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Dear readers.

Dear readers. May I wish you all a belated and very happy new year.

Good news, I've managed to save all the jokes from my crackers over the Christmas holidays, so here is an example of the treat that you are in stall for over the coming months.

How do snow men lose weight?

They stand in the sun.

Who is Santas favourite singer?

Elfis Presley.

How do you keep your hands clean at the North Pole?

You use hand Santa-izer.

Last but not least for now, what do you drain your vegetables with at Christmas?

An advent colander.

We hope you all had a enjoyable time over Christmas and New Year, and are sticking to your New Year's resolution, mine is to improve my grammar to make my flannel vaguely more readable, but I have probably failed already.

By the time you read this, it will probably be nearer St Valentine's Day, so I thought I would give you some information on how this patron of lover's came to be.

St valentine was a Roman priest and physician, who was martyred under the persecution of Christians, by emperor Claudius II Gothicus, in 270AD.

It is believed he would secretly marry young couples, because married men did not have to go into the army.

He is also the patron saint of epileptics, and strangely bee keepers.

Will close now as flog-it has just finished and it's time for tea. Cheese on crumpets, with maybe some pickle on top, yum.

Best wishes to you all from Tim Nash.

Just to let you know the British food retailer's say that as a nation we will have eaten 750 million Brussels sprouts over the Christmas holidays. No wonder the weather was so windy. For those who answered in tons at the carols around the tree, that's 20800 tons.

Ps. What do you call a dinosaur that looks after its teeth ?

A flossiraptor.

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Dear reader, just for one month only you will get an extra bit from me, but I assure you that there are no jokes.

At a meeting on the 18th of Jan, the committee of the community NewsLink, and many others got together to thrash out how we should proceed with the NewsLink, not just financially, but also editorially.

At the end of a very productive meeting it was decided that starting with the March issue we will be attaching an envelope where you can donate £5 towards the running costs of the NewsLink, or more if you think it's worth it.

If you already donate, then please ignore the above.

If everyone who receives an issue were to donate then our financial problems would be at an end.

But if you do not want a NewsLink, but are currently receiving one through your door, let those delivering your edition know, and we will stop. I realise it will take a month or two to sort out everything, but hopefully by the summer things will be sorted. All the changes will be in the March edition in full.

Also, we were wondering if anyone out there, in the land of the NewsLink, would like to contribute items that would be of interest to the wider community. Have you recently been back packing around Vietnam, or spotted a polar bear out of your bath room window., we would be very interested, and I think that many others would also.

Send any items to our editor for inclusion in the magazine, it may be not printed right away, but when there is space in the NewsLink.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this. Best wishes Tim Nash, and the rest of the committee, which has grown by two, many thanks Ester, and Simon for joining our little happy band.



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Lewdown Grouped Parish Council

Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystow and Thrushelton

Minutes of Ordinary meeting of 27th November 2023

Minute No 768

These abbreviated minutes are provisional until they signed by the chair at the next meeting of the parish council

