

"May your life be like a wildflower, growing freely in the beauty and joy of each day."
- Native American Proverb



Parish news

March 2023

For the Parishes of ASHBITTLE with GREENHAM, BATHEALTON, STAWLEY and KITTISFORD

Church Services

Sunday March 5th 9.30 a.m.	Lent 2 Parish Communion	STAWLEY
Sunday March 12th 9.30 a.m.	Lent 3 Parish Communion	GREENHAM
Sunday March 19th 9.30 a.m.	Lent 4 Parish Communion	KITTISFORD
Sunday March 26th 9.30 a.m.	Lent 5 Parish Communion	BATHEALTON

The observant amongst us will have noticed that in February and March, the service on the second Sunday of the month, when we are normally at Ashbrittle has been changed to Greenham. The reason is entirely utilitarian I am afraid, as Greenham church, being smaller than Ashbrittle, is easier to heat!

We will be back to what approximates to normal in April when we will have five Sundays in the month.

All the details for services in Holy Week and Easter (April 9th) will be in the next edition of the Newsletter.

Churchwardens and Clergy

Ashbrittle with Greenham

Charles Doble, The Old Rectory, Ashbrittle, TA21 0LQ 01823 672365
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Kittisford Annie Musgrove, Meadow Farm, Greenham, TA21 0JW 01823 672627

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Associate Priest Revd Martin Beaumont, Hilltop, Milverton TA4 1JR 01823 400127

Team Rector (interim) Revd Martin Kirkbride 07746 519311

Cover painting this month by Delia Harling

Artists Wanted!

Do you have a painting or photograph which could be used as a cover design for the Parish News? Seasonal and local images are particularly welcome - and of course, there's a Coronation in the offing! Please send hi-res images (300dpi) to Avril at AvrilSilk@aol.com Portrait format is ideal if possible.

Thought for the Month

On Sundays at our Parish Communion service, there are usually two readings; the first, more often than not, is an extract from one of Paul's letters to the young churches of Asia Minor, whilst the second is an extract from one of the four gospels. As there is little by way of accompanying explanation, many of these passages are difficult to understand.

Without a context or proper elucidation, the two readings and particularly the epistle, leave us with unanswered questions and a desire to know more about the world of first century Judaism.

Not long ago at two separate services, two people present both complained about the readings set for the epistle.

Whilst I shared their reservations, I thought it might be helpful to try and provide some background information about the four gospels and the writings of Paul.

This year's Lent course is entitled, "**A beginner's guide to the New Testament**" and the details are below. The "beginner" in question is the author of this piece, as I have always regarded myself as very much a novice when it comes to biblical scholarship.

Tuesday February 28th

"What is a gospel?"

Tuesday March 7th

"The first three gospels."

Tuesday March 14th

"Something a little different, the gospel of John."

Tuesday March 21st

"Paul and his life."

Tuesday March 28th

"Paul and his letters."

All of these will take place at **Stawley Mill** (with many thanks to Penny for her kindness and hospitality) and will begin at 7.30 p.m. Each of the sessions will be a "stand alone", one-off consideration of the subject, so please do not feel that you have to come to all of them.

It would be helpful if those attending could come armed with a Bible (any available translation will suffice) but I will bring along some extra copies just in case.

I hope that those attending will enjoy our discussions and appreciate the opportunity it offers for fellowship.

Some questions to get us thinking.

Why are there four gospels in the New Testament and who made that decision?

Why do Mark and John have no material relating to the birth and childhood of Jesus?

How often and when does Paul quote any of the words of Jesus which we find in the gospels?

With my best wishes for a blessed Lent,

Martin Beaumont

Stawley Church

Annual Parochial Church Meeting, at Court Place Farm at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday 13th April

Everyone is welcome.



Quaker Meeting for Worship at Spiceland

**We Meet for Worship at Spiceland, every
Sunday at 10.30am till 11.30am**

**Also available on Zoom ID: 865 5570 2735
Passcode: 498173**

All are very welcome.

