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St MICHAEL'S - MAY 2021

Hope!

Things are definitely getting better... and let's keep it that way by observing all the current Covid related regulations. In church you may find some differences too, please comply with any conditions that may be in force which we trust will be temporary.

St Michael's Church will be open on Wednesdays, 10am to 12noon, for you to come in; shelter from the weather; enjoy the peace and calm; and pray if you wish to. Please wear a mask.

...And, at long last, a Church Calendar...

St Michael's Calendar for May 2021

Sun 2 nd Ma	y 9:30am Morning Praise	5 th Sunday of Easter
Tues 4th	7pm Mission Community Profile sub-committee meeting Seaton	
Wed 5 th	10:00am ~ 12noon Church open for private prayer No Choir Practice	
Fri 7 th	10:00am Mickey's Music Makers	
Sun 9 th	9:30am Communion	6 th Sunday of Easter
Wed 12 th	10:00am Communion Service at BEER 6pm Choir Practice	Thurs 13 th Ascension Day
Fri 14 th	10:00am Mickey's Music Makers	Ascension
Sun 16 th	9:30am Morning Praise	7 th Sunday of Easter
Mon 17 th	2pm PCC Meeting	
Wed 19 th	10:00am ~ 12noon Church open for private prayer No Choir Practice	
Fri 20th	10:00am Mickey's Music Makers	
Sun 23 rd	9:30am Communion 4:00pm Café Church @ 4 for ALL	Pentecost - Whit Sunday
Wed 26th	10:00am Communion Service at SEATON	

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6:00pm Choir Practice

Fri 28th 10:00am Mickey's Music Makers

Sun 30th 9:30am Communion Service Trinity Sunday

Wed 2nd June 10am ~ 12noon Church open for private prayer

No Choir Practice

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News & Views from St Michael's and St Gregory's Churches

SIMON HITCHCOCK, one of our Associate Priests says......

Well we have had Jeremy writes and Ali writes so I thought it only fair to call this Simon Says.

I would like to start this Simon Says with a massive thank you to all the Church family for the good wishes and cards we have received following our return to Seaton. It's absolutely marvellous to be welcomed back in to the community with open arms, socially distanced of course. It takes me less than half the time to get to St Michaels, and much much less to the Kings Arms in Seaton. If only it was open.

After a year of change, which has been challenging for many people, it is marvellous for Julia and I to have faced a change that we had much more control over.

On the subject of change, the Church of England is undoubtedly about to undergo a large amount of change. The people who manage the finances report that unsurprisingly during the last year giving has gone down. The result has been that in some Dioceses priests have been made redundant.

However, the good news for Seaton and Beer is that we will still have a full-time replacement for Jeremy. I know that many of you are praying for our new incumbent, and that you have been engaged in the process of creating our parish profile. It is vital that you remain engaged in this process and make your views known. Remember in some ways if you don't engage in the process it can be compared to not voting in an election where people say if you don't vote don't complain.

Many positives are already emerging from this interregnum with people from the church family taking on greater responsibility and helping to maintain the running of our churches in new and different ways.

Which leads me to ask, do you think that you may be called to serve on the PCC of St Michaels? If you think that you are please discuss this with Gayle our Church Warden or any member of the PCC. It is so important to have a PCC that has many voices from the Church family. If serving on the PCC doesn't thrill or excite you, I don't know why it wouldn't, there may be another role, sides person, reading, cleaning, flower arranging or another area or skill that you are interested in. Once again please ask Gayle our Church Warden, a PCC member or if the worst come to the worst one of the Clergy.

Following a clergy/reader meeting attended by Ali Finch, Chris Thacker, John Holder, Sue Price and I we have put together a rota for services which takes us up to the end of June.

Beer will have 2 Eucharist services every month and there will be a midweek service date and time which will appear on the notice sheet.

You may notice that we are not conducting as many services as we were before lockdown. At the rota meeting we put together a rota we knew that was workable. We have to bear in mind that Ali is busy completing her CAP training, please hold her in your prayers as this is a very important role which will reach out to the community, and I have my secular employment four days per week.