1. Members of the public open forum – one parishioner- A question was asked regarding the new arrangements for the distribution of the Newslink from 2024, concern was raised that some residents may no longer be able to attend some events because the Newslink is not so accessible. Whilst the Newslink could be emailed, not everyone has access to a computer or broadband. Cllr Andrews remarked that it was a voluntary organisation and that it relied on donations, advertisers and subscriptions, the parishioner commented that with a reduction in circulation it may result in a reduction of donors, subscribers and advertisers. Cllr Andrews also commented that service providers who advertised may also be affected by the decision to restrict the circulation. Cllr Southcott said he would provide details of the accounts concerning running costs and income so that the council could determine a donation. Cllr Mott informed that there were community grants available for community newsletters.
2. Declarations of Interest - none
3. Minutes of previous meeting 767 being a true reflection of that meeting were approved and signed by the chair, Cllr Southcott remarked that the VAS was not a camera but was in fact a radar speed indicator sign. The motion to approve the minutes was proposed Cllr McSmythurs, seconded Cllr Alexander, all in favour.
4. Cllr Mott (WDBC) said she would provide a report shortly via email.
5. Finance
 - 7.1 - Devon County Council – VAS Funding invoice £532.74 – Approved for payment, proposed Cllr Mincher, seconded Cllr McSmythurs
 - 7.2 - Review of donations for the year 2023-24. It was resolved to hold over the remaining beneficiaries to the next meeting so that more information was available from one beneficiary, Cllr Alexander proposed that only local organisations/clubs etc should receive a donation and not national organisations, seconded Cllr McSmythurs, all in favour.
 - 7.3 - Payments were authorised for outstanding invoices – Sarah Nash – Replacement defibrillator parts £126.00, Peter van Delft – Clerk Salary (Oct – Nov) £683.80, HMRC – Clerk -PAYE £137.47, Coryton PCC – Graveyard maintenance grant £250.00, Lewtrenchard PCC - Graveyard maintenance grant £250.00, Marystow PCC – Graveyard maintenance grant £250.00, Thrushelton

PCC – Graveyard maintenance grant £250.00, Devon County Council – VAS Funding invoice £532.74, Proposed by Cllr Andrews, seconded Cllr Metherell, all in favour

7.4 – R.F.O. reported a credit balance of £21,951.65 after approved payments.

7.5 - Defibrillator – replacement equipment – the clerk reported that the existing equipment has now been discontinued and limited support equipment was available at high cost. It was resolved to investigate replacement equipment and what grants are available.

7.6 - Draft budget and precept for 2024-25 – It was resolved to review this at the next meeting when more detail was available from donor beneficiaries.

6. New Councillors - vacant seats for Coryton and Marystow – no new councillors.
7. Play area update – Cllr McSmythurs reported that a ‘Heads of Terms’ for the lease had been agreed with the owners and the Recreation Ground Committee, including an annual rental of £100.
Also, Cllr McSmythurs reported that a red line plan of the site had been drawn up for the lease agreement and planning application, also in consultation with the Recreation Ground and the land owner’s access to the play area has been agreed. The actual lease agreement can be drawn up if planning has been approved by WDBC. Cllr Perkins reported that the initial pre-planning fee will be waived for the p.c. A pre-planning consultation to take place soon. Cllr Perkins reported that a 3rd quotation for the play equipment was still needed.
8. Vehicle activated signs – Sponsorship, grants, fundraising- Cllr Southcott reported no action.
9. Commemoration bench – build and installation, Cllrs agreed that it would be positioned when the play area was ready.
10. Cllr Reports – Cllr McSmythurs expressed his dissatisfaction that the current housing survey simply addressed the areas where partner organisations to WDBC already had that data and that GDPR rules did not prevent exchange of relevant data. Cllr Mott agreed to report back with more details regarding the surveys being proposed.
11. Adoption of Standing Orders replacing that dated October 2018, motion to approve proposed by Cllr Alexander, seconded Cllr McSmythurs, all in favour.
12. Correspondence – Road maintenance petition by Geoffrey Cox MP had been received.
13. Marystow parish – The chair had a conversation with the Chair of Stowford PC regarding a bus shelter request opposite the former Royal Exchange – It was resolved that whilst the request for a shelter was within the Marystow Parish unfortunately the council could not fund a shelter however it had no objection to a shelter without any financial, legal or maintenance obligations, proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr Metherell, all in favour.

14. Meeting with South West Water at the Lewdown treatment works has been set for 15.2.24.
15. Meeting dates for 2024 were approved. Proposed by Cllr Perkins, seconded Cllr Andrews all in favour
Date, place and time of next meeting - Monday 29th January 2024 Lewdown Victory Hall, 7.30pm

SBG CENTENARY 2024 – request from St Peter’s PCC

We are planning a static display to be shown at St Peter’s from February 18th 3pm Evensong, Cream Tea and talk by Reverend Tanya Hocking-Still, Diocesan Champion for the UKME community on ‘Baring-Gould and the legacy of the Baring’s Bank and the Slave Trade’. We are requesting the loan of any artefacts people may have in relation to Sabine Baring-Gould, or his family, which we would be able to use/ photocopy for such a display to leave in the Church alongside the boards of the forthcoming SBG events.

