

Wivey and the Hills Magazine



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Wivey and the Hills magazine is published 10 times a year by the Benefice of the seven parishes of Wiveliscombe, Brompton Ralph, Clatworthy, Chipstable, Huish Champflower, Raddington and Tolland. Its purpose is to promote the Christian faith in this area and all that is positive in our communities.

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Dear Readers

Having said goodbye to our Rector Martin this month, we now enter a new challenge within our Parishes and communities. We also face a new challenge in the magazine as Christopher has now taken a step back from regular editing duties, he is still on standby and will continue with his articles.

We now welcome Mark Rayson onboard to the magazine team, who will help me with the finishing touches. .

Christopher had a vision for the magazine to grow and widen its content and circulation. He feels this has not been achieved but having to fit articles into our page count, I feel he most certainly has, and we can only thank the contributors for their continued support and their supply of information to help fill the pages. With this vision in mind, Mark and I will continue to work on this for the future, but are limited with what we can achieve, so if you can help with this then please do get in touch. If there is something missing from the magazine, that you think should be included then please ask, as we can try to include it.

Wishing you all a good March, and let's hope for some lovely spring weather.
Lorna

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Cover Photo - Fled Cross looking over Wivey and the coombe

On 2nd February over 100 people gathered for Rev Martin Walker's last communion service and farewell party at St Andrew's. The choir were in good voice and the beautiful eucharist service was a fitting goodbye to our Rector Martin who has served us all in the benefice for the last 5 1/2 years. Afterwards there were tributes and a toast and the formal return of the church keys to the benefice church wardens. Over £1200 was raised by the people of Wivey and the Hills as a gift for Martin to thank him for all he has done during his time with us.

Martin, along with his father John, have now moved permanently to their home in Combe Martin with Martin's wife Pamela. Many prayers and good wishes for him and his family were shared.



By the time you are reading this the Bishop and the archdeacon will have met with all the churches to formally start the vacancy process. There is always a period where the post of Rector remains vacant whilst the churches consider the direction they feel God is leading them and the nature of the person they are looking for to take on the role. A parish profile is prepared describing the churches and their communities and the qualities we are looking for in our new Rector. The post is then advertised and interviews, led by the Bishop, will take place. It is likely we will not have a Rector in post for at least 9 months.

However the Church wardens and PCCs of the benefice will be working hard to speed along this process along as much as they can!

In the meantime we are very grateful to have the services of Rev Juliet Gosling Brown, our lay readers and lay worship assistants and a number of retired clergy, as well as many visiting clergy who will be taking our weekly services. They are also available to take funerals, weddings baptisms etc so please get in touch with our wonderful administrator Lorna Thorne on 07796 180075 or admin@wiveychurches.org.uk about any issue that you would have normally directed to the Rector. This includes letting us know of anyone who would appreciate a visit from one of our Anna Chaplains, Anna friends or visiting team, and Lorna will direct your enquiry to the right person.

In his final sermon Rev Martin reflected on the call to serve one another in humility and faith. As Christians in Wiveliscombe and the hills we will endeavour to do this, to serve another and our communities in the best ways that we can as we go forward into this time of vacancy

With every blessing from Sue Pearson on behalf of
The Churchwardens and PCCs of the Wiveliscombe and the Hills Benefice

From the Registers

Funeral at St Mary Magdalene
followed by Burial at All Saints'
30th January 2024 Audrey Jean TOUT (95)



Chipstable Home Communion Service



We had our last Holy Communion Service with the Rev Martin Walker on Sunday 28th January which was a home service at Bulland Lodge. Afterwards we had a special breakfast and a small presentation of a picture of our church as a big thank you and a very sad farewell. Martin we will miss you and particularly your wonderful singing voice!! TN

From the Magazine Archives - St Andrew's Magazine

Something to Think about (and who were the authors?)

1. If a man loves the labour of any trade apart from any question of success or fame, the gods have called him.
2. Everyone should do a good day's work and be accountable for some definite task; and then they do not make trouble for troubles sake or to cut a figure.
3. Nothing will ever be attempted, if all possible objections must be first overcome.
4. If humanity and purity be not in the heart, they are not in the home: and if they are not in the home, they are not in the city
5. Men of character are the conscience of the society to which they belong.
6. The foundation of law and right in humanity

1. Scots poet & novelist
3. 18th Century lexicographer
5. American essayist
2. English Prime Minister
4. 20th Century poet & playwright born in America
6 German doctor & musician
Sent in by Bill Rayson



Anna Chaplaincy for Older People

Shafts of sparkling sunlight flooded the tiny church of St. Luke's over the heads of the waiting congregation of twenty, listening to church organist and choirmaster Tom Morrell's medley of classical pieces which included 'Siciliana' by Walden ending with 'Jig Fugue' by Buxtehude.

That morning, on Sunday 11th of February, the long awaited Anna Chaplaincy commissioning service for Anna Friends was conducted by Rev. Mike Haslam (Chaplain Advisor Acting Mission Development Leader, Bath and Wells) and Rev. Juliet Gosling-Brown (Ordained Distinctive Deacon of St. Andrew's Parish Church, Wiveliscombe and Benefice) Named after the faithful widow 83 year old Anna, who appears with Simeon in Luke's gospel, Anna Chaplaincy is a community-based network that supports older people and their Carers, working across many denominations.

Anna Chaplains work in care homes, private homes, churches, hospitals, and community groups, and are there for people of strong, little or no faith. Male or female, lay or ordained, each works within their local church context with volunteers who work beside them known as 'Anna Friends.' The emphasis is on non-judgemental spiritual support in gentle, loving ways that bring comfort, healing and helping older people to live more peacefully in later years. We also encourage them to reflect on the joys and challenges of their life's journey to foster hope and resilience, but remembering that people's practical struggles can also play a part in their overall well-being.

So it was with great joy that we welcomed our new Anna friends. Judith, for many years a Carer and Activities Facilitator at Pulsford Lodge. Also, Jenny, a former nursery nurse and family support worker and coordinator, and last but not least, Stephen, known for his many years of sterling work as a First Responder and service as sides-person and altar attendant. Bless them all!

**Our thanks to Rev. Haslam, Rev. Gosling-Brown, Tom Morrell and to all at St. Luke's for their kind hospitality, not forgetting Brenda and Sherry who fed us chocolate biscuits with tea and coffee after the service!
Hazel Ramsay.**



Wiveliscombe's Jim Laker Fund are looking for new Committee Members! Following a very successful 2023 full of fundraising events, JLF held its 27th AGM in early January, and said a sad farewell to 2 of our Committee members – our Chair Ele Laker, and Kelly Somerville. Both have brought their enthusiasm and hard work to our meetings and fundraising and will be missed.

We are now seeking some new members! Do you live in, or around, Wiveliscombe and the 10 Parishes, and enjoy fundraising for local organisations? The Jim Laker Fund has been in existence since 1997 and since then has raised over £65,000 – in 2023 we gave funds to Wivey Link (towards vehicle road taxes), Wiveliscombe Primary PTFA (for Swimming lessons), Wivey Scouts (towards Sound Baffles for the Scout Hut), and a local Football Kickabout group (for tabards and equipment).

