward; some give with pain and that pain is their baptism.

Some give because it is natural to them; through the hands of such as these God speaks, and from behind their eyes He smiles upon the earth.

Some say, "I would give, but only to the deserving." The fruiting trees in your orchard do not say that, nor do the flocks in your pasture. See first that you deserve to be a giver, and a channel of God's generosity; for everything you give has come from God and is just lent you for a while. You are blessed if you can dispose of it in His name.

*We brought nothing into the world and we take nothing out; the Lord gave, and the Lord takes away. Blessed be the Name of the Lord.
All things come from you, O Lord, and your own do we you.*

Register of:

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals (October 2018 – March 2019)

We ask for God's Blessing on all the following

Baptisms

| | |
|----------------------|---------------|
| Angela Marie Derrick | October 2018 |
| Cally Terence Case | November 2018 |
| Theodore John Harris | December 2018 |

Weddings

None

Funerals

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Bernard Drake, Maurice Lane | October 2018 |
| Charles Woods | November 2018 |
| Michael Dennis, Merryl Rowe | February 2019 |
| Leslie Stenson | March 2019 |

Church Opening and Closing Rota

Sunday, week commencing during April 2019

| | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 7 th * Mike Baker | 14 th John de Winton | |
| 21 st * S&A Billnghurst | 28 th Tony Brooker | * Denotes 8am service |

Home insurance

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

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Tea break!

February was a strange month for the weather.

So here is a word search that covers it all!



rain
snow
sun
warm
cold
wind
frost
cloud

Easy Weather Word Search



I'm tired

of doing all this work – there are about 65 million people in the country.

*12 million are retired (leaving 53 million to do the work).

*30 million are in school (leaving 23 million to do the work).

*5 million are employed by the government (leaving 18 million to do the work).

*0.5 million are in the armed forces (leaving 17.5 million to do the work).

*1.5 million work for counties and local authorities (leaving 16 million to do the work).

*1.5 million are in hospitals (leaving 14.5 million to do the work).

*1.5 million are in unemployed (leaving 13 million to do the work).

*12.9 million are on holiday at any given time (leaving 100,000 to do the work)

*99,998 are in prisons.

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