Beer Parish News July 2021

Getting back to "normal" this month we look forward to... Lifeboat Weekend the Church Picnic an Art Exhibition a new Fitness Class the August Flower S ... see inside for more on these, other events, and news. Michael's.....and Village

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St MICHAEL'S - JULY 2021



Back to Normal?

...well not quite but things are still getting better. Help keep it that way by acting sensibly and observing all the Covid related regulations.

Stay safe - keep others safe too!

Please wear a face-mask.

St Michael's Calendar for July 2021

Sun 4th 9:30am Morning Praise 5th Sunday after Trinity

Wed 7th 10:00am~ 12noon church open for private prayer

Fri 9th 10:00am Mickey's Music Makers

Sun 11th 9:30am Communion Service 6th Sunday after Trinity

1015 ~ 4pm Big Church Picnic at Peco

Please note places must be booked by email:

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Tues 13th 6:00pm Choir Practice

Wed 14th 10:00am Communion Service at BEER

Fri 16th 10:00am Mickey's Music Makers

Sun 18th 9:30am Morning Praise 7th Sunday after Trinity

Mon 19th Archdeacon's Visitation Court

at All Saints Church, Sidmouth

Wed 21st 10:00am ~ 12noon church open for private prayer

Fri 23rd 10:00am Mickey's Music Makers

Sun 25th 9:30am Communion Service 8th Sunday after Trinity

Tues 27th 6:00pm Choir Practice

Wed 28th 10:00am Communion Service at SEATON

Sun 1st Aug 9:30am Morning Praise 9th Sunday after Trinity

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St Michael's and St Gregory's are currently preparing a "profile" to entice suitable candidates to come forward for selection as our new vicar. Watch this space!



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

From our Churchwarden (and many other things!)......

Are you ready?

I was never a Girl Guide or Scout or any of those worldwide organisations dedicated to training good citizenship (not because my parents didn't believe in such wonderful groups, but because I was too shy to join on my own - yes, I know you don't believe me, but I promise it's true). However, I do know that their motto was "Be prepared".

Today I had a reminder from our esteemed editor, reminding me that it is my turn to write an article in place of the usual pastoral letter (aaargh) and could he please have it by the weekend! Now, in the past, that has always been the page I have turned to first to see what 'pearls of wisdom' have been imparted - so if you do the same then I apologise now!

I have known my turn would come around again since March, but have I thought about it? I think we all know the answer to that, so on the premise that I usually work better to a deadline I began to ponder what on earth I could write about. This morning I took myself to St Gregory's mid-week communion and lo and behold the text for this morning was Matthew 25:1-13, the parable of the 10 brides, – 5 wise ones who took extra oil for their lamps, and 5 foolish ones who did not and missed the party! The wisdom of being prepared! A previous incumbent would call that a 'God-incidence' and I think she's right.

I often dream quite vividly but, thankfully, I have never been prone to nightmares. However, I have found that if I am nervous about something, or haven't done my homework properly, it often manifests itself in a very anxious dream, where I am about to go on stage but don't have the right

costume, or I've left some vital prop at home and people are waiting! I suppose this says more about my being something of a control freak and wanting to be in command of any given situation, but it has led me to think about my own Christian journey. Am I like the foolish brides? What more do I need to do? What if I get there and find I've forgotten something important?

What I have to remind myself is that there is nothing I can do to merit entrance into heaven. I am not prepared, nor do I deserve a place in heaven, but the price has been paid, entrance is assured. All I need to do is accept the free gift! God has taken care of everything.

I cannot tell you what a relief that is. My entrance into heaven does not depend on what I have done or what I've forgotten to do, or how much preparation I've made. I have accepted Jesus Christ and He has made it possible.

Thanks be to God.

Gayle



JULIAN GROUP AT HOME

The Julian Meetings which pre-Covid took place on the second Monday of each month are presently "at home". If you would like to join us in contemplation on the second Monday at about 7.25pm in your own home please download and follow the current month's file available from

www.coastalchurch.org.uk

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



FLOWER SHOW MARINERS HALL, BEER THURSDAY 5 AUGUST 2pm

The Flower Show will take place, subject to any regulations, and the schedules will be available shortly from the local shops.

Table Top Sale, with the Scouts Big Breakfast, on 14th August in the hall. Sorry all tables booked!