If they are very valuable we would like to only photocopy and perhaps arrange for the original documents to be shown at some more suitable occasion when we would have the manpower for these items to be safely guarded.

Thank you.

Please Contact St Peter’s Churchwarden Ruth Dawe, Highlands, Lewdown, EX204BS

Congratulations

and a very big thank you to all the people who helped in so many different ways to make the centenary celebrations of Sabine Baring-Gould such a success.

A special thank you goes to Tinhay Builders Merchants for their generosity in helping to restore the Baring-Gould grave.

The weather did its best to thwart things but to no avail, with St Peter’s Church packed to the rafters with people for the service of remembrance followed by a buffet lunch at the Victory Hall, a good time was had by all



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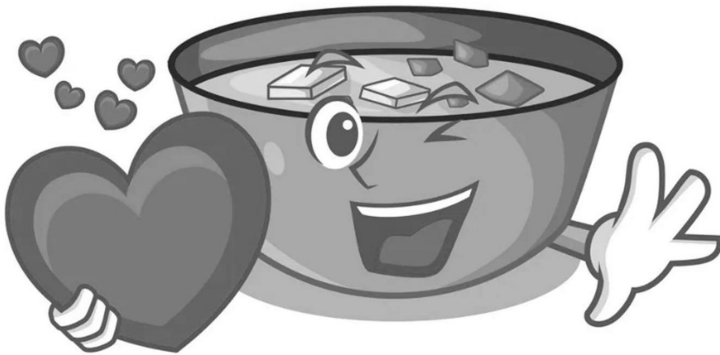
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Do come and join us, you will be made most welcome.

You will find us on **Launceston Road, Bridestowe.**

Soupa Troopers

All welcome to this community event



2024

Wednesday February 14th

Wednesday March 13th

Wednesday April 10th

From 12.30pm in Lewdown Victory Hall
Soup and a Bread Roll, Tea or Coffee - £3



Followed by conversation & games



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SABINE BARING ~ GOULD
In commemoration and celebration of his life and works

The Parish Church of St. Peter, Lewtrenchard.

SB-G Centenary Report for January 2024



Our celebrations started off with a wonderful fanfare of worship and fellowship on Tuesday 2nd January with the Solemn Eucharist on the Centenary of SB-G's death.

Bishop Michael Langrish presided and preached at a joyful occasion in which a full church enjoyed hearty singing, and an excellent sermon (text available) examining the life and mission of SB-G. Sadly the weather prevented us from gathering at the graveside, but we were able to gather at SB-G's portrait, where Amelia (his great great granddaughter) laid flowers. There is some discussion as to the meaning of the high winds that appeared while we were in church!

The service was not just a trip into nostalgia, as alongside singing some of his hymns we also sang hymns within the tradition written more recently.

After the Bishop's blessing and dismissal, we relocated to the Victory Hall for a wonderful celebration lunch at which many contact were renewed and made. Sadly, the beautiful cake made especially for the occasion featuring a wonderful picture of both the Church and SB-G had to be vandalised by the Bishop assisted by Amelia, but it was worth it as it was delicious.

A huge thank you to all who worked towards and participated in what was a major occasion in the life of this parish and community, and one that can be looked back on with pride.

Special thanks goes all who worked toward the service. Those who cleaned and tidied, and prepared the church for the service. The musicians, readers, and sidesmen, and of course the team who provided our lovely lunch. I am certain that SB-G would have thoroughly approved.

Next, we have our Third Sunday Evensong on Sunday 21st February, thinking about the acquisition of the family's wealth including businesses connected with the Slave Trade, and how we should respond to that. This is followed on 2nd March with our fun Edwardian Parlour Entertainment. Both of these events are advertised elsewhere in this magazine.