In his book '*A Light that is Shining – An introduction to the Quakers*' Harvey Gillman writes about the foundation of the Religious Society of Friends:

'I should put it this way: there is a creative, loving power in all people and in the world around. Many call it God, though it is beyond all names. Everyone can become aware of it directly by listening to its prompting in their hearts and in the hearts of others.'

Quakers feel more able to become aware of this power in the silence of their meetings for worship. In the quiet, they maintain the still, small voice can speak to them and direct their lives. The experience of quiet waiting upon God gives them strength to go back into the bustle of the world, the better to serve their fellows.

It is not in the institution of the church, nor in the hallowed pages of a book, that God is most keenly to be found, but in the human heart.

An Echo from the Past

Always running late! I'm the type of chap who, incensed by something in the news, decides to write a letter to a paper. By the time it's done and sent, the world has moved on. The topic is no longer a burning issue so the letter ends up in the editor's wastepaper basket!

As a case in point, two days ago was Valentine's Day. That meant a special meal out and a night away. The prices on romantic things were hyped up – of course. It's the day when all things loving are stressed and the incompatible are forgotten, at least temporarily. Perhaps the only consolation, when times are tough, like too much drudgery, and one feels put upon, is that Valentine wasn't a lover, but a martyr!

Perhaps we should look at his saint's day, February 14th. But what do we find in the list of feast days of saints? February 14th is not his at all. It's given to two other chaps, Cyril and Methodius, both Christian missionaries! Fancy giving your loved one a Cyril's Day card? Doesn't have quite the same ring? And talking of rings, he who proposes on February 14th might be wondering if there's any method in his madness?

Which takes me back to a Valentine evening a long time ago. At the next table, enjoying an expensive meal in a romantic setting, was a young couple. During the meal there arrived a huge bouquet of flowers for her. Then out came a box with a large ring inside it, followed by his proposal of marriage! Was she expecting it? Don't know. Did she accept his proposal? Don't know – she didn't throw her steak at him, so maybe yes. Did she have any choice?

Now that's an interesting question! How many use such occasions to take advantage, all in the name of love? Sometimes on television, in a news programme or entertainment show, a proposal of marriage is set up. She's out walking on Exmoor with her dog. The reporter and camera man are lurking. Over comes a helicopter with a streamer – "I love you, Cheryl: marry me!" it says – and her favourite song is being played across the countryside. Down he comes, dressed like Superman, out with the diamond ring. Down on one knee and proposes. Dare she say "No" – in front of the nation?

Maybe faced with such a situation we like to think we would say no. But do we? We don't want to seem to be kill-joys, spoil-sports – or even dull, boring and unromantic. But saying yes under pressure can lead to a long time of wishing otherwise. Easy after the event to regret it, isn't it? Perhaps instead of saying yes, we should say "Thank you, but can I think it over?" Could save an awful lot of pain!

It seems to me that all of us are almost

constantly being pressurised to be this, do that, buy something, go here, go there, make this choice or that one – because it's in someone else's interests that we give in. Even the Lord doesn't put that sort of pressure onto us. Often we don't even know it's happening. If we can't say no, then at least take time out to think. And find some courage and an alternative!

Martin Perry

Gardening Club

There is very little to report this month as the Club's seasonal start-up and planning meeting is due to take place just after the submission date for the Parish News. This event will take place in a member's home, together with a Bring and Share supper (sadly thwarted during Covid times!) and the outcome reported in the next edition of the Parish News.

In the meantime, members are starting work in their own gardens, capitalising on the lovely spring-like days of late.

Val Wall and Di Roberts

Stawley Parish Council Meeting

A Council Meeting will be held in Appley Pavilion at 7:30pm on Tuesday 14th March.

The agenda for the meeting will be posted in the Appley telephone box, on the notice board outside the Village Shop, and on the website <https://stash.org.uk/> from the 7th March.