If you are interested, please contact us on info@jimlakerfund.co.uk

Wivey Folk Dancing:- 30th Birthday

Party Night - 30 years on - and what a lovely evening.

The hall was abuzz with old friends and new.

Sue and Norman, who started the club, joined us along with committee members and dancers from way back.

Tight Squeeze put the music under our feet.

All the callers gave us a varied and enjoyable set of dances.

Bring and share supper was a success (too much food!)

A better time could not have been asked for.

Here's to the next 30 years of dancing with a great group of people.

Colin, Brenda. Dave and Chris.

Meet the Band

Continuing our monthly opportunity to meet the musicians of the Town Band, grouped according to the species of instrument they play, we now turn the spotlight on the bass (or tuba) department (although you would need more of a floodlight to get them all in):

Matt says: My late grandfather, who once conducted the band, encouraged me to learn the cornet and I joined the learner band when I was 7 years old. I joined the main band that Christmas so I have now been in the band 33 years with the occasional short break here and there.

I now play bass which suits me much better than the cornet ever did.



Octavia, who is 16, writes: I've been playing the tuba with the Town Band for about six years now and it's such a great experience. Everyone in the band is so friendly and we get to play a huge variety of pieces from Les Mis' to Hey Jude. I also play the saxophone in the Wivey Wind Band and I love to play in both of these bands because they are a great opportunity to meet people and practice a new hobby!

David is our long-suffering librarian and a keen Eb bass player. He says: I started learning music 40 years ago on single Eb bass, and I have been on basses ever since, with brief spells on Bb bass (the biggest and deepest of our brass instruments). I currently play with two other bands: Watchet Town and Burtle Silver. I do like playing marches; a favourite would be "The Florentiner"

Roger plays the Bb bass. He tells us: I am in my tenth year now and I became interested in brass having lived in Yorkshire. I'm not in other bands and I enjoy playing hymns best.

Duncan, who also plays Bb bass, says he is 61 years young, and he adds: Tuba playing has been part of my life since school days. Having started on baritone, I gravitated to the "engine room" quite quickly and I love both the sound and the fact that the pulse of any band emanates from the tuba section. During my playing time I have played in many bands as I moved around with my military career, but now, settled in Wivey, I enjoy playing in the town band and giving something back to the community. I enjoy a diverse range of pieces from traditional marches (especially those with a thumping bass solo to really show what the beast can do!) to concert pieces where supporting the band with that deep rounded sound adds warmth and harmony to the tune.



Planning: The council considered five applications. Once two Declarations of Interest were dealt with, all were progressed as recommended by the Planning Group: two applications were supported (one with comments), one was deferred to the Tree Officer, and two were objected to due to lack of information.

More details can be seen on the town council's Facebook page which includes the monthly report from the planning sub-committee, and full applications including formal approval/rejection outcomes are available at www.somerset.gov.uk/planning.

Finance: A draft budget and precept (the town council's part of each house's overall council tax bill) were proposed by the Finance Committee and approved by the council. A one-off grant to Wiveliscombe Area Partnership was also approved, to assist with their 2024/5 financial challenges arising from the Somerset Council financial emergency and consequent loss of grants. A contractor was selected to carry out the refurbishment of the public toilets to modern standards; this work is expected to take place over the summer.

Report from Somerset Councillors: Somerset Councillor Dave Mansell reported that the Somerset Council budget gap of £87 million for 2024/5 could be met by a combination of savings, use of reserves, "capitalisation" (sale of surplus buildings etc) and a 9.99% increase in council Tax. The last two items require government approval. Work to devolve more services to town and parish councils is continuing. These steps are hoped to buy time to get the council onto an on-going sustainable financial footing through "re-sizing" - which will also require a reduction in staffing levels and further service changes. The final plan for 2024/25 will be approved at meetings of Somerset Council in February. Closer to home, the future of the 25 bus is under threat; traffic wardens are active in Wiveliscombe on most days (64 tickets were issued in December) and the double yellow lines are being corrected; and essential work has been done on trees in Croft Way.

Full minutes will be posted on www.wiveliscombe.com once approved. The next meetings will be held on Mondays 19th February and 18th March 2024 at 7pm in the Community Centre. All members of the public welcome to attend. Or if you have a query on any town council matter, please contact a councillor or e-mail the clerk, Sarah Towells, on townclerk@wiveliscombe.com.

We always welcome any input from our readers. If you want to get in touch or to send us an article or local information, contact the editorial team by email on wiveyhillsmag@gmail.com

The editorial team does not necessarily endorse the views expressed by individual contributors, and we can't accept any responsibility for the accuracy of information provided. We reserve the right to edit items submitted and decide on what is suitable for publication.

If you've not read *The Elephant's Child*, I think you will be dealt with in the way that his family treated him;

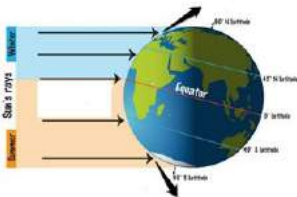


I quote *"That very next morning, when there was nothing left of the Equinoxes, because the Precession had preceded according to precedent, this 'satiabile Elephant's Child took a hundred pounds of bananas (the little short red kind), and a hundred pounds of sugar-cane (the long purple kind), and seventeen melons (the greeny-crackly kind), and said to all his dear families, 'Goodbye. I am going to the great grey-green, greasy Limpopo River, all set about with fever-trees, to find out what the Crocodile has for dinner.' And they all spanked him once more for luck, though he asked them most politely to stop."*

And if you don't understand what the precession of the equinoxes is, then you shall be heartily spanked.

I do not understand what the precession of the equinoxes is. So there.

But I do understand what the equinoxes are, so here goes: on March 20th at 3.06 am, the sun will be exactly overhead on the equator.



(picture – thinglink.com)

This means that the day is exactly as long as the night. The days started getting longer back in late December; they'll get longer and longer until 20th June – Midsummer Day. Then they'll get shorter until December 21st – Midwinter Day - when the whole thing starts again.

And on 20th March, the sun will rise due east and set due west – the Spring Equinox; and it will rise and set again similarly on 22 September – the Autumn Equinox.

I hope you've got this because – next week – there will be questions....



Do you love the thrill of the organ ringing out at a Wedding, providing sombre majesty at a funeral or lifting the worship of our Sunday services?

We are blessed with a phenomenal organ at St Andrew's, Wiveliscombe that you may have enjoyed hearing played. Sadly, it is in desperate need of repair to get it back to its full magnificence.

We are inviting you to contribute to our appeal to reach the £10,000 target we need for the repairs. This organ is a vital part of our Wiveliscombe Community Concerts and family celebrations as well as our worship. We hope it is valued by you all.