We are still conducting as many of the funerals that come in as we can, and also conducting as many weddings as is possible.

As restrictions are lifted our services will return towards the old normal. Culminating, hopefully sooner rather than later, in a full Eucharist and the singing of hymns. I expect that this may still be quite a while away but am praying that it happens soon.

I am still calling and visiting, where possible, as many people as I can. If you need a pastoral visit or phone call please phone or email me, my contact details are on page 2, and I will always get in contact as soon as I can.

In closing I must say that I am truly very positive about the future of both St Michael's and St Gregory's and I am sure we are about to embark on an exciting journey. Even though we may not be embarking on it as soon as I'd like. And our map may not yet be complete.

You all remain in my thoughts and prayers.

Love, Peace and Prayers

Simon

What/Who do YOU want?

We are now beginning the process of hopefully attracting a new Vicar to Beer & Seaton so please tell us – what do YOU want from your church? What do you want from a new Vicar?

We think this area has a lot to offer, and of course we all know how wonderful it is to live here, but how do we share that?

Your input is very important in this process so please, PLEASE let us know. You can email the office at

www.seatonchurch@hotmail.co.uk where our wonderful administrator Tracey will collate the comments into bullet points, or tell me Gayle Chapple, gaylechapple@aol.co.uk or 07794838219. Maybe write a note with your thoughts or speak to anyone you know who has anything to do with St Michael's or St Gregory's. We want and need our churches to be part of the wider community, so please let us know what YOU think.

Every good wish

Gayle

Ps. It doesn't matter whether you attend church or not, your opinion is important.

I have included this item again, a repeat from last month's edition, as the selection of a new vicar is a continuing and lengthy process and the person eventually appointed will, or should, play a key role in the life of our local communities - both religious and secular. So, whether you are a person of faith - of any denomination - or of a totally secular persuasion, St Michael's really will value your thoughts. Please get in touch.

Editor

Annual Parochial Church Meeting - Sunday 13th June

The Annual Vestry Meeting and APCM will be held after the morning service on **Sunday 13th June**. Watch out for more details next month

BEER ACTION GROUP COMMUNITY HUB

New initiative!

The BAG hub is outside the Mariners' Hall each Monday between 10 & 12am. We are there to help! Or hassle and fundraise!

To tell you about hall activities, to network and give visitors directions!

Call by and have a chat, we are here to help!!

Annie and the BAG Group



BEER PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER APRIL 2021

The **Annual Parish Meeting** was held on the 6th April with guest speaker Chris Khan from the Environment Agency talking about flood resilience. Chris gave us some interesting facts and figures not only relevant to Beer but the wider area. You can listen to Chris's talk on the Parish Council's Facebook page. The **Beer Emergency Response Team "BERT"** has existed for many years but has recently been reenergised by local resident, Helena Whitten. "BERT" is always looking for new members so if you think you could help or would like more information, please contact the Parish Council.

The Council has placed a **new bench at the top of Old Beer Hill** – the bench was funded by the Coastal Community Fund and kindly installed by Cllr Rick Dormor. We hope you enjoy the view!

We would like to welcome our two **new Parish Councillors** Emma Molony and Tim Stevens and we look forward to working with them.

We still have **one Casual Vacancy** for a Parish Councillor so if you think you have skills and knowledge that you could bring to the PC then please get in touch with the Parish Clerk for more information clerk.beerparishcouncil@googlemail.com

The Environment Portfolio would like to revive the "VOLUNTEER GROUP". We do all sorts of jobs around the village from clearing foliage from paths on the Jubilee, cleaning and re-painting the many benches in the village, clearing the weeds from the brook (this is also a good exercise in flood prevention). There are many light jobs for all skills, ages and abilities - if you are interested, please speak to an existing Councillor or contact the Parish Clerk.

Finally, the Council would like to say **Thank You to Wendy Dodd** for her time and hard work spent as a Parish Councillor. Wendy was Chair of the Planning Committee and a member of the Environment Portfolio and the Coastal Community Team. We wish Wendy the very best for her "retirement" and look forward to her continued involvement with environmental matters within the village.