All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Bathealton Village Hall AGM

17th April 2023

7.30pm

Bathealton Village Hall

All welcome

Donations for the Parish News

Donation received from:

Joyce Wensley

Audrey Williams

AG & AJ Hill

Mike and Freda Parkinson

John and Angie Hannon

Anonymous donors in the Village Shop

Thanks again, for your kind support. Donations may be left at Stawley Shop or sent directly to the Treasurer. Details inside back cover.

Andrew Millard, Treasurer

ASHBRITTLE VILLAGE HALL

EASTER BINGO



FRIDAY 10th MARCH

Doors open 7pm

Eyes down 8pm

£1 admission to include refreshments



COFFEE, CAKE & CHAT

**ASHBRITTLE VILLAGE HALL
SATURDAY MARCH 12TH 10-12 noon**

Like all households the village hall is facing increased bills and running costs. Fund raising is important to help with these costs and I hope many of you will be able to support our coffee morning which we plan to run on a monthly basis.

The committee also see this as an opportunity to have a regular social event in the village where we can meet neighbours and friends, old and new.

Unlimited coffee and delicious home baked cakes will be available for £4 per head.

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US.

Register interest for full-fibre broadband

Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) are responsible for providing full-fibre ultrafast broadband in rural areas. Their first contract awarded to Gigaclear in 2016 failed and was terminated in 2019. At the end of 2020, CDS awarded a new contract to Airband to install full-fibre broadband in phases from 2021 to 2024 in Somerset West and Taunton.

The open access contract with Airband is the best hope for a full-fibre network in the parishes of Ashbrittle, Bathealton and Stawley. All are part of a cluster due to be installed by the end of 2024.

Airband have to complete contract delivery by the end of 2024, but are already running behind their original timetable, which is a concern. They have recently published a revised delivery schedule, which is thought more realistic given delays that have occurred. On the positive side, it is reported that Airband have established an effective core team and are now making good progress.

If Airband do not complete full contract delivery by the end of 2024, then rural delivery of full-fibre broadband should fall to the government's Project Gigabit programme, which is nationally directed. It is best that Airband fully delivers, but if there are any areas not covered when their contract ends, those areas will inevitably have a longer wait.

To help ensure Ashbrittle, Bathealton and Stawley are not missed out, it should help for households to register their interest with Airband. Enter your postcode at www.airband.co.uk. This will confirm if you are within the CDS contract and allow registration. Those shown as close to the network should still register, as the final list of properties to be connected will only be confirmed once the design stage has been completed. It may be possible to add some properties then, which is another good reason to register your interest.

Further information on local broadband plans are given on my website at: www.uppertonegreens.uk

*Cllr Dave Mansell -
Upper Tone, Somerset County Council and new
Somerset Council (from April)*

Note from Eds

For those of us who are keen to gain the benefits of full-fibre broadband, it is important that we register our interest, if we haven't already done so (see above). We are aware that Airband have very recently agreed to make a presentation at an Open Meeting, probably at the Pavilion, in June. More details as soon as we have them.



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The flower season for us runs from March to November. In the winter months we run wreath making classes at various venues including Hestercombe and Halsway Manor.

Jan runs a popular monthly flower club at the Lost Kitchen, Devon and can be booked for talks and demonstrations. You can also find us at Wiveliscombe Farmers' Market.

We're a proud member of **Flowers from the Farm** – a national network of artisan flower growers and farmers 'putting more British blooms back into vases across the country'....

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'THE COMMUNITY BIG BREAKFAST'

Saturday 4th March 2023

9.30 am - 11.30

Chipstable Village Hall, Waterrow, TA4 2AX



**Ticket Information - Please pay on the door.
Entry - £8 per person or £15 for 2. Under 12's half price.**

**Menu - 2 Sausage, 2 Bacon, Egg, Toast, Beans,
Mushrooms. Vegetarian menu is available.
Tea/Coffee and Squash are also included.**

We look forward to seeing you there!

