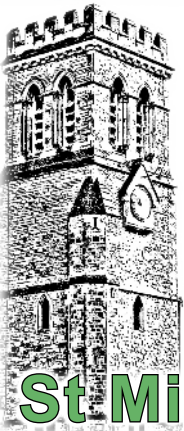


Beer Parish News

September 2021



Beer Regatta Day 2021
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and so much activity.
Looks like the Village
is back in business!

St Michael's.....and Village

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At last, everything in Church & Village seems to be starting up again.
We must all act sensibly though, Covid has not gone away!

Stay safe - keep others safe too!

Calendar for September 2021

Sun 29th Aug 10:00am Joint Communion Service at BEER

13th Sunday after Trinity

Sun 5th 9:30am Morning Praise *14th Sunday after Trinity*

Mon 6th 2:00pm PCC Meeting followed by Worship Team

Tues 7th 6:00pm Choir practice
7:30pm Bell ringing practice

Wed 8th 10:00am Communion

Sun 12th 9:30am Communion Service *15th Sunday after Trinity*

Tues 14th 6:00pm Choir Practice
7:30pm Bell ringing practice

Wed 11th 10:00am Communion Service at BEER

**Sun 19th 10:00am Joint Communion Service with
Archdeacon Andrew Beane at
SEATON (lifts available) *16th Sunday after Trinity*
10:30 – 4:30 **Big Church Picnic @ Peco**
– booking essential (*see elsewhere for details*)**

Tues 21st 6:00pm Choir Practice
7:30pm Bell ringing

Wed 22nd 10:00am Communion Service at SEATON

Sat 25th 12:30pm Wedding Ceremony

Sun 26th 9:30am Family Communion *17th Sunday after Trinity*

Tues 28th 6:00pm Choir Practice
7:30 Bell ringing practice

Sun 3rd Oct T.B.A.

NB. Our Sunday services in Beer are often broadcast live on Facebook.



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

PASSIONATE SPIRITUALITY

It was during one of my visit's to see a Bishop, that I first heard the phrase 'Passionate Spirituality' it's a phrase that I'd never heard until then, when the Bishop was talking about me, about 'my passionate spirituality'. When I thought about it He was right. I believe that in my 30 years of ministry I have been living and delivering passionate spirituality.

There is one word that people say about me, it's that I'm **passionate** about my faith, my ministry, the church and the community where I live. To be passionate about our faith, means not being afraid to roll up our sleeves, to get down from our ivory towers, and out of our comfortable seats and be seen to help others. It means more than turning up one day a week to the church building, but being passionate about our faith inside and outside church seven days out of seven.

Passionate Spirituality, is being a joyful and loving Christian presence that understands real life, does away with churchy language and is seen to be caring pastors. This is the extent to which our faith should be lived out with commitment, passion, joy and enthusiasm. This is what sets apart growing churches from stagnant ones. For me, if a church has a passionate spirituality then it will be a church experiencing God, by studying the Bible, being directed by the Spirit and is focussed on the world. If we are a church which passionately believes in the power of Jesus then we will want and must share that faith with others.

My favourite verses from the New Testament are Romans 12: 11-12, "Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer."

I firmly believe that, if the church is to survive in our society today, it needs a vision of a different church. A church, that lives out these verses, in a passionate spirituality, acts on them, and with a little humility, will see growth in our churches and change in our communities. After all Jesus told us to 'go out' not wait until people arrive!

By the time you're reading this it will be September, when summer begins to fade, and our thoughts turn to things 'starting up' again. Schools open, clubs and societies (hopefully) starting their autumn programmes, and new opportunities may appear. Once again our lives will be on a journey, taking up new experiences, getting into new routines. I pray that as we begin our journeys this September that we will share our 'passionate spirituality' with people we meet both inside and outside the Church. Let us be passionate, and full of zeal. You never know God might just use us for His Glory!

Blessings *Ali*



JULIAN GROUP meetings and at home.

The Julian Meetings on the second Monday of each month are starting up again, but if you would prefer to join us in contemplation at about 7.25pm in the security of 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

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BOOKING by email Shuna.art@gmail.com or phone Rev Shuna George on 07971 759997

ALTAR GUILD NEWS

On 10th August Altar Guild members had their first meeting since March 2020.

Committee members were elected. Chair: Pat Bewick, Vice-Chair: Yvonne Hawker, Treasurer: Jenny Ross, Secretary: Sue Ball.

