

# IN TOUCH

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## Editorial by a member of the Ministry team

### Change

We have landscapers in! Our back garden has been changing from what appeared to be quite small, with high, overgrown hedges, to what is currently, at halfway through, a wide expanse with nothing separating us from the farmer's field, and a view of the fields behind us. A patio and raised beds will emerge in time. We are really looking forward to it being completed – but a garden is never finished, is it? And there is all the mud and mess as everything changes.

We're not all very good at change, are we? As things in the country and North Devon settle into a new normal – as I write this we are still expecting all restrictions to be lifted on 19th July -we want some things to go back to being 'as they have always been', and yet others we are happier with what they have become. We are going to be more responsible for our own behaviour and choices. I think we will see masks worn by many for a time to come, even if we are allowed to sing in our churches again.

We tend to forget that change is a natural part of life – as our bodies age, we are 'still the same inside' – we don't notice that we are not 14, or 41, or whatever until we try to do something which once came easily – and can't reach, or run out of energy, or our fingers don't work like they used to.

And change happens in church life. This magazine is full of the awareness growing in our villages that the Reverend David Baker has been appointed to be the next Priest in Braunton. What a change for him – going from being responsible for 11 parishes to one! There will be a chance for David to write the letter for the next issue of the magazine – he is currently away, though coming to the end of his sabbatical. It is no secret, either, that Alastair is also due to leave us before the end of the year, having delayed his departure by a year. Chris Whinney has also surrendered his PTO (Permission to Officiate), which means he will no longer be leading many acts of worship for us. There will be opportunities for farewells – please look out for dates on the website or in church notices.

This means our ministry team will be quite small, and new patterns will have to be considered. Churchwardens will take on new responsibilities;

others will have to 'step-up'. New gifts will be discerned and developed. It will be the responsibility of the Rural Dean, in consultation with others, to ensure worship will be able to happen. Penny and Alison, neither of whom is full-time, will not automatically have the right to make decisions and change things.

But change does not always have to be negative. The seasons roll round – and we know that, as the poet Shelley said in Ode to the West Wind “... if winter comes, can spring be far behind?” From change and growth come the fruits and flowers – which takes us back to gardens. The soft fruits



have been producing well; the tomatoes etc are in flower. Change is necessary to provide that fruit. We look forward to new beginnings, because, although it is not helpful always to take bible verses out of context, the prophet Jeremiah said

“‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’” Jeremiah 29:11

### **FROM THE REGISTERS**

North Molton: Funeral and burial of David Campbell on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Rose Ash: Marriage of Chris Pyle and Izzie Potts on 26<sup>th</sup> June:

Mariansleigh: Funeral and burial of Roy Pincombe on 29<sup>th</sup> June:

Molland: Funeral and burial of Rosalind Mary Hayes (Ros) on 8<sup>th</sup> July.

Charles: Funeral and burial of Doris Musche on the 30<sup>th</sup> June.

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# Welcome!

To all reading this magazine for the first time, particularly if you have moved into one of our villages.

## NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

### **KNOWSTONE** -*Michele Browse*

As we await the final decision on the next stage of the Covid roadmap, we can look forward to further restrictions being lifted, allowing us even more freedom to meet, worship and attend events in our communities. St Peter's Church is offering two services a month (a Holy Communion service and a Morning Prayer service). Times may vary, so please check the church noticeboard or church door for updated timetables or refer to the Edgemoor Group website. In the month of August, services will be held on **8<sup>th</sup> August at 10.00am (Holy Communion)** and **22<sup>nd</sup> August at 10.00am (Morning Prayer)**. A new timetable for services from September onwards should be available soon.

We also have just learned that Revd. David Baker, Team Rector, will be moving to Braunton, so church services may alter over the next few months until the Edgemoor Group fills this ministry role. With 11 churches in the group, it is sometimes a challenging job to provide church services more often throughout the various parishes, but everyone is welcome to attend St Peter's, including anyone whose own monthly church services may alternate with Knowstone Parish. We are all part of one big Christian family after all!