Between now and October we will be taking time on some Third Sunday Afternoons to reflect on the legacy of our former Priest and Squire The Revd. Sabine Baring-Gould.

This month we will be exploring:

Third Sunday Afternoons

Baring-Gould and the Legacy of Baring's Bank and the Slave Trade.

Although Baring-Gould is known for many good works, both for the nation and his community, much of the wealth that enabled his philanthropy came from historic investments in what we now look on as a shameful period of our history.

We welcome The Revd. Tanya Hocking-Still: the Diocesan Champion for the UKME community to help guide us in how we should reflect on our past and build for our future.

The North Tamar Mission Community



St Mary the Virgin,
Kelly with Bradstone

St Mary the Virgin,
Lifton

St Nicholas,
Broadwoodwiger

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Stowford

St. George,
Thrushelton

St Peter
Lewtrenchard

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Family Fun Pancake Party

On Shrove Tuesday 13th February 2024

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Pancake themed Quizz

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Pancake limerick competition

All free

Come and celebrate



SHROVE TUESDAY



World Day of Prayer
England, Wales & Northern Ireland

“I beg you, bear with one another in love”

**All are invited to World Day of Prayer
Program prepared by the Women of Palestine**

**St John the Baptist, Stowford
Friday 1 March, 2024 from 2.30pm**

(Practice Friday 23 February at 2.30pm)



The Christian Women of Palestine are calling us to connect with the land from where Jesus came; where he was born, ministered and died – and from where our faith began and is rooted. Despite living in an area of the world where there is ongoing conflict and the future is uncertain, the women of Palestine are sharing with love a reminder that they are there, and they want to give hope to everyone. The theme of the service 2024 ‘bear with one another in love’ seems very appropriate for these women who will not give up witnessing the love of Jesus Christ.

**Artist for the Day of Prayer 2024: Halima Aziz
The artwork: “Praying Palestinian Women”**

Lewtrenchard WI December Report

We met on December 11 at Lewdown Victory Hall. Margaret welcomed 22 members and 1 guest bell ringer. Margaret introduced Jean who has joined our committee. Presently there are 7 members on the committee but we would welcome more. Then we sang Jerusalem.



The committee then surprised the members by singing '(Hey) Big Spender', all dressed-up for the part, this was received with a lot of hilarity. Then followed the



hand bell ringers from Lewtrenchard, performing songs and carols. They provided lyrics so everyone took part singing along. Some members had a go at hand bell ringing. Then we moved onto refreshments and Secret Santa. Everyone had a jolly good time.

2023 Competition winners:

Competition Cup: Margaret P

Flower of the month: Julie, Audrey & Lynn (joint vase winners)

Date and venue for next meeting: Monday January 08, 2024 at 7pm.

Resolutions discussion.

January dates for your diary:

18 - Coffee morning at Roadford Lake

22 - **MONDAY** Walk

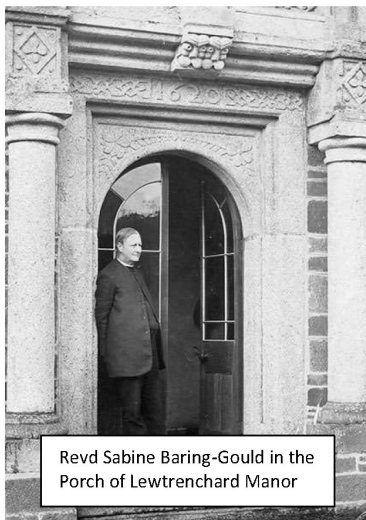
Lewtrenchard WI January Report

Happy New Year. We met on January 08 at Lewdown Victory Hall. Margaret welcomed 12 members on this wintry night but we had an interesting and informed meeting, discussing and voting on the National Federation of Women's Institute resolutions.