BEER WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

BEER WI – JUNE REPORT

REMINDER!

We were hoping to celebrate the ending of lockdown with a garden party for all members on July 14th. The garden party WILL go ahead with number restrictions, but no lockdown ending celebration.

However, with food, drink and some form of light entertainment this meeting will take place given suitable weather and hopefully enjoyed by all.

Many of our numerous clubs and groups are all currently active.
Book Club 1
Book Club 2
Creative writing group
Walking group
Gardening group
Card club

Hoping to restart when restrictions permit: Lunch group Art group Crafting group

THERE IS NO MEETING IN AUGUST. RESTART 8th SEPTEMBER

For information on any of the above please call: 01297 21864 01297 599157



SCAM ALERT June 2021 Covid digital passport scam

A new email scam about Covid is circulating and we want to advise you what it looks like and what steps you can take.

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The website has since been taken down. however, as with many scams of this nature, there will be others.

More information can be found on the gov.uk website;

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/demonstra ting-your-covid-19-vaccination-statuswhen-travelling-abroad

www.ourwatch.org.uk

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Big Church Picnic Sun 11 July



@ Pecorama

10.15 to 4pm

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Seaton Beer and District Branch RNLI

Four Volunteers from Seaton Beer and District Branch had an enjoyable time doing their Mayday Miles during the month of May. I did a total of sixty miles locally, at various places and when on holiday in Whitby. Our Chairman John and Vice-



Chairman Shirley did their walks locally and Volunteer Pat did her walk down The Byes at Sidmouth. £504 was collected through sponsorship and donations. A total of £214.68 was collected during our Mayday Mile Collection at Seaton seafront on Sunday 30th May and we were assisted by our Volunteers Adrian and Annette. Our Justgiving page is now closing.

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It raised £30 with additional donations to be added. Thank you to those who supported us in our first event for 2021.

As I write our report, we are looking forward to our Beer Lifeboat Weekend. Sadly, due to the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions at the present time we are unable to have our Duck Races. However, on Saturday 3rd July we are having our Annual Street Collection that is taking place from 10am onwards. We are having a Coffee Morning at the Mariners Hall from 10am to noon. Following Covid-19 rules it will be socially distanced and there will be table service as we will be unable to have gueues at the serving hatch. There will be a choice of tea,

coffee and other drinks plus biscuits and Bacon Baps (subject to availability) We will also be having stalls outside so are hoping for good weather.

On Sunday 4th July we will be joined at Jubilee Gardens by the RNLI F2F Team, Sea Safety Team and the Inflatable Shannon. There will be visits by the Lyme Regis and Exmouth lifeboats at 2.30pm (subject to weather and operational requirements). We will be having our own stalls and



selling RNLI souvenirs from outside our Shop as it is too small for both Volunteers and customers to be inside. We are still seeking new Volunteers. If you can help, or know anyone who can, please come to see us at our events.

It's great to be out fundraising for the RNLI and we look forward to a busy and successful weekend.

Wendy Cummins

Fine Foundation Centre

Beer Village Heritage

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I'm writing this on the longest day of the year, so, as the evenings lengthen we will hear the cry "Winter draws on". After the long cold spring and very wet May, some of us have only

just taken our winter drawers off! As usual, the plants have adapted to the weather conditions and continued to give us colour and scent. The roses are looking lovely and their perfume has replaced that of the philadelphus and lily of the valley. The lawns, along with the paths through the wild flower patch, have had a cut, so there is a new crop of daisies providing nectar for the bees.

We had hoped to open the Fine Foundation Centre today, but government restrictions and our inability to monitor visitor activity mean that it will stay closed a little longer. You will probably be aware that one of the display cabinets under the centre was broken into over the Bank Holiday weekend. The fossils which were taken, part of Mike Green's collection, were rare and will be extremely difficult to replace.

Most of the attractions in the area have re-opened, or plan to do so in the near future. We are trying to keep the information posters and website up-to-date.

