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# St Michael's - January 2020

Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	No Communion service today		
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>8:00am</b> <b>9:30am</b> No Café C	Communion Service Morning Praise hurch this month	The Second Sunday of Christmas EPIPHANY
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am ~ N	Altar Guild meeting lew members always welco	ome
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10:00am</b> 6:00pm	<b>Communion</b> <i>with healing</i> Choir Practice	·
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Mickey's Music Makers	Baptism of Christ
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	<b>Communion Service</b>	Baptism of Other First Sunday of Epiphany
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10:00am</b> wi 6:00pm	Communion Service ith Worship Team meeting over coffee Choir Practice	
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Mickey's Music Makers	Vol
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am 9:30am	Communion Service Morning Praise	Second Sunday of Epiphany
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>10:00am</b> 6:00pm	Communion Service Choir Practice	Third Sunday
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	Family Communion	Third Sur of Epiphany
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Joint PCC meeting at Se	
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10:00am</b> 6:00pm	Communion Service Choir Practice	
Fri 31st	10:00am	Mickey's Music Makers	The Presentation of Christ
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	8:00am 9:30am 4:00pm	<b>Morning Praise</b>	in the Temple CANDLEMAS -

Sometimes we have to make changes at short notice so the only way to be really sure of what's going on is to come to church!



# Jeremy writes...

Here's wishing you a very happy New Year. So, what did you get for Christmas? Was it what you were hoping for? What about the New Year? What are your hopes for 2020? We've made

Christmas into such a big event of mass consumption that it's pretty difficult not to feel a bit let down, a tad disappointed, once it's over, the wrapping paper put in the recycling bin and the credit card bill flopped on the door mat. It made me wonder what it was like for Joseph and Mary once everyone had departed, the fuss had died down, and it was time for them to move on. Angels had heralded Jesus' birth. Angels don't reappear in his story until he faces his temptation in the wilderness.



I remember clearly when our eldest child was born: We eventually got back from the hospital after all the busyness with medical staff and visits from family and friends. Our baby was asleep in her car seat, snug and warm. We placed her on the sitting room floor and flopped, tired, onto the sofa. After about three seconds we said to each other, "What are we supposed to do now?" The truth was there was nothing to do – she was fed, clean and sleeping. Yet we felt we ought to be busy "doing", keeping the activity going.

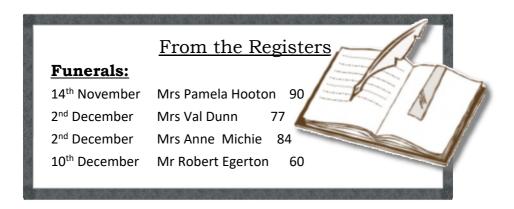
That's one of the failings of our modern world; that need for constant activity. We define ourselves by what we do rather than what we are. Yet we are much more than the sum of our actions. At that moment I didn't need to be a carer, doing things for this child, but I did need to be a father, spending time just

looking and enjoying this wonderful new thing in my life, mulling over what it might mean to me.

There's a story in the Bible where this man is witness to a series of "in-your-face" events; a mighty wind, an earthquake and a fire storm. And then there's silence. It's only in the silence, when nothing is happening, that he becomes aware of that which is beyond him; he becomes aware of God.

Busy Christmas? Joys and worries ahead? Why not take some time each day to pause and be silent; to listen to yourself, and maybe also to God. Forget what you are and remember who you are.

## Best wishes, Jeremy



"Questions of Life & Faith" - Meetings once a month on the first Thursday of each month from about 2 to 3.30 in St Gregory's Centre. See the Church calendar for time & date.

Anyone is very welcome to come along and it doesn't need to be a permanent commitment as each week stands alone. It helps if there is some continuity and knowledge of what has been shared but new questions arise all the time as we think about the world and our life of faith. If this is of interest then note the date in your diary and turn up on the day: no advance booking is needed.

\*\*Karen Curnock\*\*

# St. Michael's Bookshop

VARIED SELECTION of secondhand books

at our bookstall in St Michael's

Please bring us any books which you wish to donate.

GOOD paper backs and good small hard back

books only please! - No Readers Digest volumes, no large hard backs, and no magazines as we do not have room to store them.



Julian Meetings usually take place on the second Monday of each month, 7.30 for 7.45pm at St Gregory's Church Centre, Colyford Road, Seaton. We are a small group who meet regularly in order to grow in the practice of Contemplative Prayer in the Christian tradition. Julian Meetings welcome people of ALL denominations, or none. For more information contact:

Sue Price, Reader at St Gregory's Seaton on 01297 22314, or Liz Molony at St Michael's Beer.