History of the Organ

The earliest record of this organ in St Andrew's dates back to 1829 when the present church was built. The parish paid £229 to purchase an organ from C Collard of Abbotsfield, Wiveliscombe. This organ, reputed to be a Gray, came from London and was installed on the west gallery. In 1892 J E Minns of Taunton were paid £187, met by public subscription, to improve the organ which they also moved to the southeast end of the south aisle, to the right of the altar.

In 1929 Osmonds of Taunton moved the organ, which at the time had 20 stops, back to the west gallery, where it remains to this day. They installed pneumatic action and added two new stops that were popular at the time; a Violin Diapason on the great and a Quintadena on the Swell. It is a characteristic of this organ that it contains a variety of different tone colours, many of which are quite rare.

The electric blower was installed in 1935 and, following a repair in 1968, it continues to be in use. The organ was cleaned in 1952 and rebuilt in 1975 with electric action, again by Osmonds.

By the mid 1990's it needed a comprehensive refurbishment. This was carried out by Deane Organ Builders of Taunton along with tonal improvements. Some additional stops were added. This improved the organ tonally, but the pedals still lacked depth and clarity and the Great Organ lost its sparkle in a full church.

In 2000 the last major renovation was completed by Deane Organ Builders with the installation of a digitally controlled electric action and additional stops, some of which are produced electronically. This was made possible by the generosity of Dennis and Ann Scotter.

St Andrew's Church Organ Appeal

After 24 years, which is a long time in the life of such an intricate and complicated machine, the organ is in need of a major overhaul of the stop action. 9 of the 30 stops no longer work and this includes 4 of the stops that are used the most. When you hear the organ being played today it is by no means operating at the volume or depth at which it should sound.

Please help us to restore the organ to its very best. We look forward to celebrating with you all with a community concert and a classical concert once the organ is back to its former glory.

Thank you.

To donate please pop an envelope into St Andrew's black letter box in the foyer entrance, with "St Andrew's Organ Appeal" written on as a reference.

Or make a BAC's payment to:

Wiveliscombe PCC. Sort code: 60-23-05.

Account number: 71055797,

Ref: Organ Appeal. Thank you!



Specifications

Great	Swell;	Pedals
Double Violone 16	Salicional 8	Sub bass 32 digital
Dulciana 8	V.Celeste 8	Dulciana 16 digital
Clarabelle Flute 8	L. Gedack 8	Bourdon 16
Violin Diapason 8	Open Diapason 8	Open metal 16 digital
Open Diapason 8	Quintadena 4	Open wood 16
Harmonic Flute 4	Gemshorn 4	Bass Flute 8
Principal 4	Piccolo 2	Violin Diapason 8
Fifteenth 2	Mixture 19, 22, 26	Choral bass 4
Nineteenth 1 1/3	Fagot 16	Twentysecond 2
Sesquialtera 1 2/3, 1 3/3.	Oboe 8	Mixture 19, 22
Mixture 22,26	Cornopean 8	Bombarde 32 digital
Trumpet 8	Unison off	Fagot 16
Double Trumpet 16	Swell super octave	Double trumpet 16
Clarion 4	Swell sub Octave	Trumpet 8
Clarinet 8	Tremulant	Schalmey 4
		Great to pedal
		Swell to pedal

Accessories	6 Thumb and Toe Pistons per manual	64 Channel Piston Memory Capture System
6 General Pistons	1 General Cancel	1 Setter Piston
3 reversible Swell/Great, Swell/Pedal, Great/Pedal		

St Andrew's Wiveliscombe



1st Sun, 3rd Mar **10.00am** Holy Communion
Led by Rev Simon Taylor

Mothering Sunday *(details on next page)*

2nd Sun, 10th Mar **9.30am** Family Breakfast
followed by **10.00am** Celebration Service, *(details on next page)*
Led by Alison and Team

3rd Sun, 17th Mar **10.00am** Holy Communion Led by Rev David Ager

4th Sun, 24th Mar **10.00am** Morning Worship

Thursday 28th Mar **6.30 - 8.30pm** Maundy Thursday Supper
Led by Rev Hugh Allen, *see below*

Good Friday 29th Mar 9.30am start of the Cross Walks to the Square
10.15am United act of witness in the Square
10.30am Procession to St Andrew's for
10:45am Service for Good Friday, reflection and time
of prayer Led by Rev Juliet Gosling Brown



5th Sun, Easter Sunday 31st Mar **10.00am** Easter Communion Service
Led by Rev David Widdows

Maundy Thursday

St. Andrew's, Wiveliscombe

Thursday March 28th – 6.30 till 8.30 pm

On this evening we will remember and reflect upon our Lord's passover meal before his arrest and subsequent execution. It will consist of a meal which will resemble that. I will explain a little of the symbolism and significance of Jesus washing his disciples feet, and of the meal.

If you would like to participate, then let Sue Pearson know
sueliepearson@yahoo.co.uk

There is no charge. However if you would like to contribute to the evening, please do. There will be a collecting dish. Hugh Allen



Posy Making

Please join us on Saturday 9th March from 10am - 12noon
at Castle, Lady Diana Farringtons, TA4 2TJ to create
Posies that can be given out at the Mothering Sunday
Service at St Andrew's.
All Welcome



St. Andrew's

Discussion

Church - Family breakfast

Drama

Sunday 10th March at 9.30am



followed by café style

Celebration Service for all ages



St Andrew's, Wiveliscombe
invites you to join us for a very special



Mothering Sunday café-style service



To celebrate our mothers and those
who care for us, past or present



10am Sunday, 10th March

FLOWER GUILD - EASTER LILIES

Spring is fast approaching as can be seen by the many bulbs appearing in places you didn't know you had planted them. Their bright colours will be so welcome after a cold and dismal winter. Saturday 30th March the Flower Guild will be decorating the church for Easter and would invite you to buy an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one at a cost of £5 per stem. If you would like to let me have their name(s), I will then display them in St Andrews. Thank you. *Avril Gadd*



Sunday @ 6

An informal service of modern worship,
Bible reflection and prayer.
St. Andrew's on 3rd Sunday of each month.
All welcome.

Sunday@6 is for teenagers and the young at heart.

Calling all sacristans

and anyone interested in "laying up" for Holy Communion. There is a training session at St Andrew's on Monday, 11th March from 10.30 - 12.30. Hugh Allen will talk about the eucharistic side of things, Jan will look at a bit of the sacristan history and Brenda will give a demonstration on "how things should be done" - we shall include a demo of how to lay up vestments. If you would like to come, just email Lorna Thorne at: admin@wiveychurches.org.uk or leave a note in church addressed to Brenda Boyland or Jan Settingington, or leave a message with contact number at 624222



Parish Supper, at St Andrew's, 6.30pm Everyone welcome, No Charge, Donations towards food. Please let Lorna know your coming so we know how many to cater for.

St. Andrew's church.

Cafe for All

Thursdays 10am-12pm

+ baby and toddler group

Come along to St Andrew's Community Café every Thursday from 10am-12.00pm

Coffee, fresh tea, scrummy cakes and biscuits...

Meet up with friends. Come and make new ones.