The concluding part of the extensive restoration work in the church – refurbishing and reinstalling the choir stall panelling near the rood steps – has now been completed, and the church once again is displaying its original, splendid appearance. The ongoing maintenance of St Peter's churchyard has been generally welcomed enthusiastically by members of this parish and visitors to our church, especially those visiting relatives' grave sites, who have not been to Knowstone for several years. However, anyone who wishes to take issue with any aspect regarding upkeep of the building and grounds are welcome to put this in writing to the PCC. It is unacceptable for anyone other than the PCC to post notices on church property (including the church gates).

On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June, the first Coffee Morning of 2021 was held in the Village Hall car park, with an attendance of more than 35 local residents. Following on from this successful "first event", a second Coffee Morning is planned for 31<sup>st</sup> July, hopefully with more to follow in future. Further

events in the Hall will be coming up, so keep checking noticeboards, the Knowstone website or the Knowstone Group Facebook page for updated details

Finally, the Exe Valley Market Bus is hoping to resume service in August – after 18 long months in lockdown! Feedback from regular passengers has indicated a real desire to see our community bus back in service, and it is hoped that we can maintain financially viable transport through consistent support from local residents. This service will continue to run each Thursday morning, with one trip a month to Barnstaple and the other weeks to South Molton. At this time, we are looking for extra drivers who would be willing to volunteer one morning a month (maximum) to drive this community minibus for Knowstone routes. If interested, please contact Timothy Browse on 01398 341977 for further information.

We thank God we have come through this past year-and-a-half with continued resilience and cheerful spirit. We think of those we have lost and hold fast to the friendships we've grown and maintained. And we look ahead to good times with renewed hope.

### **MOLLAND** –*Brian Taylor*

This year seems to be rolling on fast, by the time you read this the height of summer will be here. As I write this at the beginning of July, the first crop of the new potatoes and carrots from the garden have already arrived on the dinner plate to be followed shortly by the first pickings of broad beans and peas; and the summer flowers are now in full bloom; nature has recovered from a cold start. Being in a garden at this time of year particularly can be very therapeutic and has been over the last eighteen months or so for many people, somewhat the same, I surmise, as taking a stroll around the country lanes that surround us here or sailing a boat, after all it is all God's garden for us to enjoy.

“The kiss of the sun for pardon;  
The song of the birds for myrth;  
One is nearer God's heart in a garden;  
Than anywhere else on earth.

As we get back to some form of normality and learn to live with the

coronavirus, we can hopefully make some plans for future events within the parish e.g., harvest festival and Christmas celebrations especially as most, if not all, restrictions regarding congregating together will be lifted.

It is hoped that a joint venture between the Church and the Parish Council will enable us to have the church clock working once again.

The funeral service, conducted by Revd. Penny Lawson, of Rosalind Hayes took place on July 8<sup>th</sup>; we send our sympathies to the Hayes family.

**CHARLES** – *Annie Whitehead*

*"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow" (Audrey Hepburn).*



We are greatly saddened to hear of the passing away of Ray White. Our love, thoughts and prayers are with Ruby and family.

We also send our condolences to the family of Doris Musche aged 94, who died within six months of her beloved husband. A graveside service was held at Charles Church. The couple lived at Charles Bottom for over 50 years, and they will be sadly missed.

We thank Penny Lawson who took a lovely church service on June 20<sup>th</sup>. The CD she played was much appreciated giving us time to reflect on our lives and believe in hope.

Our very best wishes & prayers go to Revd. David Baker and Celia who will be leaving the Edgemoor Group for pastures new... hopefully not too far away.

**Dates for Diary: Charles History Exhibition:** July 17<sup>th</sup> – Sept 11<sup>th</sup>. The Exhibition in the church will be well on its way by the time this edition of In Touch is circulated so you will have missed the opening cream tea on July 17<sup>th</sup>. However, the good news is that there is another! On Saturday **September 11<sup>th</sup> (2pm – 4pm)**. Please help us to preserve our history. We would love any information you may have on families once living in our picturesque village. For more information email: [charlesvillagedevon@gmail.com](mailto:charlesvillagedevon@gmail.com) .

Have a lovely summer!



### **NORTH MOLTON** – *Carol Fenwick*

By the time you read this hopefully we will have reached the end of lockdown. Even if we have, we must all look after ourselves and do the things we are comfortable with.