Yummy

**RCI meeting Wednesday 1st February 2023
held at Rose Cottage, Appley**

Welcome: The Chairman welcomed those present for the first meeting of 2023.

Present: Michael Parkinson (MiP), Pauline Wood, Treasurer (PW), Ann-Marie Paterson (AMP), John Hannon (JH), Martin Perry (MP).

Apologies: Jane Embleton, Judy Webb.

Minutes of the last meeting: Having been circulated were agreed and signed by the Chairman. There were no matters arising.

Accounts: PW presented the accounts showing the activity of the various accounts, including donations for Cookbooks and Keyfobs for over £90. She reported that donations from the three Parish Councils for the defibrillators had been received with thanks.

The Chairman thanked Pauline for her excellent work.

Balances at 1st February 2023:

RCI:	£259.31
Active Living:	£1244.72
Youth club:	£502.95
Total :	£ 2006.98

VETS : The Defibrillator familiarisation session meeting in October went well and was attended by more than twenty people.

REPORTS:

Lunch club: Numbers are picking up again following Covid. Fees will have to rise due to increased Hall charges.

Our thanks go to Delia and Pauline for their organisation.

Walking group: Liz is about to start the group again after the winter.

Oil Group: Thanks to Judy Milne this continues to run smoothly.

Walks leaflets: Continue to cover their cost.

Arts & Crafts group: Meeting monthly but numbers are small and viability is in doubt.

Welcome packs: These are still being given to newcomers when someone informs the chairman.

Succession: Under Charity Commission rules (MiP) and (PW) will have to step down. We need

more members for the committee and someone to take over the Chair. Volunteers Please!

Date of next Meeting: AGM to be held on 19th April at 7.30 at The Globe Inn, Appley.

Michael Parkinson

Stawley Preschool needs your help!

We are very lucky to have been accepted as one of the local causes supported by the Asda green tokens scheme.





A pot of money will be split between the three causes, depending on the proportion of the votes each received. The winners receive £500, followed by £400 and £300. We are currently in third place, and whilst £300 is brilliant, even more would be fabulous!

It takes just a couple of minutes to place your vote. Just visit www.asda.com/green-tokens, select Taunton from the stores list and place your vote. You need to click on the confirmation email to make it count and you can vote once a week from each email address. Voting continues until April 30th.


If you can spare two minutes to help out, we would be so grateful. The money raised will go towards updating our playground at Appley Pavilion. Thank you!

Becky Alder, Pre-School Manager

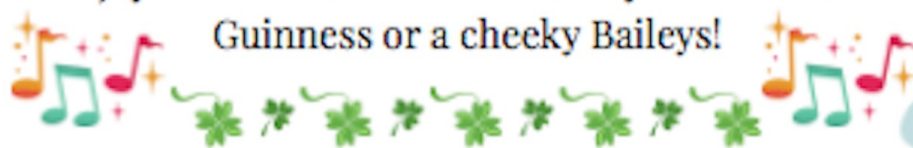
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Seakale - roll away the stones..



Observing the large, red-green buds starting to emerge and unfurl on my rhubarb plants and the need to dig out the forcing jars (or whatever buckets or large pots I can find) has put me in mind of another fantastic vegetable which will need darkness to blanch and force it into growth: **Seakale**.

Crambe maritima is a perennial member of the cabbage family (and closely related to that lovely herbaceous border perennial, *Crambe cordifolia*) and a coastal native of European countries including Britain and France. It is also found in the Baltic coastal countries and around the Black-sea region. Like Asparagus and Sea-Beet (*Beta vulgaris ssp. maritima*), It is Halophytic (Salt tolerant) and frequently grows amongst the ever-moving shingle and boulders of the fore-shore often stabilizing, trapping sand and helping to create dunes.