The Bomb Shelter is now open daily and will host the first exhibition of 2021 from July 29th when Barbara Vidion and Liz Upchurch are staging their inaugural Art Exhibition. They describe it is as "an art exhibition with a difference" As part of the exhibition, money will be raised for wildlife charities which span the world. Each of the artists is offering a painting for sale by silent auction, and all the proceeds from the sales will go to their chosen wildlife charity. Liz's koala bear in watercolours will raise money for Australian Wildlife Conservancy helping to rehabilitate animals injured during the devastating Australian wild fires of 2020. Closer to home, Barbara is raising money for East Devon Wildlife Trust with a landscape in acrylics inspired by her many local walks. Bids can be left throughout the week and the paintings will go to the highest bidders when the exhibition ends. Liz and Barbara started their journey into art when they joined the School of Art and Wellbeing in Honiton in 2018. Painting was new to both of them and it's been a very exciting journey. During the 2020/21 Covid lockdowns they joined up on Zoom every week to paint together. Once restrictions lifted, they met and painted in Beer.

Our thanks go to Graham Hughes for allowing us to advertise at one of his Craft Fairs. It was good to be able to see people again and have the opportunity to show some of the things which make up the history of Beer. Once again the pieces from Axe Vale Pottery proved to be a popular talking point, and we are very grateful to everyone who has donated items to Beer Village Heritage. The whaling harpoon also provoked discussion.

Bat Friendly Beer will reach a wider audience when the five Devon Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty host the national AONB conference as a virtual event. The East Devon AONB team is putting together a presentation which includes a conversation between Kate Ponting and Norah about BFB.

Although the Fine Foundation 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.

Just a reminder that Ruth and Wendy have suspended the blister pack recycling but still want 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, or 01297 20858, or at

beervillageheritage@yahoo.co.uk

Stay well.

Art at The Bomb Shelter 29th July - 3rd August

An art exhibition with a difference is taking place in The Bomb Shelter in Beer. As part of the exhibition, money will be raised for wildlife charities which span the world. Two local artists, Liz Upchurch and Barbara Vidion, are holding their first exhibition. "We're each offering a painting for sale by silent auction, all the proceeds from the sales will go to our chosen wildlife charity" explained Barbara.

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The Bomb Shelter, tucked away behind Jimmy Greens shop in Fore Street, is the venue for Liz and Barbara's first exhibition. "Visitors can see the bomb which fell here and find out about the narrow escape Beer had during the Second World War as well as seeing our paintings" added Barbara.

There's something for everyone with an eclectic mix of art "We've had such fun, and have learned so much through painting, we wanted to share our efforts and hope others get pleasure visiting the exhibition".

The exhibition at The Bomb Shelter in Beer Village runs from Thursday 29 July to Tuesday 3 August from 10.00am to 4.00pm each day. For more information contact Barbara Vidion 07538130660 b_vidion@yahoo.com or Elizabeth Upchurch 07815615393 eupchurch22@yahoo.co.uk

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On Monday 26th July we would like to invite you to an Open Day. This is for all our community. This is an opportunity to share and discuss your ideas and feedback on what we have done and what we are planning.

We will also showcase all aspects of our work.

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26th July 2021



PEBBLEBED HEATHS DESIGNATED AS NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE

Wildlife conservation has cause to celebrate - the recent launch of England's newest national nature reserve – the East Devon Pebblebed Heaths NNR.

Home to an astonishing 3000+ species, including many rare and special ones such as Dartford warbler, Nightjar and Southern damselfly, NNR status is a major accolade for this environmentally significant site and the second NNR for our region.

What is an NNR? Joining the Undercliffs NNR that sits on the coast between Axmouth and Lyme Regis, the Pebblebed Heaths NNR, which includes the existing Pebblebed Heaths SSSI area plus additional heathland areas such as Mutters Moor, will be managed under an operational management partnership of the Pebblebed Heaths Conservation Trust, RSPB and Devon Wildlife Trust.

East Devon AONB Partnership manager Chris Woodruff will chair an NNR Board, providing strategic guidance and support to the development and management of the site:

"It is an exciting time for this most recent of NNRs and a true honour to be elected Chair of the new Advisory Board for the NNR. We have a great team on the new Board that brings with it a wealth of experience and knowledge from a variety of backgrounds. I hope I can play my part with them in furthering the aims of the Pebblebed Heaths NNR in support of its wildlife and local communities".



Ambassadors

All across the East Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) there are individuals, businesses, groups and organisations who support our work and deeply value the local landscape, cultural heritage and biodiversity.

Each has pledged a commitment to living and working in ways that promote sustainability and help to protect the environment – together they are our Ambassadors.