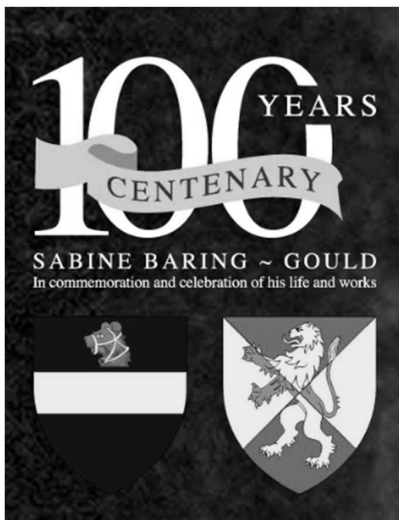


We have an exciting and busy year ahead. The launch of our modern and up to date website is imminent, organising the group meeting, our June outing will take us to RHS Garden Rosemoor, lots of Sabine Baring Gould events culminating with a flower festival at St Peter's Church in September.

Our February speaker is Graham Yeo who will update us on what is in store during the year of 2024 Sabine Baring Gould celebrations.



Revd Sabine Baring-Gould in the Porch of Lewtrenchard Manor



**Date and venue for next meeting: Monday February 12, 2024 at 7pm.
Graham Yeo update.**

February dates for your diary:
15 - Coffee morning at Roadford Lake
26 - **MONDAY** Walk

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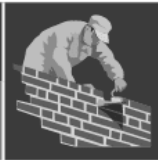
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Lewdown Past

The Lewdown and area local history group

A 14th century cottage in Dippertown: dendrochronology and history

An illustrated talk by Robert Waterhouse

**7.30 pm on Tuesday 20th February
at Stowford Parish Hall**



How old am I?

A Dippertown cottage has been one of a group of west country buildings examined by Robert for their similar, medieval -style roof structures. Dendrochronology, or the dating of old timbers from tree ring growth patterns, revealed some surprising results regarding the age of this Grade II* listed former farmhouse. At one stage, a grand open hall was added, followed by further high-status alterations by a number of prestigious owners. The present owners have also carried out their own wide-ranging historical research. Do come and hear about a very local topic from a very knowledgeable Devon-born speaker.

Visitors are very welcome: charge £2 for members, £3 for visitors including refreshments. Parking in front of the hall or opposite. Enquiries: phone Hilary on 01566 783396.

Snowdrops

How welcome are the snowdrops though snow and ice are here
With Christmas barely over they welcome in the year.
Up through the frosted fallen leaves, their tender spikes they show
To decorate the garden when nothing else will grow.
The daffodils and tulips are loath to show their heads
They're waiting for the sunshine to draw them from their beds.
The milk white heads of snowdrops, to a garden lend grace
And in every English garden they are worthy of a place.
When winter winds still chill us with mornings of hard frost
Without our precious snowdrops our gardens would be lost.
And like the April swallow that tells us that it's spring
The snowdrops come in winter when icicles still cling.



Frank Rolfe

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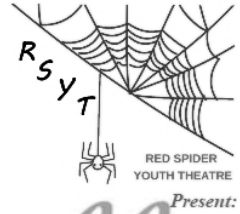


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Cinderella

By Peter Bond

12th & 13th April 2024

Lewdown Victory Hall

7pm

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Stowford Parish Council



Abbreviated Minutes of Ordinary meetings held on 14th November 2023
For the full minutes please visit the website www.stowfordparishcouncil.org.uk

These minutes are provisional until they are signed by the chair at the next meeting of the parish council.

Meeting No 722

Present:- Cllrs Leroy St Louis (Chair), Law (Vice chair), Alexander, Govett, Lorna St Louis, Cllr Chris Edmonds (WDBC), Peter van Delft (clerk),