It was first noted as a food plant around the early 18th century when residents of coastal towns and villages were seen harvesting blanched shoots exposed by the Spring tides rolling away the stones. This led to a systematic removal of rocks from around the large established crowns and making as much use as possible of this fleeting seasonal bounty. When the crops started being supplied into local markets for sale, chroniclers started to take note and record information in horticultural journals which led to the first presentation to the Horticultural society of London on the cultivation and forcing of Seakale in 1805. It was recommended that a ceramic tube (forcing jar) was placed over the crown and fresh manure piled around which would produce heat whilst rotting and could force up to two or three crops from late December onwards.

It was gathered from the beaches of Sussex and served up for the Prince Regent, George IV when he stayed at his seaside retreat at the Brighton Royal pavilion. The courtly taste for the delicacy was renewed by Queen Victoria and Prince Albert; it was extensively harvested from the beaches around the Isle of Wight and Osbourne house but was also extensively cultivated and selected in the kitchen gardens of the gentry in the large estates across the country.

The harvesting of wild crops so threatened the native populations that it was actively discouraged then banned during the early 20th century; it was also (like many other Victorian horticultural edible fancies) falling out of favour as a cultivated vegetable and rarely grown commercially or privately except in Europe where varieties like the pink-tipped variety 'Angers' and 'Lilywhite' continued to be grown for the market.

Recent interest in 'low maintenance' and perennial vegetables and the raising of its profile by some celebrity chefs has helped to bring Seakale back into our gardens and onto our tables; steamed lightly and served with butter, it is easily equal to Asparagus and once established is as easy and long lasting.

It is very accommodating about soils but appreciates a dressing of granulated seaweed and a good mulch in the early spring. Although its best to only take two or three cuttings of forced shoots in the spring, you will have the lovely crinkled glaucous-blue leaves topped with a vast spray of white flowers to grace your vegetable garden through the summer. The plants are best bought as root cuttings or 'Thongs' of named varieties but can fairly easily be grown from seed, A slight word of warning; some seed raised forms can be a little invasive but a tough resolve to keep the patch from spreading too wide will stop this plant from becoming a pain and keep it a pleasure.

John and Julie Ridgley

Rainfall Statistics (inches) for January

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
2.31	4.00	4.51	2.52	6.85

You may have noticed, 2023 started out very wet with 97% of the rain falling in the first half of the month.

It turned out to be the second wettest January since 2010; only January 2014 saw higher rainfall (8.05inches).

Val Coots

Mobile Library

at

Greenham Bridge

Next visits

Tuesday 14th March and 11th April 2023

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New Gin!

We have just received some exciting new gins from a local company, **the Somerset Distillery**, who have a number of flavoured gins on offer. These would make wonderful gifts, and are at an introductory discounted price in the Shop while stocks last.

Mother's Day

Coming soon is a range of gifts and cards especially for Mother's Day (19th March). Look out for these exciting items in the Gift Stop.

The perfect treat for your mum.

New Menu

We are planning a new menu for the Tea Room, which will offer a bigger range of lovely sweet and savoury items, perfect to accompany morning coffee, for lunch or a special afternoon tea.

We can cater for small groups by arrangement.

Katie is making scrumptious fresh soups once or twice a week, please give her a call to see what's on offer on the day.

Curry and Quiz night

at Bathealton Village Hall



A Curry and Quiz night to help beat the winter blues

7.00 p.m.

on Saturday 4th March

Admission will be £5 per person,

Bring your own bottle

We will need to know numbers for catering, please ring Adele Broad (07980) 994082, and leave a message and return contact number.

Lunch Club

In January John Ridgley took us, metaphorically, on a tour of the Highgrove garden from the time His Majesty Charles III (then The Prince of Wales) bought it when it was a more or less barren wasteland, to its present state of the art condition. It is now a very fine example of organic, sustainable gardening which was of particular interest to some members of the Gardening Group who were especially keen to hear about it.

John Ridgley, who had worked there for many years, was particularly well placed to talk about all the changes and his Majesty's personal, hands on, involvement.