For more information please contact Sue P sueliespearson@yahoo.co.uk

Baby and Toddler Group

IT support

Ukrainian Welcome Hub



Messy Church

Friday 15th March

from 3.30p.m. In the crypt,
St. Andrew's Church
with drinks and nibbles.

Bible stories, puppets, games, quizzes, crafts and fun.

For more information, please contact Liz, 01984 623431 liz@kilbride.org.uk



Wiveliscombe & District Flower Club

Dates for your diary: Tuesday 12th March – a Spring demonstration.

Tuesday 9th April a demonstration by Barbara Clatworthy with the

title "Bird of Paradise". Our meetings are now at 2.30 pm in the
Masonic Hall, Station Road. We look forward to welcoming both

members and visitors. Please contact either Avril Gadd (01984

624470) or Ros Mills (01984 624518) for further information or update. Avril Gadd



The Jake Leg Jug Band

Gospel Concert

In memory of Ruth Topp

Thursday 11th April 2024

7.00pm

St Andrew's Church
Wiveliscombe

Tickets £10, under 16's Free

admin@wiveychurches.org.uk

The Jake Leg Jug Band play 1920s and 30s jazz, blues, ragtime and gospel music. The band has been performing nationwide for 12 years, releasing 8 albums and playing over 500 shows. Next May we release our first ever entirely gospel album which we launch at Trely Methodist Church, North Yorkshire and Bude Jazz Festival in Cornwall in mid May and as memorial concert at St Andrews on the 11th April, prior to the release of the album

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH CHOIR

Please consider joining our friendly church choir! We practise on the Friday before the first Sunday of each month, at 6.30 p.m in St Andrew's. The Sung Communion Service is on the first Sunday, and we assemble at 9:30am for a 10:00am start. There is also a regular opportunity to sing with the St Michael's Singers of Milverton for the third Sunday of each month.

If you enjoy singing, and would like to give it a try, please contact either Tom Morrell on 624496 or Julie Newby on 623301. We're looking forward to meeting you.



Brass players of all ages needed

Wivey Town Band has been going for over 125 years. We meet each Monday evening 6:30 – 8:30 in the Silver Street Centre under the welcoming baton of our awesome conductor Charlotte Stus. Let us know you're coming (find us on facebook) and we will lend you the music and an instrument to practise. Rehearsals and refreshments are free – contributions gratefully received.



Community Choir

Come and join our friendly singers! All ages are welcome. Come along to the Silver Street Centre on Tuesdays 7:00 – 8:30 to enjoy a good sing together. It's good for your health and it's fun! Led by Tom Morrell. First visit is free – after that £3 a go.



**Wiveliscombe Evangelical Congregational Church
Silver Street, Wiveliscombe
Easter Week Services**

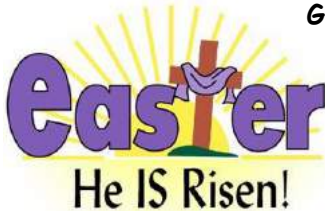


**Thursday 28th March - Passover Meal
7pm at the Silver Street Centre**

**Good Friday 29th March - 11am - Service of Reflection
& Prayer at the Foot of the Cross**
(Outside or inside the Chapel depending on weather,
followed by refreshments)



**Easter Sunday - 31st March
10.30am - Family breakfast in the Silver Street Centre
Followed by
11am - Easter Celebration Service with Communion in the Chapel**



Guest speakers Dan & Babs Izzett from the Leprosy
Mission - come and celebrate our Risen Lord
and hear the amazing testimony of this couple.



The Silver Street Centre

A unique venue in the heart of Wivey.



**We have rooms available for
*Family Parties, Conferences,
Wedding Receptions,
Celebration of Life Services,
Office Space.***

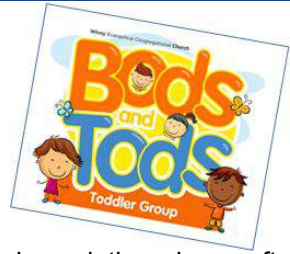
Space for Small Marquee outside.



For more information, please ring 01984 623991
Or email: silverstreet@wiveyevangelical.org
www.wiveyevangelical.org/silver-street-centre



Bods & Tods
Tuesday Mornings
10am to 12pm
in the Silver Street Centre



Come along and meet other parents and carers and chat over a hot drink whilst your little one plays. Each week there is a craft activity, snack time for the children, and each session finishes with a song time together.

Cost: £2.00 per session.

For further information, please contact Felicity Parry on 01984 623991 or email felicity@wiveyevangelical.org

Coffee Pot and Talking Café

Every Wednesday 10.30am to 12pm

**The Silver Street Centre,
Wiveliscombe**



Wiveliscombe Foodbank

The Wivey Foodbank offers emergency food for anyone who is struggling to provide food for themselves and their family. This can be collected by arrangement from the Silver Street Centre.



If you need assistance and are having difficulty, then you should contact in the first instance a local agency such as the Job Centre, Somerset Council, Citizens Advice, Village Agents, School Family and Support Worker. Alternatively, you can email info@taunton.foodbank.org or phone 07761 624216 for further advice.

Donation boxes for non-perishable food and toiletries are in the Co-Op and Day Lewis Pharmacy in Wiveliscombe.

Thank you for your continued support.
Felicity Parry



Wiveliscombe WI

Tuesday 5th March 2-4 o'clock

Brian Wright - 'Humpty Dumpty Sat on a Wall'

Friday 5th April 7-9 o'clock Dr Lesley Sutcliffe,

Age Old Remedies

All held at at Wiveliscombe Community Centre. Visitors welcome.



Wiveliscombe Craft Group

The group continues to meet on the second Thursday of the month between 2.30 and 4.30pm in the Community Centre. If you would like any more information, please phone Lorna on 01984 623193.

WIVEY FOLK DANCING

Wiveliscombe Community Centre
TA4 2JP

2nd and 4th Tuesdays 8.00 to 10.30 p.m.

Mar 12th

**Brian Heaton with own music
(short AGM ever in the interval)**

Mar 26th John Ridd + Dancing Keys

£4.00 (includes tea or coffee)

We look forward to welcoming our regulars and anyone who would like to join us for an enjoyable evening of dancing to live music with experienced callers. There is always a good range of dances to suit all. No experience or partner needed.

For further information, contact
Colin Savage on 07536175509.

What's on at WiveliscombeTennis Club

Mon	20:00-21:00 Tennis Xpress (Beginners course)
Tue	09:30-10:30 Cardio Tennis (Fitness to music) 20:00-21:00 Pair & Play(Ladies social doubles)
Wed	09:30-11:00 Adult Improvers 15:00-16:00 Walking Tennis 16:00-18:00 Youth Tennis (4-11yrs)
Thu	18:30-22:00 Adult social tennis
Fri	16:00-20:00 Youth Tennis (4-12+yrs)
Sat	10:00-11:00Parent & Child (ages 8&under) 11:00-13:00 Junior social tennis
Sun	10:00-13:00 Adult social tennis 18:00 League team practice
Daily	08:00-22:00 Members tennis & public Pay&Play www.wiveytenniscub.org.uk

Wiveliscombe Garden Club

Meetings are held in the Community Centre at 7.30pm on the first Thursday of the month.