It was with great sadness that David Campbell passed away after a courageous fight with cancer – our love goes to Clare and George at this sad time. North Molton will miss his cheerfulness and smiling face.

We are back again having coffee outside the church on Tuesday mornings (weather permitting). Bring your own coffee and enjoy a chat and catch up with everyone.

It all came as rather a shock when we heard that David Baker will be leaving North Molton in September. We wish him well in his new parish – he won't be far away in Braunton.

Hopefully the next 'In Touch' will have more news of things happening, until then take care.

### **NORTH MOLTON VICTORY HALL** -*Nicola Bourne*

Once again we have no further updates to give you on the Victory Hall re-opening just yet. We are very hopeful we will have better news in the next edition of this magazine.

### **TWITCHEN** – *Hugh Croft*

We're well into the Church's season of 'Sundays after Trinity'; twenty-one of them. It's a quiet calm time in the church's calendar, no fasting, no feasting, perhaps a time for quiet reflection.

We had a lovely communion service on St. Peter's day, our patronal festival.

At the service Graham White announced some very sad news that David and Celia are leaving in the autumn and moving to the parish of Braunton. They will be so very much missed and leave a huge gap, but we wish them well. We are so grateful for all they have given us.

We are very grateful to Ian Woollacott and his gang for strimming the church yard yet once again, on a balmy summer's evening. Also, to Grace Sanders for the delicious refreshments after.

## **EAST ANSTEY** – Fran Bridger

By the time you read this we should be out of lockdown! I imagine that many of us will find it rather strange to be able to walk within two metres of other people, and not to have to wear a mask as we enter shops and cafes, etc. Some people I know have decided to continue to wear the face mask. Will you? What will be the emotional after-effects of this long period? But now is the time to catch up with meeting all those people we have loved and missed for so long. It might mean more travelling, but whatever it takes to get back to your 'normal' please keep safe.

In terms of the usual annual upcoming events regrettably the **Anstey District Garden Show has had to be cancelled** for the 2nd year running due to Covid-19 uncertainties. It was a difficult decision for the Committee, but they are hopeful that the Show will be able to go ahead next year. In the meantime, award winning cups have been collected and our prize beans, flowers, and home crafts can be safely eaten, stored and enjoyed this year without the fun and excitement of taking them to the hall in the morning, setting them out amidst a laughing, focussed and sometimes grim looking group of fellow contestants. We shall miss it, but next year will be fantastic!



Did anyone go to the Devon County Show? Mac and I had a great time and thought that the organisers did a remarkable job in making everything run smoothly and to get so many exhibitions, animal shows, horse displays and so on together. If you are one of those volunteers and organisers - here is a great big Thank you!

Thank you also to Rev David Baker who many of you will know is moving to Braunton in August. We wish him well and offer him his thanks for having undertaken such a difficult role as to look after 11 parishes for many years, and with such good grace. Our thoughts and prayers go with him for his new incumbency. **Church services** are starting to happen now – please keep a look out for posters and on the e mail 'grapevine'.

**EXMOOR LINK FEDERATION (BISHOPS NYMPTON AND EAST ANSTEY PRIMARY SCHOOLS)** - from *Tim Gurney*

Our year comes to a close!

Here at school, we are heading once again to the end of our academic year, and we prepare to send our year 6 leavers on to the next stage of their education. We are always sad to see them go but are also so very proud of how much they have grown. We would like to wish our year sixes the very best of luck at their new schools.

Although the Exmoor Rotary Youth Challenge was cancelled due to the continued COVID 19 restrictions, we were able to get the go ahead to stage the “Exmoor Link Challenge” as a federation. Both schools (Bishops Nympton and East Anstey) were represented on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June in near perfect conditions. All challengers, including the youngest team ever entered (from East Anstey), completed the full 16.1mile challenge event with a truly outstanding effort. Well done to all who took part and our volunteers who made this excellent event (all COVID secure) possible.