# The Mariners Hall currently has a vacant slot on a Thursday evening.

I have been trying to find a fitness instructor to fill this but to no avail. Pilates/yoga/Tai Chi? Does anyone have any ideas?

Another possibility would be a table-tennis club (the hall has one table and perhaps another could be loaned or borrowed).

Is there anyone out there who would like to run a table tennis club?

Ever hopeful, Annie Boalch

# Altar Guild

# **News**

Many thanks to all who decorated the Church so beautifully for Christmas. The windows, trees and arch were all sparkling and provided a festive



backdrop for the Christmas Craft Fayre held in Church on 6<sup>th</sup> December. Canon John Holder was an excellent Father Christmas again giving presents to the children and the mulled wine we served was very well received! Our refreshments, raffle and tombola raised £466 for the Church.

The Church was full for the Christingle Service on 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Many thanks to everyone who made the christingles the day before and to Andy Williams for providing the oranges again. Lots of children came with one little girl dressed as an angel and two little boys dressed as sheep! Well done to you all! The collection raised £204 for The Children's Society.

**Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 10am.

# BEER FITN MARINERS HALL FRIDAYS 10AM - 11AM WELCOME FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT JANE SHOBBROOK email jane@shobbrook.co.uk Tel. 01297 598407

# **Beer Film Society**

www.beerfilmsociety.org.uk

# Monday 13th January at Steamers "Late Night"

(2019 - Comedy, Drama)





A pioneering female television talk show host (Emma Thompson) hires an Indian-American woman (Mindy Kaling) as a new comedy writer to rescue her show from falling ratings and finds her world turned upside down...

..."An earnest and funny comedy, with very sharp teeth."
"Thompson, Kaling and up-for-anything director Nisha Ganatra spin comic gold."

Doors open 7pm, film will start at 7:30pm Members £4 and non-members £6. All welcome.

Bar, coffee, raffle, and ice cream available.

Coming soon: 10th February, "Bait" (15)



## Fine Foundation Centre

Beer Village Heritage Reg. Charity No.1087162 Once again Beer Village Heritage has had a busy year and engaged with the public in a variety of ways. Our DIY Beach Cleaning is very popular, and we organised a number of public Beach Cleans, some

alongside other organisations. The displays in the centre have been enhanced by those under the building which are on show all of the time. We have talked to visitors and local people alike about the history and geology of the area, and hopefully enthused groups of school children to look at stones in a new light. David Morling's group is making significant headway with mapping the old churchyard, helped by the work done by Rosemary Winter-Scott. Our "pièce de résistance" was our research on William Aston which will hopefully form part of a display in Yokohama Museum during the Olympics next year. We have continued to support the Bat Friendly Beer initiative and were delighted when the community attained "Bat Friendly"status.

The Greater Horseshoe Bat project is entering its final year, when the work will concentrate on how the legacy is set out. The Bat Friendly Beer group will continue to encourage folk to provide habitat and food sources, and Beer Primary School is planning to work towards their Silver Bat Buddy award. There are some exciting plans afoot, including some opportunities for hedge planting on February 5<sup>th</sup> - save the date!

The fishermen are currently making use of the Fine Foundation Centre and talking to visitors who drop in. The centre will be closed after the New Year so that we can arrange for work to be done. Some involve repairs (including the roof where something has fallen from the Jubilee) and we are considering some changes to the display area. The Trustees of Beer Village Heritage will be discussing the proposed changes to the constitution to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with members at a meeting in the New Year.

The Horticultural Society was sorry to have to cancel the recent planned talk on "Re-Wilding", so it was interesting to hear Anne Swithinbank take on the subject at her talk at Marshlands. In December Mike Green gave his presentation on "Ice Ages" which looked at the subject from several angles. The next talk at Marshlands is on January 23<sup>rd</sup> when Harry Barton (from Devon Wildlife Trust) discusses Nature Recovery Networks.

The next Branscombe Project talk is on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January when Denise Allen will discuss "Archaeological Tours in Far Away Places" and

look at the increasing difficulties of visiting many regions in today's politically turbulent world.

There are changes afoot at Beer Quarry Caves with John Scott retiring from his position as manager and custodian. John's love of and knowledge of the Caves is legendary and he will be much missed. Under his leadership the Caves have become a major attraction in the area and the village owes him a huge debt of gratitude. John has always been very supportive of Beer Village Heritage. We all wish him a long and happy retirement.