March 7th - Hostas by Peter Savage

April 4th - A-Z of the fuchsia year and plants for sale by Derek Dexter

May 2nd - Car share to Hollam House, Dulverton

Please contact Lyn Barfield on 01984 629331 or lyn.barfield@btinternet.com.

WIVELISCOMBE CIVIC AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

...in touch with the past, looking to the future

Thursday 21st March - Tony Painter of the
Council for the Protection of Rural England
will speak about Somerset Place Names

Meetings are at the Wiveliscombe Community Centre
starting at 7.30pm Members free with annual subscriptions of £8 per
person or £12 for two people at the same address. Visitors £3.00

Further information about the Civic and Historical Society

Pauline Homeshaw 01984 624564

homeshaw@btopenworld.com

Wiveliscombe Community Baby and Toddler Group

Wednesday mornings during term time

10am until 11.30am

at Wiveliscombe Community Centre



A chance for parents and carers with children of all ages
to enjoy a welcoming, friendly and fun atmosphere. £1.50 admission plus 50p per
additional sibling - including a free snack and drink for all children.

Under 1's are free. Tea, coffee and cakes available at 50p each.

For more information, find us on Facebook or ring Ashton on 07903035903

Wivey Quilters

The quilting group at Wiveliscombe meet on the fourth Thursday afternoon of every
month, starting at 2 pm. New members are very welcome. We are an informal group
with varying skill levels, and support each other as needed rather than having a
prescribed programme. Members of the group are currently working on their own
projects which include English paper piecing, machine and hand piecing, machine
and hand appliqué, hand quilting, domestic sewing machine and longarm quilting
techniques. You may have seen the Diamond Jubilee banner in the Community
Centre, which was produced by group members.

Should you wish to join the group, it is possible to bring and use your own sewing
machine. We have an ironing pad, a small iron, and a cutting board available; you
would only need to bring your own ruler and rotary cutter. There are also several
quilting books which may be borrowed.

For further information please contact Maggie Watkinson on 01984 623859.



Wivey Walkers

Wednesday 6th March 2024

Meet at 10:00 am in The Square for approximately 7 miles with some hills. Route TBA depending on the weather. Sorry no dogs.
Leader/booking Penny, email: pennywickins@hotmail.com



Saturday 16th March 2024

Meet at 10:30 am in the NT car park by Horner Tea rooms. Approximately 7 miles of relatively easy walking, but starting with a steady climb up to the moor. Then down into Horner Woods and along the river. Hopefully fine views to the Bristol Channel. Optional tea & cake at the finish. Leader / booking Julie & Gerry, email: julieandgerry@hotmail.com

Please - ALL WALKS MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE. For further details about a walk please contact the leader. Wear suitable footwear. Bring a picnic lunch. Dogs are welcome on most walks, but must be kept on a lead, please check with the leader when booking.



The Gentle Wivey Walkers Group.

Fortnightly walks range from 2 to 4 miles ,generally, but not always on a Wednesday afternoon, and frequently setting off from The Square.. Co-ordinators Ros and Annie, contactable by email at walkergentle3@gmail.com, who can give you more information on the upcoming walks and how to join this small but friendly group. Everybody welcome.



Good Food for Everyone



We have fantastic teams of volunteer cooks who produce hundreds of delicious meals every Wednesday. The fresh ingredients we use each week are donated by Fareshare, supermarkets and generous local individuals.

A variety of different meals including vegetarian and vegan options are available every day from our freezers which are situated in St. Andrew's Church, Wiveliscombe and St. Michael's Church, Milverton. There is no charge for the meals but if you are able to give a donation towards our running costs, it would be much appreciated. If it is difficult for you to access our freezers and would like to have the meals delivered to your door, please call **07587 488420** or email foodproject@wiveykitchen.org and we can arrange for our dedicated team of volunteer drivers to deliver to you on a Friday.



Wivey Friendship Club with Lunch We love Mondays

- In Wiveliscombe Community Centre from 10am come for tea, biscuits, and then stay for a 2 Course Lunch for £5, also includes games, chat and great company.
- Don't worry about transport, either someone can pick you up, or Wivey Link can.
- Please contact Eileen on 01984 624374 or just pop in on a Monday from 10am.
- **Make Monday's a FUNDAY**





Waterrow Village Hall Film Night

Saturday March 2nd 2024

6.30 pm start

**Waterrow Village Hall,
Waterrow - TA4 2AX**

The excellent feel good film *Dream Horse* will be shown at the next Film Night. A true story about people in a Welsh Town who form a syndicate to buy a racehorse, which was trained by Phillip Hobbs from Minehead, so also a strong local connection!

A delicious Soup will be served along with the ever popular **dessert selections. Please bring your own drinks.**

Ticket Information: Tickets can be purchased from: Liz Kilbride at St Andrews café on Thursday Mornings. Alternatively you can call - Sarah on 01398 361202, or Liz on 01984 623431.

Priced at only £10 for adults - £5 for children under 12

Please note Tickets should be purchased by the 24th Feb

We look forward to seeing you there!!!





**Chipstable Parish Hall,
Waterrow**

Stunning Village Hall For Hire In Waterrow

A superb venue available for parties, weddings, funerals etc. can seat 80 in the hall with additional outside space

Facilities include an excellent fully equipped kitchen, large hall with a stage, meeting room and plenty of outdoor seating potential

Part day from only £30.00, whole day from just £90.00

For booking information and further details, please visit our website at www.waterrow.org.uk
Or ring Liz on 01984 623431












All Saints', Chipstable

Easter Sunday 31st March
10am Easter Communion Service
Followed by Easter Egg Hunt,
Coffee & Easter Biscuits
Everyone Welcome






If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one to be part of the Easter Floral Arrangements then please contact Thomasin at tgnares@btinternet.com for further information



St. Michael's, Raddington

Sunday 3rd Mar 9.15am Matins
Led by Simon Coates

Sunday 17th Mar 9.15am Holy Communion



St. Luke's, Langley Marsh

Sunday 10th Mar, 8.30am Ext Holy Communion
Led by Martin Valuks

Sunday 17th March, 6.30pm Taize Service
Led by Rev Juliet Gosling Brown

Sunday 24th Mar, 8.30am Ext Holy Communion
Led by Vigdis Adams



Sunday 17th March
Taizé Service
A Meditation of Music and Light
At St. Luke's Church,
Langley Marsh
6.30pm
Led by Rev Juliet Gosling Brown



St Mary's, Brompton Ralph

3rd March 10:00am Ext Holy Communion
Vigdis Adams

17th Mar 10:00am Morning Prayer
Tom Fox and Team

31st Mar 10.00am Easter Sunday Communion
led by Rev Simon Taylor

7th Apr 10:00 am Holy Communion led by Rev's David & Christabel Ager



BROMPTON RALPH VILLAGE HALL

Illustrated talk by Terry Evans "Under Somerset Skies". Wednesday
6th March at 7.30 p.m. Charge £5 including tea/coffee and a piece of cake.