We now look forward to the end of our year with (hopefully) our Sports Days, Trips and Leaver’s Events completing 2020-21. Our school communities will then enjoy a full six-week summer before returning to school in September for the new academic year. Do look out for information on our new websites about our Sports Camps running over the summer and for all information from the schools (including information on Admissions):

[bishopsnymptonschool.org](http://bishopsnymptonschool.org)   [eastansteyschool.org](http://eastansteyschool.org)

For now, enjoy your summer and I hope to see you all in the Autumn.



**HIGH BRAY – Ruby White**

We all wish Rev David and Celia well in their new parish in Braunton. Rev David has had a very difficult two years with covid rules stopping all normal activities trying to keep us safe providing zoom services, we thank you.

We are hoping to have afternoon tea on Sunday August 1<sup>st</sup> at 3pm to “relaunch” our church. Could you do a display in church with your skills? All are very welcome.

We send our love for a speedy recovery to Anthony Bawden who has been housebound for several weeks and is always cared for by Thelma.

It is with great sadness that I record the death of Ray White on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July at NDDH, my wonderful husband of 56 years. Ray enjoyed so many things being church warden, skittles captain, bell captain, follower of ND Beagles, village hall rep and much more!! A friend of so many he will leave a huge void in all our lives. Kidney failure changed all the things we once enjoyed but we still had each other which was very precious.

THANK YOU ALL YOU VERY CARING PEOPLE OUT THERE, WE WERE BLESSED WITH SO MUCH LOVE.

### **WEST ANSTEY** – *Banger Milton*

West Anstey News for August/September 2021 This time, by the time you all read the In Touch, we will be free of all the rules & regulations that we have had to adhere to during the last 16months. We live in hope. Firstly, Rose has asked me to include this: Rose, Chris & Tuck would like to say a big THANK-YOU to Penny, Rachel, John & the P.C.C. for arranging such a special service, refreshments & gifts of rose bushes on June 6th . Thanks also to Pam Singh for playing our favourite hymns so beautifully. We were all long serving members of St. Petrocks, but now in our 80's feel it is time to hand over to younger Christian leaders. Our Church has served the people of West Anstey for many centuries & we pray that it will continue for worship, baptisms, weddings & funerals for many more years to come. Outdoor Church at West Anstey Church will be on Sunday 22nd August, 11am – 12pm & then every 4th Sunday of the month, with activities for all. Our Reverend David Baker is moving to a new post at St. Brannock's, Braunton as Priest-in-charge. We are very sad to see him go & we all wish him & Celia all the best. Hazel & John Morgan are putting on Cream Teas in the gardens at Higher Wychwood on Sunday 15th August in aid of Anstey Parish Churches from 1pm – 4.30pm Finally we welcome Rachel & family who have moved to Netherwell.

## **WEST ANSTEY VILLAGE HALL** – *Helen Pearce*

It has been great to be able to resume a bit of normality to the hall, with the return of the weekly dance sessions, thoroughly enjoyed by all who attend. Likewise, the two wonderful monthly Coffee Breaks that have been held, which have been so well attended.

With the help of the local community and hall committee a belated spring clean inside the hall and out took place over a weekend which gave another opportunity for meeting up with old friends and making some new ones. There is still a little bit of work to be done here and there so if anyone is interested in giving a helping hand, please email [secretary.ansteyvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.ansteyvillagehall@gmail.com)

The next Coffee Break will be on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August from 10.30am – 12.30pm. It's just £2.00 for delicious homemade savouries and cakes with unlimited coffee and tea. Plus, a free raffle ticket.

Outreach Post Office Continues every Monday (except Bank Holidays). 12.45 until 15.45.

Tuesday evenings weekly Dance sessions for sequence and ballroom dancing lessons with professional teacher Lynne Symons and her husband Geoff. Please contact Lynn for more details on 01769 550899.

The W.I. are meeting in person again and welcome new members to this friendly group. For more information please contact either [karen@westanstey.uk](mailto:karen@westanstey.uk) or [suzanne.blythe@google.com](mailto:suzanne.blythe@google.com)

The Craft Club will be restarting on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm, all are welcome. There is a small charge of £2.50 with Tea/Coffee/Cake & Biscuits.

If you would like to enjoy a fabulous local cream tea on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> August between 1pm until 4.30pm, Hazel & John Morgan invite you to join them at Higher Wychwood, West Anstey, EX36 3PF.