PER MARINERS' HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Invites you to attend the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

on

MONDAY 17th May 2021 at 19.00

The meeting will be set out in accordance with Covid-19 Secure guidelines in the main Hall.

However, should the Hall still be closed, the meeting will be held virtually.

If you would like to attend the meeting, please contact Norah Jaggers on 01297 20858

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Seaton Beer and District Branch RNLI

As the year is progresses, we are looking forward hopefully to return to holding our regular events. in 2021.

The first main event of the year is the Mayday Appeal. This year the theme is the Mayday Mile with the new "Will You Answer the Call". From the 1st to the 16th May. Anyone can take part by doing a Virtual Mile. Perhaps walk, run, hop, skip or complete it any way you like. Further details can be seen at themaydaymile.rnli.org

Once again, we are planning to do our Welly Walk along Seaton Seafront from the roundabout, along the East Walk and return then across the West Walk and return to the roundabout. This will be on Sunday 30th May and we and anyone who takes part to be Socially Distanced and in maximum number of groups of six or less, or in a support bubble. Donations can be through our Justgiving.com page. Sponsor forms available from contacting the telephone number or email as below. Please have a go and support us and/or donate if you can.

Our lovely Shop at Jubilee Gardens, Beer is still too small to open at the present time but we are to look at ways to open as soon as possible. We are now able to attend outdoor sales with our stall and service the collection boxes in our area. We will also continue to advertise for a new Shop Manager/Managers and additional Volunteers are needed for the Shop and our fundraising. Please telephone (01297) 23040 (leave message) or email wac500@hotmail.co.uk if you can help. Details are also available volunteering@rnli.org.uk

As the Covid-19 restrictions continue to ease we are planning to hold our Beer lifeboat Weekend with the Table Top Sale and Street Collection on Saturday 3rd July and our 15th Annual Duck Race Day on Sunday 4th July. Further details of the weekend will be available nearer the time.

We are looking forward to being out and about fundraising again and send our best wishes to everyone at Beer and in our area.

Wendy Cummins

Secretary Seaton Beer and District Branch RNLI.



Fine Foundation Centre

Beer Village Heritage Reg. Charity No.1087162 Were you able to see the shooting stars this week? I got up at around 0230 and decided that the moon was too bright for the meteors to show up. You don't have to wait very

long for your next opportunity to see shooting stars. The Eta Aquariid shower is already with us, with the maximum show on May 6^{th} , low in the sky in the early hours.

More down to earth, the East Devon Area of Natural Beauty team is launching a programme to conserve "The Elusive 8" all of which are in decline, and all of which could respond to a landscape scale approach to nature recovery. Here in Beer you've already done a huge amount in respect of the Greater Horseshoe bats, and recognise that the wildflower patches which you've sown will also benefit the Long-eared Grey bat. The Bechstein bat is also one of the "Elusive 8", and lives in woodland, roosting in woodpecker holes. The list has two plants on it: Heath lobelia and Devon Whitebeam, also known as Otmast or Sorb Apple. As part of the project, more Devon Whitebeams will be planted by Sidmouth Arboretum. The other three species on the list are butterflies. The Brown Harestreak caterpillar relies on blackthorn, which is in flower at the moment (hence the cold snap known as our Blackthorn Winter). As blackthorn is often in hedges, the bushes are likely to be flailed annually, which disturbs the butterfly's breeding cycle. The other two butterflies listed are the Pearl Bordered Fritillary and the Small Pearl Bordered Fritillary. I've been amazed to find that these rely entirely on violets for food and habitat! Have a look at the AONB website to see how you can get involved with the project.

Our thanks go to Pecorama for giving every household a packet of wild flower seeds to sow, and to the BAG group for delivering them. Pecorama is one of the members of the Bat Friendly Beer group, and will soon be setting up a planter, made by the Men's Shed, with some plants to attract moths and bees. Under the planter will be some logs with holes drilled through them which will act as a bug hotel. BFB will be setting up a similar planter at Beer Quarry Caves as well as one in the village,

And good news! In order to encourage insects into your garden, please let your grass grow for a few weeks. "No Mow May" should be your motto!