Cliff Martindill's popular quiz night. Wednesday 20th March at 7.30 p.m.
BYO drinks and nibbles. Charge for table of 4 - £10.





St. John the Baptist, Tolland

Palm Sunday Service 24th March 10.30am
First day of Holy Week, Led by Vigdis Adams

Good Friday 29th March noon-3pm
Drop in period of reflective prayers and meditation
following Fauré's *Requiem*

April service, 28th April, 10.30am, Theme to be decided

Music and meditation on Good Friday

St John the Baptist, Tolland will once again be having a service of three hours of devotion on Good Friday, 29th March, from 12 noon until 3pm, led by Maureen and Jill Canney.

This year the music and silent prayer or meditation will centre on Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem* written in the late 1880s. The composition focuses on eternal rest and consolation and the music is both uplifting and comforting.

A section of the work will be played every quarter hour followed by a period of silent meditation. You will also be given a question connected with Good Friday that you may wish to consider.

Do not feel you have to stay for the whole three hours. You can come for as long or a short a time as you wish to reflect on this important day in the Christian calendar before the wonderful celebration of Easter.



From the Magazine Archives - St Andrew's Magazine

Something to Smile At

A curate who had become too popular with the ladies and was causing much embarrassment to all concerned, eventually had to be asked to leave the parish by the Vicar, and find another place to work.

"I don't know why you are so worried Vicar" he said "After all, there's safety in numbers".

"That's where your wrong" replied the Vicar. "Your only safety is in Exodus".

Sent in by Bill Rayson

St. Peter's Huish Champflower.



Sunday 3rd Mar 11.15am

Family Service with Holy Communion

Led by Rev David Ager

Sunday 17th Mar 10.00am Matins Chris Chanter

31st Mar 10.00am Easter Sunday Service

Led by Rev David Ager,

followed by tea, coffee & biscuits.



Coffee & Cake
@
St Peter's Church
Huish Champflower
Saturday 9th March
10.30am - 12noon
Raffle
Come along and have a cuppa in a
relaxed & informal atmosphere.
All welcome.
Proceeds for church funds.

St Peter's Church,
Huish Champflower

Paper Crafting

Saturday 27th April

1.30pm - 4.00pm

Once again Jenny Bashford
will share with us her
imaginative ideas.

Come along and join us for a
relaxing afternoon.
With hot drinks & biscuits.

£10 per person

(Price to include your creations to
take home)

Proceeds to Church Funds

Sat 13th April **Pop in Gift Morning** Between 10am-1pm

*Please pop in for a cuppa. Donations of cash,
raffle prizes, or items to sell at our forthcoming
events will all be warmly welcome*



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INSPIRING WOMEN

Huish Champflower WI

Our monthly meeting is on Thursday 14th March at 2.30pm,
Richard Raynsford will be telling us about stained glass in
Somerset churches. Visitors are very welcome.



St. Mary Magdalene, Clatworthy

Sunday 10th Mar 10am Morning Worship
Sue Sanders and Team

Easter Sunday 31st Mar Easter
Communion Service Led by Rev David Ager

After each service, there is coffee and cake in
the village hall. Everyone welcome.

The church is open every day, so if you are passing,
do pop in and have a look at our beautiful church.
We have a new booklet which offers information about the church,
its history and current activities.

Clatworthy Matters - Clatworthy Village Hall

Coffee mornings first Tuesday of the month 10.30 -12.00 - £1;
Craft afternoons third Thursday of the month 2.30-4.30pm - £2
tea, coffee and social chats included.

22nd March 2024- Skittles Evening - 730pm



Clatworthy Village Library

Books for all tastes including children's books, games and puzzles.
The library is open every Saturday between 10am and 2pm. 50p for
paperbacks and £1 for hardbacks and puzzles. Come and enjoy a browse.

BRENDON HILL (Beulah)
Watchet, Som TA23 0LL

Services will held every Sunday at 4.30pm
A warm welcome to our unique hill country chapel

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BRENDON HILL (Beulah) METHODIST CHURCH
EASTER DAY SERVICE March 31st at 6.30 p.m.

Led by Rev Chloe Jones
A warm welcome to our hill country chapel

Quick View Church Events for March 2024 - Future Dates

Regular weekly events are just below and Home groups details are on page 35.

Tuesdays at 10am Bods & Tods in Silver Street Centre

Wednesdays at 10.30am Coffee Pot & Talking Café in the Silver Street Centre.

Thursdays at 10-12 noon All Age Café, Baby & Toddler Group, St Andrew's

Fridays at 9.05am Friday Morning Prayers , St Andrew's

Day	Date	Time	Event
Fri	1	7.30pm	May Contain Food, May Contain You Performance St A's
Sun	3	9.15am 10.00am 10.00am 11.15am	Matins, Raddington Holy Communion, Wivey St Andrew's Holy Communion, Brompton Ralph Family Service with Holy Communion, Huish Champflower
Sat	9	10.30-12 10.30 - 12 noon	Posy Making at The Castle, Farringtons Coffee and Cake, Huish Champflower
Sun	10	8.30am 9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	<i>Mothering Sunday</i> Holy Communion, Langley Marsh Family Breakfast, St. Andrew's Celebration Service, St Andrew's Morning Worship, Clatworthy
Mon	11	10.30am - 12.30	Sacristans Training, St Andrew's
Fri	15	3.30pm-	Messy Church, St. Andrew's Crypt
Sun	17	9.15am 10.00am 10.00am 10.00am 6.30pm 6.00pm	Holy Communion, Raddington Holy Communion, Wivey St Andrew's Matins, Huish Champflower Morning Prayer Brompton Ralph Taize, Langley Marsh Sunday @6, St Andrew's
Sun	24	8.30 am 10:30am 10.00am	<i>Palm Sunday</i> Holy Communion, Langley Marsh Holy Communion, Tolland Morning Worship, St Andrew's
Thurs	28	6.30pm	Maundy Thursday Supper, St Andrew's
Sat	29	9.30am 10.45am 12 noon - 3pm	<i>Good Friday</i> Cross Walks to the Square Reflection and Prayers St Andrew's Music and meditation on Good Friday, Tolland
Sun	31	10.00am 10.00am 10.00am 10.00am 10.00am	<i>Easter Sunday</i> Easter Communion Service Chipstable Easter Communion Service Clatworthy Easter Communion Service St Andrew's Easter Service Huish Champflower Easter Communion Service Brompton Ralph

Future Dates

April

5th

Parish Supper

11th

The Jake Leg Jug Band Concert, St A's

13th

Pop in Gift Morning, Huish Champflower

27th

Paper Crafting, Huish Champflower

May

18th

The Band of Royal Marines Concert, St A's


**THE WIVELISCOMBE
YOUTH CLUB 2024**

JOIN US EVERY OTHER WEEK (FORTNIGHTLY CLUB)
WEDNESDAY 6:00PM-8:00PM · FOR AGES 8-16 · £2 WEEKLY SUBS
@ THE HUB CENTRE, WIVELISCOMBE TA4 2NE