## **MARIANSLEIGH** – *Ruth Govier*

Mariansleigh have had a very quiet few months but looking forward to the new normal around the corner!

The Church services will continue on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month, with the Harvest service and lunch on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> further details to follow.

The village has been saddened by Roy Pincombe's death from Town Living at the age of 87, probably one of the eldest residents, also Cecil Radford has passed away our condolence's to both families at this time.



The walking group will continue to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month- 8<sup>th</sup> August we will meet @ Oxham Hall @2.30.

Alswear and Mariansleigh parish meeting are planning to hold a meeting @Oxham Hall 1930 hrs on August 4<sup>th</sup> please look out for notices for the agenda all very much welcome.

I hope that you all stay safe and hopefully I will have plenty of news next time!

### **BISHOPS NYMPTON** – Cheryl Woollacott

Despite it being such unsettling times, here we are at the start of School Summer Holidays again, as by the time you read this, schools will have broken up and more restrictions lifted. As things have been so uncertain, regrettably, the Flower and Vegetable Show has been cancelled this year.



However, on 31<sup>st</sup> July at 3.00pm, the competition for the Bizzie Lizzie with most blooms will be held. Also, a competition for the longest runner bean, a single rose, and a cherry cake to your own recipe. Also, an exhibition of the children's' paintings from Bishops Nympton Primary School. Look out

for more details. Following on the next day, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August, there will be a Lay Led Service in Church celebrating Lammas.

The Parish Hall Committee wish to thank everyone who helped and attended their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary cream tea afternoon.

The Community Lunches on the third Sunday of the month and the second and fourth Wednesdays are hoping to start up again from September.

If anyone is interested in joining the team of Trustees to keep the hall running, as 'fresh blood' is always very welcome, please contact 07747072449 for more information. The hall is open for business and hopefully will soon be back to normal with all the old clubs and new ones using it regularly again. Please check the website too.

The Church has recently been holding a service every Sunday at 10.00am so check details for the following months on the Church Service Pages or by looking at the Edgemoor group of Parishes Website as times and format changes.

There are still several local people receiving treatment for various conditions and we wish them all well and also think of Steve Brambley after his recent accident. Also send our condolences to Joyce Jones and family on the loss of George, a much respected and well-known local farmer.

Hopefully, there will be more news and events sent in (by 7th September) to write about in the next issue which will be for October/November. The shop and notice boards will have current information available.

Welcome to new families who have recently moved into the Parish and hope you are settling in well.

Meanwhile, hope you can all enjoy some quality time this summer and thank you for the support for the mini tea/coffee morning/afternoon we had outside in the garden at home, a lovely day.

### **ROSE ASH**- *Sharon Brown*

LOCKDOWN LIBERATION, finally! as anticipated at the time of writing, anyway, with all the signs from government leading positively towards this.

We have had a little more activity in Rose Ash recently, which is lovely. Some members from the Gardening Club met up, in Knowstone, to plant

at The Masons pub in May bringing the promise of a colourful floral display for the coming weeks and months of summer for all to enjoy.

St. Peters church has been busy too, with Holy Communion on the 13<sup>th</sup> of June where the Banns were read for the forthcoming wedding, later on in the month. Evensong on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, where further wedding banns were read, and 1<sup>st</sup> August forge the way ahead for more regular services for the community to resume. It was suggested that, possibly, hymns may be sung outside the church at the start and end of the service, weather permitting, as singing is not allowed yet (outside of Wembley Stadium of course). The church is open for private prayer and reflection each Wednesday. As always church service dates and times, information etc. can be found on the website.

The wedding of Chris Poyle and Izzie Potts on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June brought cheer to Rose Ash with many villagers joining in the celebrations and sending congratulations and best wishes to the couple, outside the church on the village green. Congratulations to Chris and Izzie, even the weather was kind to you on your special day. There has been talk of post wedding pints being supped in the village, to use up supplies – well, it doesn't do to waste, does it? What a generous gesture which I am sure has been appreciated on these warmer days and light evenings of summer.