Please keep on re-cycling your crisp packets at the Fine Foundation Centre. The collection bag is hanging outside so it is available all the time. We're aware that you can now re-cycle the pouches which contain pet-food. Have a look at <a href="https://www.terracycle.com">www.terracycle.com</a>.

Don't forget that Beer Village Heritage is supporting the campaign for signposted links between the SW Coast Path/ Jurassic Coast and the East Devon Way. We are asking that everyone who walks the routes which Mike Green has identified to report their comments, noting anything relevant, from the state of the path and hazards along the way to amenities and way-marking. Have a look at,

:https://www.gpsies.com/mapUser.do?username=MikeGreen

If you'd like to know more, just ask one of our regular helpers such as Nick Jones, Mike Green, Chris Jones, Carol Green, Trevor Wood, Jean Wood, Henry or Norah Jaggers, or contact us on 01297 20858 or at beervillageheritage@yahoo.co.uk

# Fine Foundation Centre

# Beer Village Heritage

Reg. Charity No. 1087162



# **Beer Village Heritage**

--- looking forward to another successful season! ---

# Seaton Beer and District Branch RNLI

We are delighted to report that the total raised from our Annual Sponsored Walk in October raised £325.37. Thank you to everyone who sponsored us and to

our walkers who completed the walk in lovely Autumn sunshine.

At the end of November Novello and I took part in the Seaton Carnival Christmas Parade, in December we had a great time attending the



Colyton Christmas Fair and the Beer Family Festive Fun Craft Fair in St Michaels Church. We went to the Axe Yacht Club Annual General Meeting and presented them with a Certificate of Thanks for the funds they raised for us during 2019. Our last



event of the year was our Tesco Seaton Christmas Collection.

Our first event of 2020 is our Annual RNLI SOS Table Top Sale on Saturday 25th January from 9am to 12.30pm in the Mariners Hall. The hall will be open to sellers at 8am and table hire is £6 or £10 for two. There are a few tables available and further details can be obtained or tables booked by telephoning (01297) 23040 (leave message) or email <a href="wac500@hotmail.co.uk">wac500@hotmail.co.uk</a> Come along and support our branch of the RNLI. There will be tea, coffee, Bacon Baps, raffle, tombola and a variety of stalls.

Looking forward in 2020, our lovely Shop will be re-opening following a Winter break from Saturday 15th February, our

Annual General Meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd March at the Dolphin Hotel and we will be at the Grizzly Race Drink Station on Sunday 8th March with Beer Village Heritage. Our Beer Lifeboat Week will be from Saturday 4th July to Friday 10th July.



Best wishes and Happy New Year from

Wendy Cummins (secretary) and all at Seaton Beer and District Branch RNLI







#### Visit from The Archdeacon

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December we were very pleased to welcome a very special visitor to school.



The new Archdeacon of Exeter, Andrew Beane, came to present us with a SIAMs award for achieving the standard of 'Excellent' in the inspection that we had in June this year. He spoke to the children about the hard work they did to be successful in achieving this high level.

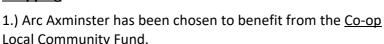
He joined the school for Collective Worship and a brief tour of the school. After Reverend Jeremy had hosted the worship, the children treated Archdeacon Andrew to a lively selection of songs that they had been practising for Christmas.

He was delighted that the children were very keen to ask him questions and talk to him about the school. He remarked about their positivity and natural enthusiasm.

#### Local charity appeal

#### **Support Arc by shopping!**

#### <u>Donations towards Arc from Retailers & On-Line</u> Shopping



When a member shops at the Co-op they earn a five per cent reward for themselves, with a further one per cent for local causes like Arc.

To make this happen Co-op members must choose a cause by going online <a href="https://www.coop.co.uk/membership">www.coop.co.uk/membership</a>.

If you're not a member and would like to support Arc, you can join at the local Co-op or online at <a href="https://www.coop.co.uk">www.coop.co.uk</a>.

2) Donate with every Amazon purchase.

Visit www.smile.amazon.co.uk

Set up Arc Axminster as your chosen charity and let Amazon make a donation every time you shop

3) Let other retailers Donate

Visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Choose ARC AXMINSTER – and get the retailers to donate when you shop

"Arc provides easily accessible, flexible, local counselling and psychotherapy at the heart of the community.