COME ALONG EVERY OTHER WEEK (TERM TIME ONLY)
TO MEET OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE, PLAY GAMES AND
TAKE PART IN ACTIVITIES, AND HAVE SOME FUN!
SNACK TUCK SHOP AVAILABLE! BRING SOME CHANGE

for more information about the club,
please contact Jem Lay
jemma.lay@inthemixproject.org.uk



We'd love you to come along
and take part. To join, complete
our Annual Consent Form and
become a member using the QR
Code

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PRESENTS

Faith Hope Love
Inspirational Music

Mass in D · Antonin Dvorak
Requiem · Matthew Coleridge
Love Divine · Howard Goodall
Peace I leave with you · Amy Beech
Musical Director - Laurence Blyth

Saturday 23rd March 2024 at 7.00pm
Doors open at 6.30pm

St John the Baptist Church, Wellington. TA21 8QY

Tickets £16.00
(under 18 years no charge)
Available from the website below, from members and on the door.
www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-nozdevy

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LEARN NEW SKILLS!
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for more information,
please contact Nick Harvey
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Save the Date!

The Band of the Royal Marines returns to Wiveliscombe on Saturday 18th May 2024 in St Andrew's Church
Tickets via TicketSource,
A Concert to support SSAFA - The Armed Forces Charity.
Tickets will be on sale on 1st March.

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Armed Forces
charity

**MAY CONTAIN FOOD
MAY CONTAIN YOU**

Friday 1st march 7.30pm in St Andrew's Church Tickets £10 from Wivey Post Office
Bring your own food, Take a seat at decorated tables and watch, savour and digest a playful mix of dance, theatre and songs that unfolds around you. Your charming, multi-talented hosts will win your affections with dance and humorous monologues. With interludes including baking a cake and trying your luck in a raffle, this sumptuous gathering promises to make you smile and enjoy the curious relationship we all have with food.



Milverton Concert Society

Next Concert: Friday 26 April 2024 7.30pm

Where: St Michael's Church Milverton

Performers: Trio Gaspard



Programme:

Helena Winkelman - Piano Trio written for Trio Gaspard's 'Haydn Project'.

Haydn - Haydn Piano Trio in F major Hob XV 40

Liszt - Hungarian Rhapsody No 9 'Carnival in Pest'

Interval

Brahms - Hungarian Dance No 16 in F minor (arr. Trio Gaspard)

Brahms - Hungarian Dance No 4 in B minor (arr. Trio Gaspard)

Brahms - Hungarian Dance No 10 in F major (arr. Trio Gaspard)

Brahms - Piano Trio No 2 in C Op. 87



How to book: www.milvertonconcerts.org

Trio Gaspard is one of the most sought-after piano trios of their generation, praised for their unique and fresh approach. *"This trio belongs to another league!"* - Ensemble Magazine



Quaker Meeting for Worship

Spiceland Quaker Meeting Uffculme EX15 3AZ

We Meet for Worship at Spiceland every Sunday at

10.30am till 11.30am - this is a blended Meeting All are very welcome.

For more information phone Ali Dominy 07810768557 or use the "contact us" form on our website <https://spiceland.quakermeeting.org/> or email spicelandnotices@btinternet.com

Sowing seeds, chitting potatoes, choosing varieties. Easter acts as starter's orders for the gardening year. Beds are cultivated, lawns mown, plans for all the growth and new life that spring and summer will bring made and then turned into action.



There's a much greater connection between gardening and Easter than it merely being the time to dust off forks and spades. For in the Bible, a garden is the setting for Easter itself. In John's Gospel (Jn 20:1-18) Mary Magdalene meets the risen Jesus in a garden. Indeed, Jesus's appearance to Mary is so unexpected that at first she can't believe it's really him. So she mistakes the man she meets 'supposing him to be the gardener' (John 20:15).

In John's account, all the new life contained in the first Easter chimes with a much earlier story set in a garden too. This is of the new life of another man and woman, the creation story of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden and contained in the book of Genesis (Genesis 2:4- 3:24). In that story, Adam is the gardener (Gen 2:15), only for things to go wrong. In John, Jesus is portrayed as the new Adam – come to bring new life that has no end.

What would happen if we were to think of our churches as gardens, primed to welcome the spring that is the new life of Jesus this Easter? What would happen if we imagined ourselves called to be gardeners – like our father Adam and the new Adam, Jesus? What would we expect to grow? What might need pruning or weeding? What new plans for the coming season would we make and turn into action? What would be the harvest that we'd sow for, tend and then reap?

For I reckon we should see Easter as the starting point of all that God wants to do among us and with us. Jesus's resurrection opens us to being part of God's new creation. Easter offers us a fresh start for life, relationships and the life of our churches: new life for all the world.

Happy gardening and a very Happy Easter to you all.
Bishop Michael

PRAYER CHAIN

We are a group of church members who believe that God answers prayer. It is for the whole readership of this magazine and beyond for prayer each day at home, for yourself, or somebody you are concerned about. We contact each other usually by email, but for those without a computer, please be in touch by phone and we will make contact with you. Also, please let us know if you are interested in joining our group, or would like a prayer - you are very welcome.



Admin phone number 07796 180075 - and the message will be passed on.
Email address - prayer.chain@wiveychurches.org.uk, Co-ordinator - Ann Perry.

I recently watched an intriguing TV series via my Roku device about four ancient tribes, each still living their separate and differing semi nomadic lives for many thousands of years on the vast plains, in the desert, and along the salt lake of Kenya, East Africa.



I was very surprised to learn that anthropologists, archaeologists and other experts thought these tribes had descended from Jews migrating from Egypt! But as the film makers delved into the culture and traditions of the tribes, their theory seemed borne out by the fascinating traditions and many religious/spiritual aspects that seemed to mirror even the Jews of today. Some scholars even consider that they may be the ancient 'lost tribes of Israel!'

Well, be that as it may, I noted their use of the Shofar, a ram's horn as a kind of trumpet, still used in Israel to this day. Silver trumpets are also used in Israel but of course no silver trumpets were apparent among the African tribes. However, both types of trumpets were used as a means of mass communication to warn of war, an approaching enemy, pending calamity or high holidays. The Roman army, some of the Greek armies and even the Jewish armies back in Bible times, used trumpets and shofars to signal orders. For example, a first 'trump' or call signalled a man to start his watch on guard duty and then a last 'trump' signalled that his time on guard duty was over. Time to go home and rest!

These trumpet calls were also very effective, and still are, in Jewish religious rituals and times of celebration, as in the Jewish 'Yom Teruah, the day of blowing trumpets'; a call to repent, due next on Sept.15th 2024. By analogy, the scriptures teach us that we are involved in a spiritual war while we continue to live out our lives in this increasingly uncertain and sometimes hostile world. And so, when we hear the Shofar call heralding the rapture, this unmistakable signal, we will know that our part in warfare is over and our fighting in this present age is done in this spiritual war. We are called home!