The flower planters in Rose Ash and Ash Mill look very attractive; the work of those who upkeep these is appreciated, I am sure, by all who drive, walk, or ride past them. I think, please correct me if I am wrong, that thanks should go to Jill Cronk for the Rose Ash planters and Steve and Una Blundell for Ash Mill who are grateful for the recent contribution from the Rose Ash Parish council.

There have been a series of short duration power cuts across the village, which can be a nuisance to people. Western Power has been alerted and are aware and were looking into the problem, so hopefully this has been remedied by now.

All volunteers are welcome to a working party, on Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup>, in the churchyard of St. Peters. Everything needs tidying in preparation for winter, and gravestones need scrubbing too. Andrew Parker does a great job in keeping the main areas cut





but many hands make light work. Please come along from 10.00 a.m., refreshments will be available.

### **News from the Exmoor Pony Centre, Ashwick, Dulverton TA22 9QE**

We are looking forward to a busy Summer - the diary is filling up quickly with all our riding sessions, so if you are wanting to ride, make sure you call the office to book in advance. It is also necessary to book in all visits to the centre to avoid disappointment on the day if we are at full capacity. Our stable yard tours proved so popular last year that we are continuing to run them this season.

At the beginning of June, six of our ponies made a very special trip to Sussex to partake in some filming. It is all top secret at the moment, but we will be able to fill you in at a later date. All the ponies were beautifully behaved, and the filming only needed one take! We always knew our ponies are pros. They stayed overnight and travelled home in a luxury air-conditioned lorry, returning to their day jobs as if nothing had happened.

Those who have visited the centre may have met Walnut, a sweet natured 14-year-old gelding – he has now gone off to a foster home and is very happy living with his new Welsh pony friend. We hope this will be his forever home after a varied life thus far of companionship to other horses as well as conservation grazing. Amethyst and Buffy, a couple of friendly mares, have returned from their grazing and are now here at the Centre to continue their training and meet the visitors. Amethyst is the older of the two, who we hope to train as riding ponies in the future. They have joined our mis-match herd of other mares, a gelding and an honorary Exmoor owned by the manager.

An update on the lovely Myrica and her young son Elmo who came to stay with us through the winter, needing a little more shelter and grass than the moor could offer them to help them survive the cold. Elmo has now been castrated and is continuing his training with us. He will be in residence for the summer months to greet visitors. Myrica, his mother, has now returned to join the other Exmoors on North Hill, just above Minehead.

We are excited to reveal that our onsite shop has had a facelift this spring to make it covid safe for all and display some of the new lines we are stocking. One of which, we are very pleased to say, is 'Wild Pony Punch' coffee from the Exmoor Coffee Company ([exmoorcoffee.co.uk](http://exmoorcoffee.co.uk)). They are very kindly donating 50p back to us from every bag that WE sell. If you haven't popped up to see us recently now is a great time to have a look in our shop and to see the ponies.

The Exmoor Pony Festival will soon be upon us. This year the activities and events will run through the month of August. Please check out the website to see what will be going on and to support the breed.

<https://exmoorponyfestival.com/>

Best wishes to all our friends and supporters, hopefully we will see you at some point over the summer months.

Website: [www.exmoorponycentre.org.uk](http://www.exmoorponycentre.org.uk)

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### **WEATHER STATION**- Neville Vereker **May – June 2021**

Month	Rainfall	21yr Average	Temp
May	197.75 mm	89.0 mm	max 23.0°
	7.8 ins		min 1.2°
June	47.5 mm	90.0 mm	max 27.1°
	1.8 in		min 7.1°

Notes:



1. The highest May rainfall in the last 21 years was in 2007 with 185mm whilst the lowest was in 2001 with 40mm.

2. The highest June rainfall in the last 21 years was also in 2007 with 148mm whilst the lowest was in 2018 with a mere 12mm. Most of the month's rain fell on the 19<sup>th</sup>

with 17mm!

Advance notice:

# THE TWO MOORS Festival

## THE TWO MOORS FESTIVAL – Save the dates!

The Two Moors Festival 2021 will be held over two weekends - **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October on Dartmoor** and **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October on Exmoor**, under the artistic direction of violinist, Tamsin Waley-Cohen, with the theme of 'Arcadia Unlocked'.