The service supports the personal recovery of local patients registered at Axminster Medical Practice, who are seeking help through times of profound change, trauma and loss.

Our independent team of experienced and qualified therapists are based at Axminster Medical Practice. Thanks to this unique professional integration and collaboration, any GP's and health professionals based there can refer you to Arc. "

# New Year - New decade ...fireworks return to Beer!

Hundreds of delighted merrymakers lined the Jubilee and counted down to midnight, marked by a first flurry of fireworks to welcome in 2020. A few minutes later the village kicked off its New Year with a spectacular free Fireworks display over the beach.



The fireworks were part of a series of events that our Village Manager, Karin Frewin, and the Coastal Community Team have been working on to enliven the village. More information about events in Beer can be found on the village website

www.beervillage.co.uk

#### More Beer traditions

As usual Beer Village Heritage celebrated the turn of the year with a Beach Clean on the morning of New Year's Day.

About 40 people turned up in very murky wet weather and collected a total of 4 bags of rubbish. Thank you to all who came along to help.



When we arrived at the centre we found a group of people undressing in readiness for a dip in the sea. It was probably warmer in the water than out, but we didn't have any ambition

to join them!!

# and the start of a new tradition?

...Christmas Eve carol singing outside the Mariners' Hall. Thanks to Lorraine Taylor and others for organising this. A great turn-out and much enjoyed. More next year, please!

### Happy New Year to you all.

# God`s Word Through His People

#### **Learning from Barnabas - by Maureen Homer**

"THERE WAS A LEVITE, A NATIVE OF CYPRUS, JOSEPH, TO WHOM THE APOSTLES GAVE THE NAME BARNABAS (WHICH MEANS 'SON OF ENCOURAGEMENT)." ACTS 4:36

Everyone needs encouragement at times, and Barnabas did this so well that his name was changed to 'Son of encouragement'. What we know best about Barnabas is that he travelled on missionary journeys with Paul, but to the people who knew him it was the encouragement he gave that was most important.

Have you ever received the blessing of encouragement from some-one when you are uncertain what the future holds, or uncertain if you will be able to carry out your plans?

At times when your faith has been weaker than your doubts, have you been encouraged by words that give you the strength to continue believing and trusting in God? The gift of encouraging others is precious, and badly needed in our churches today especially in the face of all the discouragement that prevails.

So look at the people around you, and see if you can be encouraging like Barnabas. Try saying "Well done" when you see a success. Try telling the tired young mother that sleepless nights will not last for ever. Assure the faithful preacher that his words are appreciated, remind the suffering that God loves and cares for them, and encourage those with doubts of the truths in Gods word.

There are countless ways in which a few words of encouragement can make all the difference, so learn from Barnabas and spread encouragement to those who need it.

#### Prayer:

HELP ME TO SEE WHEN PEOPLE NEED A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND TO SPEAK TO THEM IN YOUR NAME. AMEN.



# BEER WOMENS INSTITUTE

# January 2020

Beer WI held its monthly meeting on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December in the Congregational Hall. We had a Canapes demonstration by Angela Parker and Christine Jones where they demonstrated the various ways to enhance Christmas Canapes and we also had tasters which went down very well. Not surprisingly this meeting was well attended.

The usual business was discussed and we look forward to our New Year's Party in January and a successful New Year with some interesting speakers to come.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December was the Over 65s Lunch which the WI hosts, this too was full to capacity and we had a wonderful tasty lunch cooked by Becky Dormer and her team. Our grateful thanks to them for another successful lunch. The staff and children of Beer C of E Primary School not only helped serve but also provided the after lunch entertainment up to their usual high standard and very much enjoyed. Thanks also to all the WI members and their partners who helped.

After the Carols and turning on of Christmas Lights and enjoying music from the Band, Late Night shopping on the Friday night ended a lovely week. Sue Ball one of our members is an organiser at this event and another of our members Isabella Baldwin acted as an elf to help Santa. We enjoyed mulled wine and mince pies at various locations and a selection of luscious cheeses from Woozies to end the evening. By the time you read this Christmas will be over and a New Year will have begun and we will all have broken our New Year's Resolutions by now, so just enjoy 2020.

# JANUARY 2020 - Dates in Beer - THE NEW BEER VILLAGE DIARY -

Please do your bit to help keep this up to date and accurate by notifying Chris Pickles: <a href="mailto:chris@picklesnet.com">chris@picklesnet.com</a>, Tel.: 07775 768172 of ALL events & meetings and ALL changes & amendments.