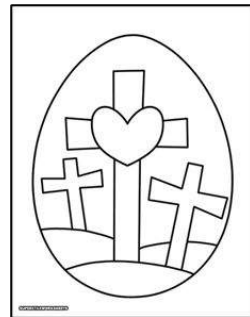
Let's be on our guard, alert and ready, watching, listening and waiting patiently for Archangel Israfil's trumpet call for might soon to be!

(1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

HAZEL RAMSAY.

Greetings. The Easter story is rich in powerful contrasts.

The birth of Jesus, a seemingly illegitimate child, born in squalor, lived a life under threat from the very beginning. The prophet, teacher and Son of God was challenged, crucified. Such a dark and unfavoured beginning and short and harsh life and ministry.



So, when Easter day arrives, the tombstone rolls away for a Risen Lord.

On Easter day the stone rolls away for us all! The victims and downtrodden of this world are no longer trapped.

The darkness of the tomb of fear, sin, torture, death, pain, and despair is filled with light. The contrast is truly astounding!

The nature of life itself is changed and the rhythms of the universe transformed forever.

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Our Lord, Risen, alive and full of grace and truth.

Jesus paid such a price that we may live in freedom today.

Lord, we worship your holy name and give thanks for your redeeming grace.

Heavenly Father, may we rest in your tender love so that we can pour this love out to others. *Come reign in our hearts, minds, and spirits.*

Holy Spirit, we welcome you to breathe through our every word, action and thought. Come transform us on the inside, so that each day we become more like our Risen Lord. Amen

May we take time out this Easter to pray for those in our fellowship and Community that may need the Lord's blessings and encouragement.

Lord of Heaven, we rest underneath your mighty wings of love.

We dwell within your gentle heart.

We know there is healing in your touch.

Through the sufferings of Christ,

We can ask for restoration.

And trust in your goodness.

You are our Lord, my Saviour,

Our healer and friend.

May we dwell within your gentle embrace. Amen.



Have a great month, and a blessed Easter.

Pastor Martyn. pastor@wiveyevangelical.org.

St. Andrew's Homegroups and Prayer Groups

If you would like to be part of a home group, please contact Martin or a home group leader.

The Thursday evening Homegroup that meets in various homes in Chipstable, Langley and Brompton Ralph continues to meet weekly from 7.30 to 9.30pm studying the Bible and praying together.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Jackie on jacqui.cottenham@yahoo.co.uk or any member of the group.

The Way House group usually meets at Culverhead Lodge on Wednesdays. New members are welcome. Please contact Martin Valuks on martin.valuks@gmail.com

The Monday morning homegroup and Bible Study, led by Liz Kilbride, will continue to meet at 10.30 in various members' homes. If you would like to join us, please contact Liz Kilbride, 01984 623431 liz@kilbride.org.uk

Julian Meeting for quiet meditation.

Second Tuesday every month at 10am. In person or by Zoom. Also introductory taster sessions. Please email admin@wiveychurches.org.uk or phone 07796 180075 for this month's details.



Friday morning prayers at 9:05am in the Meeting Room.
Contact Rector Martin for details.

St. Andrew's Monthly Prayer Meeting

The now regular monthly Church Prayer Meeting will, by popular request, from this month start at 7.30pm and finish by 8.30pm at the latest. The meetings are held on the Church premises, usually in the tower room, and are open to everyone, and will normally include a time of sung worship, a reading and a time of open prayer. The meetings will be on 3rd Thursday of the month and Homegroups are encouraged not to meet on those weeks.

The next meetings will be Thursday March 14th

Please come and join us if you can. For more information, please speak either to The Rector, Richard Adams or Jacqui Cottenham

Water

Used in many religions as a sign of cleansing.

In the Old Testament it is a gift of God, in the New a sign of rebirth.

Christ was baptised in the R.

Jordan. Traditionally water is blessed by a priest, thence Holy Water. Some wells/springs throughout the world are known as holy, Lourdes in Europe is the

notable one. Holy water is used in Baptism, on people and places and in exorcism repelling evil.

Water is mixed with wine in the Holy Communion service, reminding us of Christs death, also the priest hands are 'washed' with water prior this sacred event.

Holy water stoups are found in all ancient churches in the UK, some remain in use, mostly now found in Catholic churches, where believers dip their fingers into the water and make the sign of the cross to remind them of their Baptism saying:- In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.



Incense

This has been widely used in all religions since 3600BC.

In Judaism/Christianity :-

God breathed into Adam, the nose is a vehicle for smelling/breathing, incense is breathed in, as it represents prayer, this becomes the link with God, one explanation for the use of incense.

See psalm 141 verse 2, in the New testament Revelations Chapter 5 v 8, 8 v 3.

Incense is also used as a form of purification. It is used widely in Catholic, some Anglican and Lutheran Churches.



Chasuble

This is from the wearing of a large poncho by farmers and shepherds in the areas around ancient Rome. In the third century, it became associated with Christianity. It symbolises the yoke of Christ. This seamless garment represents the one worn by Christ at his crucifixion. Usually decorated with a large cross either back or front, this cements the symbolism of Christ's death. Worn over the stole and alb.

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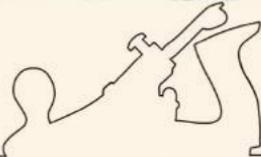
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NORTH CORNWALL, near Boscastle.

A self-catering holiday cottage of unique charm and simple character in a secret and quiet valley.

1 double room, 1 twin and 1 single; bathroom; kitchen; sitting/dining room; a wood burner; a private garden with a stream.



Millook Water: view towards the sea from the sitting room

Superb coastal, cliff and woodland walking within yards; two minutes by foot to the rocky beach; a sandy surfing beach is 10 minutes in a car.

Dogs are welcome.

2024 prices: High: £1155 p/w; low £609 p/w includes cleaning.

Weekend or short bookings are fine.

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Christopher and Jill Asbury on 01984 623122.

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We provide:

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- Local and Tourist Information
- A point of contact for residents to talk to Town Councillors
- Regular sessions held by our PCSO
- Box Office for events throughout the 10 Parishes
- Printing services, office facilities, storage space
- Meeting space for Community Groups
- Recycling point for stamps, print cartridges, spectacles, mobile phones

WIVEY LINK - have you some time spare to become a volunteer driver?

Join this invaluable Community Transport scheme and help those who are isolated or disadvantaged by lack of transport to get to their appointments and activities.

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Office open: 10am until 1pm - Monday to Friday

Telephone: 01984 624777
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Wivey Link 01984 624666
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MARQUEE HIRE

Available to hire for Tolland villagers only

Villagers who would like to hire the marquee can do so for a maintenance charge of £150 per hire. (For community run event FOC)
Marquee comes with lighting, floor covering, and sides. Size 6x12m. Tables @ £5 Each (6 available) Chairs @ £2.50 (50 available)
Please contact Mary Harding on:
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