Exmoor highlights will include pianist Pavel Kolesnikov, tenor Nicky Spence and viola player Lawrence Power. Huw Watkins will be the Composer-in-Residence. Dartmoor will hear, among others, soprano Ruby Hughes and lutenist Jonas Nordberg, Stile Antico and the Barbican Quartet.

Please check the website in the coming weeks for updates on times, venues, programmes, and ticketing: [www.twomoorsfestival.co.uk](http://www.twomoorsfestival.co.uk)

Hebrew 10:23

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

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Would you like to be able to read the lesson in the church where you worship?

Would you like to have a bit of training so you would be able to lead prayers and intercessions in our worship? Contact Alison on 01769550139

## CALENDAR OF SERVICES AUGUST-SEPTEMBER

<b>1<sup>st</sup> AUGUST</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity <b>Ephesians 4:</b> <b>1-16</b> <b>John 6:24-35</b>	10.00am	Zoom Service	
	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Charles
	10.00am	Holy Communion	North Molton
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Molland
	10.00am	Holy Communion	East Anstey
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Mariansleigh
	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Bishops Nym
	11.00-12.00	Outdoor Church	West Anstey
5.00pm	Evensong	Rose Ash	
<b>8<sup>th</sup> AUGUST</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity <b>Ephesians 4:25-5:2</b> <b>John 6:35, 41-51</b>	11.15am	Morning Prayer	High Bray
	10.00am	Holy Communion	North Molton
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Twitchen
	10.00am	Holy Communion	West Anstey
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Knowstone
	10.00am	Family Church	Bishops Nym
<b>15<sup>th</sup> AUGUST</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity <b>Ephesians 5:15-20</b> <b>John 6:51-58</b>	10.00am	Holy Communion	Charles
	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Molland
	10.00am	Family Church	Mariansleigh
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Rose Ash
	10.00am	Morning Prayer	North Molton
	3.00pm	Zoom Service & Afternoon Tea	
	6.30pm	Evensong BCP	East Anstey
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity <b>Ephesians 6:10-20</b> <b>John 6:56-69</b>	10.00am	Holy Communion	High Bray
	10.00am	Morning Prayer	West Anstey
	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Knowstone
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Bishop's Nympton
	11.00-12.00	Outdoor Church	West Anstey

<b>29<sup>th</sup> AUGUST</b>	TBA	TBA	
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<p><b>5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER</b> 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity <b>James 2:1-17</b> <b>Mark 7:24-37</b></p>	<p>10.00am 10.00am 10.00am 10.00am 10.00am 10.00am 10.00am 5.00pm</p>	<p>Zoom Service Morning Prayer Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Morning Prayer Evensong</p>	<p>Charles North Molton Molland East Anstey Mariansleigh Bishops Nympton Rose Ash</p>
<p><b>12<sup>th</sup> September</b> 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity <b>James 3:1-12</b> <b>Mark 8:27-38</b></p>	<p>10.00am 11.15am 10.00am 10.00am 10.00am 10.00am 10.00am</p>	<p>Zoom Service Morning Prayer Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Family Church</p>	<p>High Bray North Molton Twitchen West Anstey Knowstone Bishops Nympton</p>
<p><b>19<sup>th</sup> September</b> 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity <b>James 3:13-4:3,</b> <b>7-8a</b> <b>Mark 9:30-37</b></p>	<p>10.00am 10.00am 10.00am 10.00am 10.00am 12.00 6.30pm</p>	<p>Zoom Service Holy Communion Morning Prayer Holy Communion Morning Prayer Harvest Celebration Evensong (BCP)</p>	<p>Charles Molland Rose Ash North Molton Mariansleigh East Anstey</p>
<p><b>26<sup>th</sup> September</b> 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity <b>James 5:13-20</b> <b>Mark 9:38-50</b></p>	<p>10.00am 10.00am 10.00am 10.00am 10.00am 11.00-12.00</p>	<p>Zoom Service Holy Communion Morning Prayer Morning Prayer Holy Communion Outdoor Church</p>	<p>High Bray West Anstey Knowstone Bishops Nympton West Anstey</p>