Meeting opened 7.30pm

1. Dispensations & declarations of interest – None
2. Minutes of previous meeting 721 were signed as a true and accurate record of that meeting, proposed Cllr Lorna St Louis, seconded Cllr Alexander, all in favour.
3. Bus shelter request – It has been determined that the request for a bus shelter is on land with the neighbouring parish council. The chair contacted Lewdown Grouped Parish Council to discuss the request, the chair of LGPC would raise the issue at their next pc meeting and report back. The chair suggested that no further action takes place until a response has been received from LGPC.
4. Planning application – 3671/23/FUL – Construction, installation & de-commissioning of temporary self-spanning pipe bridge over river Lyd. Land at Sx399 850, Spry Lane, Lifton. Council decision – support -Proposed Cllr Leroy St Louis, seconded Cllr Govett, Cllrs Law and Lorna St Louis supported the proposal, Cllr Alexander abstained.
5. Finance - 5.1 Payments were approved for the following – Peter van Delft – clerk salary (Sept-Oct) £307.00 HMRC – PAYE refund for clerk £62.80, Stowford PCC – Ground maintenance grant £200.00, Citizens Advice – donation £110.00 Newslink – donation £100.00, Vision ICT – Annual website hosting £161.26, Lewdown Parish Council – projector hire £5.00 Peter van Delft – Clerk printing expenses £57.44, Proposed Cllr Leroy St Louis, seconded Cllr Law, all in favour.
5.2 R.F.O. reported a credit balance after payments of £5,448.82- proposed Cllr Leroy St Louis, seconded Cllr Alexander, all in favour.
5.3 Draft budget & precept review – Cllr Govett requested that greater clarity was needed to show what the proposed increase would mean to the parish taxpayers, also Cllr Govett asked why Citizens advice was chosen to receive a grant and why no other more local charities were supported. After discussion the R.F.O. asked councillor for their suggestions for grant beneficiaries should there be any grant beneficiaries at all, the R.F.O. to receive Cllr suggestions before the next meeting. Deadline to provide WDBC the PC precept request is 31st January '24.
6. Councillor vacancies – two councillor seats remain vacant, clerk to advertise in the Newslink.

7. Cllr Edmonds of WDBC reported that the WDBC planning page on its website was having a major upgrade so some disruption maybe experienced during the period of changeover. Also reported was a draft of the new corporate strategy with the main key priorities being housing, the local economy and climate change, consultation to take place.
8. Reports from Councillors – Cllr Leroy St Louis reported that he and Cllr Lorna St Louis attended the Energy Fest, it provided useful guidance on how to save on energy use. It was resolved that the clerk to invite the Tamar Energy Community to its Annual Parish Meeting in April. Cllr Govett reported that 19 people had now signed up to the councils Mailchimp newsletter. Cllr Govett asked the chair if he could write a letter of complaint to MP Geoffrey Cox regarding Airband’s missed installation targets, it should also include a complaint on the poor correspondence with the parish council in keeping it updated with its (lack of) progress, it was resolved that the chair would also write a letter of complaint to ‘Connecting Devon & Somerset’ who manages the governments contracts for broadband in the area.
9. Original Parish Map – The clerk informed that he would deposit the map for storage and safekeeping at the box Plymouth on Monday 20th, the clerk also suggested if it was prudent if the tythe register should also be deposited at the Box in Plymouth. It was resolved that the tythe register should also be deposited with the map at the Box.
10. Computer replacement + software – The chair to provide replacement costs at the next meeting.
11. Storage and boxes – The clerk informed that guidance was sought from DALC, it was suggested that council documents could be stored at the archives at WDBC. Proposed by Cllr Law, seconded Lorna St Louis, all in favour.
12. Meeting dates for 2024 were approved, proposed by Cllr Leroy St Louis, seconded Cllr Law.