01-Jan	Tiddlers Baby/Toddler GroupCongregational Hall 10:00 11:30
02-Jan	Coffee Morning Congregational Church Hall 10:30 12:00
03-Jan	Beer Fitness Mariners' Hall 10:00 11:00
05-Jan	Morning Service Congregational Church 10:00 11:00
06-Jan	Badminton Club Mariners' Hall 18:30 21:00
06-Jan	Royal Antedeluvian Order of Buffaloes weekly meetingScout Hall 20:00 22:00
07-Jan	Congregational Church Home Group "Southleigh", Barline 19:00 20:30
07-Jan	Bell Ringing St Michael's Church 19:30 20:30
07-Jan	Mariners Short Mat Bowls Club Mariners' Hall 19:30 21:30
07-Jan	RNLI Seaton Beer & District Branch Various locations 19:30 21:00
07-Jan	Skittles League - WI vs Peco Puffers Dolphin Hotel 19:30 22:00
08-Jan	Tiddlers Baby/Toddler Group Congregational Hall 10:00 11:30
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14-Jan	Parish Council Meeting Balcony Room, Mariners' Hall 19:15 21:00
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14-Jan	Mariners Short Mat Bowls Club Mariners' Hall 19:30 21:30
14-Jan	Skittles League - Barbarians vs NessAGuin Dolphin Hotel 19:30 22:00
15-Jan	Royal British Legion Coffee Morning Dolphin Hotel 10:00 11:00
15-Jan	Tiddlers Baby/Toddler Group Congregational Hall 10:00 11:30
15-Jan	Badminton Club Mariners' Hall 18:30 21:00
15-Jan	Skittles League - Peco Puffers vs Sunshine Girls Dolphin Hotel 19:30 22:00
15-Jan	Whist ClubDolphin Hotel 20:00 22:00
16-Jan	Coffee Morning Congregational Church Hall 10:30 12:00
16-Jan	Beer Horticultural Society Function Room, Dolphin Hotel 19:30 21:00
17-Jan	Beer Fitness Mariners' Hall 10:00 11:00
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# Help your organisation! Are you planning a meeting or event? Where possible, please use the Village Diary to avoid clashing with other events!

The full version of the Village Diary can be found on the Beer Village https://beervillage.co.uk under "What's On". There you website can see planned dates for nearly all of 2020.

#### - THE NEW BEER VILLAGE DIARY -

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#### The News

Do you watch the news? It's not good, is it? It rarely is. Do you listen to the news? It can be a bit addictive. It focusses mostly on high drama and negative events. It's not good for you. Listening obsessively to the news can make you slip into a one-dimensional view of life on planet earth. Pollution. Over-population. Over-burdened social services. The extinction of wildlife. The treatment of farm animals. Accidents and tragedies. Human beings inflicting suffering on other human beings....

#### Stop!

Let's step back from that catalogue of horrors.

Human life – any human life – is not one-dimensional. Any life, yours or mine, contains both pleasure and pain, sadness and joy, happiness and anxiety. They come side-by-side. Gain and loss, growth and decline, exhilaration and despair. Heartache and abundance. Round and round they come, all arising and fading again and again. Cycles of experience. They all make up the big package we call Life. You can't pull them apart. All together they make up the bumpy human ride. The multi-dimensions of life.

Can you accept it? Can you open your heart to the fact that grief and exaltation, that unbearable beauty and an ocean of tears, come together and make up your life? If you can accept that, then when suffering comes – and watching the news is a form of suffering – you can accept it and allow it to be what it is with the same openness of heart that you accept the riches of life when they come too.

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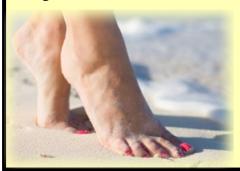
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# Beer Parish News

# A very Happy New Year to you all

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Henry Jaggers, (Editor)

#### Ten Rules for an Easier Life

- 1. Never judge a day by the weather.
- 2. The best things in life aren't things.
- 3. Tell the truth there's less to remember.
- 4. Speak softly, and wear a loud shirt.
- 5. Goals are deceptive the unaimed arrow never misses.
- 6. He who dies with the most toys still dies.
- 7. Age is relative when you're over the hill you pick up speed.
- 8. There are two ways to be rich: make more or desire less.
- 9. Beauty is internal looks mean nothing.
- 10. No rain no rainbow.

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