Usually by this time in the year the Fine Foundation Centre would be open, and we would be welcoming visitors to join us for rock-pool safaris as well as organising walks and talks for groups and individuals. This year the centre is still closed and the Trustees are discussing the ways in which to open safely, when government rules allow. Given the constraints of maintaining social distances, the volunteers are currently limited in how they are able to work on refurbishment.

Although the centre is closed you can still see the exhibits underneath the building, and take part in the "I-Spy" in the area outside, as well as enjoying walks in the locality. You can find all the walks and the "I-Spy" on our website: http://www.beervillageheritage.org.uk/

Ruth is continuing with her "Blow-in" project, asking the question "why did you move to Beer?" You can contact her on: ruthtoohoots@gmail.com. You can send your contributions for Richard Scott's "Tales of Old Beer" project to: rscottbeer@outlook.com.

Ruth and Wendy have already sent one box of blister packs for recycling – thank you. You'll find collection points for them in Beer Pharmacy and in the telephone kiosk outside the Mariners' Hall. Ruth and Wendy are still recycling your crisp packets There is a collection point outside of the Fine Foundation Centre as well as in the telephone kiosk. If your cat has food from pouches, these can be re-cycled at Wagg N Purr, Unit 2, Dolphin Street, Colyton which is open at weekends.

As always, we welcome new members, along with new ideas for activities and discussions as well as for the displays in the Fine Foundation Centre and Bomb Shelter. If you'd like to pay your subscription (currently £3 per year) why not put the money in an envelope and pop it into the box in the Post Office. Please write your name and contact details on the envelope.

If you'd like to know more, just ask one of our regular helpers such as Nick Jones, Mike Green, Chris Jones, Carol Green, Henry or Norah Jaggers, or contact us on 01297 625445, 01297 20858 or at beervillageheritage@yahoo.co.uk

Stay well.



CLINTON DEVON ESTATES

Ash Dieback at Beer

Felling of roadside trees affected by Ash Dieback began on the Beer Estate in August 2020. This was the first phase of essential work to remove trees affected by the highly infectious disease, Chalara.

https://www.devon.gov.uk/environment/ash-dieback

Trees close to highways footpaths and properties were prioritised as trees weakened by Ash dieback become brittle and dangerous. Those in hedgerows and woods are also dying more quickly from other pathogens like honey fungus. This necessary response to ADB disease has reached Couchill last month, where Ash stands are to be removed plus a block of Larch which has reached maturity and is part of planned harvesting.

Short term impacts of forestry harvesting

Forestry operations can create deep ruts on the extraction tracks and a good amount of mud in wet weather and dust if dry. These conditions can look unsightly and make passage more challenging for walkers, but the footpath is unimpeded and other tracks will quickly recover. Brash is often placed on the tracks to prevent damage and to dissuade access in danger areas by those who disregard safe instructions. Any tracks cut-up by harvesting machines are reinstated after the thinning or clear felling is finished. Impacts of works on the ground look dramatic but are short lived.

Impacts of harvesting are transient too but take a little longer. After felling will come replanting. Broadleaves species such as oak and sycamore will be replanted where the diseased and dangerous ash is being removed. Hopefully, some can escape the ravages of the Grey squirrel and reach maturity.

Understanding long-term woodland management

Planting trees is a good thing. Clinton Devon Estates' forest management has resulted in a level of woodland cover almost twice the national average, an achievement that has won international acclaim from the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC). Our woodlands produce FSC-certified timber for

manufacturers, sawmills and wood processing industries in the local, regional, national and international markets.

Cutting down trees is not always a bad thing. Well-managed woodlands producing timber sustainably locks up carbon and offer other benefits to wildlife and people locally. Clinton Devon Estates custodianship and commitment to the environment and to provide public recreation is not at odds with this productive landscape.

The link with trees and the wood products in our homes is most obvious in furniture, building materials or garden fencing but almost every product we buy has at some point been transported on a soft-wood pallet. These features in our everyday lives mean that trees grown for timber will need to be felled at some point. Recognising plantation trees as long-lived crops and woods as forest fields is helpful. The harvesting process becomes just one part of a continuous cycle, including growing and re-planting. Timber production and sustainable woodland management can then rightly be viewed not as a problem but as part of the solution.