Items for next meeting – clerk employment contract review. Meeting closed 8.57pm.
Date time and place of next meeting – 9th January 2024 – 7.30pm at Stowford Parish Hall

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North Tamar Mission Community Service times for February 2024

*Any updates will be posted on the Mission Community Website. north-tamar-churches.org.
At going to Print, the following services are arranged in the Mission Community*

<p>Friday 2nd February Candlemas</p> <p>7pm Festival Eucharist at Kelly, followed by Fellowship refreshments.</p>	<p>14th February ASH WEDNESDAY <i>No 10.30am Eucharist at Lifton</i></p> <p>7pm Liturgy for The Beginning of Lent at Kelly</p>
<p>4th February Second Sunday before Lent</p> <p>8am Eucharist at Stowford 9.30am Parish Eucharist at Lifton 11.15am Parish Eucharist at Kelly</p>	<p>18th February First Sunday in Lent</p> <p>9.30am Parish Eucharist at Lifton 11.15am Parish Eucharist at Stowford Morning Prayer at Kelly 3pm: SB-G Centenary Evensong at Lewtrenchard</p>
<p>11th February Sunday before Lent</p> <p>9.30am Parish Eucharist at Broadwoodwidge Morning Prayer at Thrushelton 11.15am Parish Eucharist at Lewtrenchard 4pm Evensong at Lifton</p>	<p>25th February Second Sunday in Lent</p> <p>9.30am Parish Eucharist at Thrushelton Morning Prayer at Lifton Morning Prayer at Broadwoodwidge 11.15am Parish Eucharist at Lewtrenchard</p>

Wednesday Morning Eucharist: 10.30 at Lifton

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

Dear friends,

New year is always exciting, but it does not take long for normality to return and we are back in our usual routine. However, the year proceeds, and before we know it the days are getting longer, and signs of Spring are already appearing.



In the Christian Church, Lent will soon be upon us, and Easter following. Many people see Faith, and particularly the Christian Faith as something to console and comfort us as we live our lives in a cruel world. That is the case in some ways, but the Christian Gospel also challenges us, and we ignore this challenge at our peril.

Lent is about engaging with the Challenge of the Christian Gospel, and exploring how we can learn from Jesus' life and teachings, and express that truth in our lives and through our worship.

Lent Starts on Ash Wednesday 14th February (Yes, it displaces Valentine's Day!) with our Ash Wednesday Service at Kelly at 7pm.

During Lent, there will be a Lent Course, at the Rectory, on both Monday at 5pm, and Thursday at 7pm. This year we will be exploring the Holy Week Services or Liturgies. There seemed to be quite a bit of confusion and misunderstanding as to what these beautiful services were for and their position in the tradition and life of the church. There is a great deal we can learn from them, and so this is an opportunity to prepare to take a full and meaningful part in the life and worship of the Church at this most special time.

With love and prayers,

Philip

Lent Course 2024

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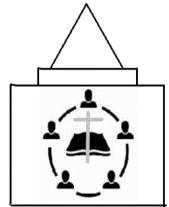
This year, in Lent, we will be exploring the beauty and depth of the worship that the church offers in Holy Week.

Commencing on the 19th February, the sessions will run at 5pm on Mondays and/or 7pm on Thursdays and finishing the week before Palm Sunday. Each session will last approximately one hour and will include Tea/Coffee and biscuits. Each session will conclude with a short office of Evening Prayer or Compline.

The Monday and Thursday session each week will cover the same material.

Everyone is welcome to all the sessions; however, you are welcome to drop in for any session if you wish.

- 1 Introduction and The Palm Sunday Liturgy
- 2 The Chrism Eucharist
- 3 The Liturgy for Maundy Thursday
- 4 The Liturgy for Good Friday
- 5 The Easter Vigil and Service of Light.



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What's New? There will be a small table in the Bell Tower, changed regularly, to show recent arrivals and old favourites that we think deserve a good reader.

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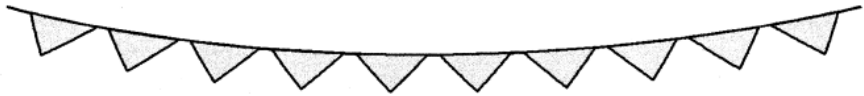
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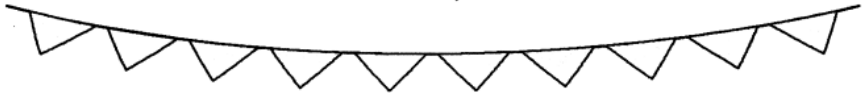
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