If you are interested in supporting, celebrating and looking after the East Devon AONB, you're invited to become an Ambassador too, check it out at https://www.eastdevonaonb.org.uk



Beer Talks Update!

June 2021



Beautiful examples of Beer knitted shawls made by local people for local people

Welcome!

Welcome to the first edition of the new, scaled back format of the Beer Action Group newsletter. As we mentioned last time, our aim is that Beer Action Group will be around for a long time to come and will continue its work supporting the people of the lovely village of Beer, in good times as well as bad.

One of the key things that BAG wants to do is to keep raising money for our nominated charity, Seaton Hospice Nurses at Home. Hopefully, many of you will have by now visited our stall outside the Mariners' Hall every Monday (weather permitting!) between 10am and 12noon. Thanks to generous donations of bric-a-brac, hand-knitted items, plants and books, We have now raised a whopping £415 for the charity since we started. If you would like to support our efforts please do come down and see what we have on offer or why not have a sort out at home and donate something to the stalls. Alternatively, just come and say "hi"!

Finally, we hope that your "Seeds of Hope" from our last edition are doing well and if you do have any photos that you would like to share with us. Please contact Annie - we'd love to see them! And don't forget to get your veggies, flowers, sunflowers and craft items ready for the Beer Flower Show which will be held on the first Thursday in August at the Mariners' Hall. It is so lovely that this year it will be held in person again!

Best wishes, BAG x



Notices

 Seaton Hospital is looking for volunteers to assist with the ongoing vaccination programme as many of its current volunteers are now going back to work and other duties. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Lycia Moore on 07939 362069 and she will be able to help you.

Thank you!

• Thank you to all those crafty people who have been involved in making beautiful knitted shawls as shown on the first page! A team of highly skilled village people have been making knitted squares and then joining them together to make lovely cozy shawls that were then distributed to local people. Altogether 14 shawls were made and handed out to lucky people both in the village and in local care homes. Each one was carefully packaged in a lovely bag with a "Made in Beer" embroidered label together with a hand painted Beer pebble, courtesy of Nicky – thank you!

For more information about BAG and its activities go to the Beer website at beervillage.co.uk/beer-talks/, or keep checking the Parish Newsletter at beervillage.co.uk/parishnews/ the Beer social media sites.



For Milly the Labrador d. October 2020

You'll go again, Milly – off now running across your cloud-shadowed airfield where we walked grass-horizons, and where ghost hares still jink and swerve, and you'll galumph after them through seas of grass, down the long runways of wind and silence – running now until you reach lift-off, running into vast blue free limitless air.

For anyone who has ever known a dog. "For Milly the Labrador" - a poem by Rowland Molony. *Editor*

Fear and Desire

Human beings are driven mainly by two impulses, fear and desire. These take the form of hopes, worries, nervousness, anxiety, avoidance, refusal to face reality, wants, agitation. Even though they are deep-seated and very powerful, they do not last. Like all experiences in life, they arrive, they are here for a time, and then they are gone, dissolved, and something else arrives in your mind. Isn't all life like this? A series of fleeting experiences. Thoughts, reactions, intentions, emotions. None of it lasting. All of it ephemeral.

Can you see your desires and your fears as visitors in your mind? Can you dis-identify from them? Can you detach from them? They are energy-entities. Can you say, "This is present in me, but it is not who I am; this is not me."? Many human beings are possessed by these impulses, their life is controlled by them. It makes for a difficult life, a life of anxiety and foreboding. A burdensome life.

If success does come it is fleeting. If fear grips you, it passes. Fear and Desire. They return to consume you temporarily, but they are not you.

You are not your thoughts. You are not the content of your mind. You are not the ideas and hopes and disappointments and worries that hold your attention. They, like the weather, pass away. They are products of time – that great bringer and taker-away – and are not of lasting importance. The essence of you is outside time. The essence of you belongs to eternity. If you can see this, then you no longer need be a plaything of passing impulses.

Perhaps you can look back across your life and see how all that you did and all that happened seems like a dream. You passed through these times and experiences, but were they ultimately real? They all passed away into nothingness. And if the content was dream-like, what part of it was ultimately real? Answer: the dreamer -- you the conscious awareness that experienced it. You the attentive awareness are the real -- what happens is not.

There can be no greater achievement in your life than to wake up from the unconscious embraces of fear and desire. They will not disappear, but they will no longer control you.

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