Kate Ponting, Countryside Learning Officer kate.ponting@clintondevon.com 01395 443881



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MARINERS' HALL, BEER

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

As recent Government guidelines have been met with success, we are still hopeful that the Mariners' Hall should be available for hire from Monday 17th May. Once again the "Rule of 6" and "2 Households meeting" will apply, which will restrict the number of people who can be in the Hall. However, it should mean that, within those rules, coffee mornings, sports activities and social groups should be able to restart.

Once again there are additional expectations of hirers in terms of managing their activity in a Covid-19 safe fashion and with regard to the latest Government regulations for Community Halls. All users are being asked to consider how they can meet any new requirements and must complete the necessary paperwork and booking forms. These give hirers the relevant information to enable them to complete their own risk assessments.

The Management Committee is looking forward to welcoming you all back to the Hall from June 21st assuming that all restrictions will be lifted at that time.

If you would like to book the Hall, please contact the Booking Secretary via the "Contact " tab on the website: www.marinershall.co.uk

Accepting the Cycles

Remember how it is to walk in woodlands? Saplings alongside ancient trees. New leaves unfolding around your head while last year's leaves are under your feet. New shoots and seeds germinating out of leaf mould and decaying wood. Death mingling with the unfolding of new life.

Forests contain both dissolution and creation. Birth and death – the cycles of lifeforms coming into and going out of this world.

Death is part of nature. It isn't an anomaly. Death isn't a problem to be solved. Bodies arise and dissolve. It is the molecular dance of life. It is our human-ness that suffers when we grieve the loss of someone we love.

But what about the needless death, the tragic death, the premature ending of a life that was full of promise? What about the death that seemingly didn't need to happen? The death that leaves loved ones traumatised?

The grief of loss is not to be bypassed. Ones who were very much loved and who suddenly and unexpectedly die, they leave a vast hole in the world of the people who loved them, and through that hole come bleak winds. We are aghast in the shock of loss. There is the sense of devastation. We are inert in the full realisation that the person who had our love has been taken away. Nothing solves or resolves this.

And yet

The space created by that loss opens you to a dimension beyond this world and beyond your thinking mind. The pain of grief contains within it the love you still give and the love you feel you have lost. That love — if you can be still and sensitive and open to it — is an upliftment. If you allow it to be that.

Alongside grief there can exist exaltation. What does that mean? It means that within a valley of tears there can be peace and beauty. Through your sorrow something un-nameable can enter your soul. Call it Grace. Call it Love. Call it Peace. Whatever it is, it brings the peace of acceptance.

Death is not something waiting at the end of life, -- it is here and now alongside you. It is everywhere - lifeforms and inert forms assembling and dissolving. It is the world of atoms. It is you. Let it be what it is. Acceptance attunes you to this. Acceptance is the opening to a well of infinite peace.

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Beer Parish News

Life returning!

The lifting of some of the lock-down regulations and the recent fine weather have brought a good many day or self-catering visitors to Beer in past weeks. It's been good to see them despite our worries over the possible spread of Covid.

Local attractions and amenities are slowly opening up again. Already you can enjoy a drink and a meal in the village - albeit outside, or in some instances takeaway only, and from about the middle of the month those restrictions are set to be further eased and visitors should also be able to book accommodation in our hotels and B&Bs, and as long as the Government's plans don't change, Beer Quarry Caves and Pecorama are both planning to reopen - on the 17th and 18th May respectively - although pre-booking is likely to be essential.

So let's hope and pray for a bumper Summer season to put our local economy back into recovery - whilst taking all due care for ourselves and our neighbours - for goodness knows what another lock-down would do for the tourist industry on which so many of us rely. Have you had your vaccinations yet?

Editor

My apologies for a slightly thinner edition this month. I'm sure that as things get more back to "normal" there will be a flurry of activity and things to report on. So please do send me your news and other items - clubs, groups, and individuals - and I will always do my best to publish them.

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