In March we have invited Ken Atherton back again. He is a well-known local speaker and this time his topic is 'Ghost Ships - Fact and Fable'. He has sent me the following details -

'There are plenty of mysteriously fated ships recorded throughout history, from the abandoned Mary Celeste in the 1870s to the SS Baychimo that has been spotted floating aimlessly over the years, and the spooky sea omen of the phantom Flying Dutchman. In this presentation you will find some of the most famous (and mysterious) ghost ships and their histories, along with legends of phantom ships that are still said to roam the seven seas.'

If you would like to join us on Thursday 30th March, please let me know. Telephone 01823 672203 or email harlingdelia@gmail.com

Delia Harling



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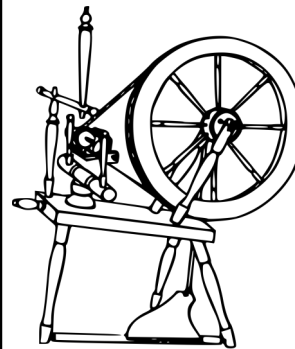
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Spinning and Woolcraft Group

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Meeting arrangements will be confirmed in advance when the reminder email is sent out.

If you would like to join us please contact me and I will add you to the mailing list. Perhaps you would like to come along and learn to spin with us?

Or bring along your knitting, crochet or other needlecraft project. All welcome.

Next Sessions

**Tuesdays; 7th and 21st March
4th and 18th April
at 2.30pm**

**Contact Pauline: on 01823 672222 or
email pjw200355@gmail.com**



Ashbrittle Art and Craft Group

We hold a monthly get-together as a self-directed group to do whatever 'arty' or 'crafty' project takes your fancy

**Painting and drawing
Clay work and Textile Crafts**

Ashbrittle Village Hall At 2.00 pm

**Wednesdays 1st March
and 5th April**

**Some extra mosaics sessions are being held,
please contact Pauline for more details**

****We are considering a group mosaic project****

If you have any unwanted/broken china or ceramics we could use, please let Pauline know.

For more information, contact Pauline
pjw200355@gmail.com

Attic Sale

Bathealton Village Hall

Come and grab a bargain
15th April 2023
2.30pm

Admission 50p – children free

Village Oil Group

The next oil delivery is due on

Thursday 13th April

To place an order, please email:
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Judy or Michael Milne on 01823 672205 by the
Monday before the Wednesday delivery
New members always welcome

Annual General Meeting of the RCI

This will take place on Wednesday 19th April
at The Globe Inn, Appley

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Going places.....

Wivey Link offers a community run transport service for those of any age with out easy access to a car. We can take people to health and medical appointments as well as social trips, shopping, hairdressers etc.



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Rural Community Initiative (RCI) is a local charity set up in 1999 to support the way of life of the people of this rural community. For further information please contact the chair of the committee:
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March

4th	9.30 - 11.30 a.m.	Big Breakfast in the Chipstable Village Hall, Waterrow
4th	7.00 p.m.	Curry and Quiz night in Bathealton Village Hall
10th	7.30 p.m.	Bingo in Ashbrittle Village Hall
18th	10.00 - noon	Coffee morning in Ashbrittle Village Hall
25th	7.00 p.m.	Wellington Choral Society will be performing J S Bach's St John Passion at St John the Baptist Church, Wellington,
30th	12 noon	Lunch Club in Ashbrittle Village Hall

April

15th	2.30 p.m.	Attic Sale in Bathealton Village Hall
19th	7.30 p.m.	AGM of the Rural Community Initiative in the Globe Inn, Appley
23rd	8.30 - 11.30 am	St Georges Day Breakfast in Appley Pavilion
27th	10.00 - 12.00 noon	Coffee morning at the Old Rectory, Stawley

May

13th		Bathealton Plant Sale
27th		Spring Ball at Appley Pavilion


June

3rd	2.00 p.m.	Stawley Church Garden Party and Fete
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