We are looking forward to getting back to our normal duties in September. This will include serving coffee after services (we haven't missed doing the washing up!) flower arranging, sorting donated books and fundraising.



Date of next meeting: Tuesday 7th September 10am.

Welcome back. Long may you continue to grace St Michael's!

Editor



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Dear Beer Parish News

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We understand that you need to put your loved ones first when writing your Will, but it is also a way for you to continue to support a cause that matters to you. Leaving a gift to Hospiscare will help ensure that our expert care is available for generations to come. A last act of kindness really can make a difference and we are so grateful to those who remember Hospiscare when making their Will.

"My dear wife, Mary, was looked after wonderfully at the Hospice during her final days. So I wanted to show my appreciation in her memory by leaving a gift in my Will. It was easy to do and it is lovely to be able to say thank you to all the caring nursing team in this way." - Brian, whose late wife, Mary, was cared for by Hospiscare.

Together with local solicitors, we are offering a Will writing service that is available all year round. These solicitors have kindly agreed to support Hospiscare by waiving their usual fee for writing or updating a standard single or joint Will, so that you can make a donation to Hospiscare instead.

To find out more, why not visit our website where you can download our useful guide to making your Will and find more about our Will writing service and the local solicitors taking part.

If you have any questions at all, please do get in touch.

Best wishes,

Louise Beeken
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BEER MEMORIES MUSEUM

Exciting News!

Beer Memories Museum is now live on its new website at

<https://memories.beervillage.co.uk/>

Welcome to the new digital museum of photos,
documents, videos and recordings about
the village of Beer in Devon

This is a new digital museum that's been created to preserve and share the past of our village. The content has been provided by people who live in Beer or have lived in Beer, or who would love to live in Beer.

Beer Memories Museum is a community project, and like any successful community, you'll get more out of it if you put more into it.

Beer Memories Museum is intended to compliment the other sources of historic, contemporary, and personal or family material that get published on the Beer Village website, other sites, and on the various local Facebook groups. It is hoped that it will serve as a permanent repository and archive in which to bring anything "Beer" together for us all to use and enjoy for many years ahead. Do please have a look at it and see if you can add anything whether that be items from your own collection or family album, or photos and records about your club or society. As it says above, you'll get more out if you put more in - it's a growing project!

If you need assistance digitising items to submit to the Museum, please ask myself (Henry Jagers) or Chris Pickles - we will be pleased to help.

Editor



Seaton Beer and District Branch RNLI



On Saturday 31st July we were delighted to re-open our lovely Shop at Top Cliff, Jubilee Gardens, Beer following being closed since before the beginning of the Covid-19 restrictions in March 2020. Next to the entrance we now have hand sanitizer and inside a screen by the till. We are limiting the number of people inside the Shop as it is

small and we are asking people to wear face masks where possible. We have some lovely new gifts and souvenirs to sell, plus Christmas cards and diaries. We are aiming to be open seven days a week from approximately 10am to 4pm subject to Volunteer availability and the weather. We still have a few spaces on our rota for regular and relief cover and if anyone can volunteer at the Shop or with fundraising, please call in to see us, telephone 01297 23040, (leave message) email wac500@hotmail.co.uk for our local information and form plus RNLI application form or go to volunteering@rnli.org.uk

We also had a wonderful celebration of our branch of the RNLI having a Shop at Jubilee Gardens. We opened our first Shop in 1981 There was a replacement Shop in 2001 and the present one was constructed in 2011. In 2016 we had electricity, lighting, heating and a till plus card payment machine installed. Lucy Putt our Community Retail Lead for our Area 17 came to our day. Our Chairman John Holder welcomed our branch Volunteers and Supporters plus members of the public. I made a Shop shaped cake and read an updated poem that I had written for the opening in 2011. We also had non-alcoholic sparkling wine plus we offered and gave out cake, sticks of rock and chocolate.

We hope to have many more years with our Shop and fundraising for the RNLI at Beer and in our area. During the coming months we will be attending events with our stall and our next branch event is our **Annual Sponsored Walk** that is currently scheduled for



Sunday 24th October.

We thank all our Volunteers and Supporters and continue looking forward to a busy 2021.

Wendy Cummins

Secretary, Seaton Beer and District Branch RNLI

Fine Foundation Centre

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It was lovely to be able to go to the Summer Show early in August. The Horticultural Society did a super job in helping us all feel that things are showing green shoots of normality. As a result, I had a look at the Society's

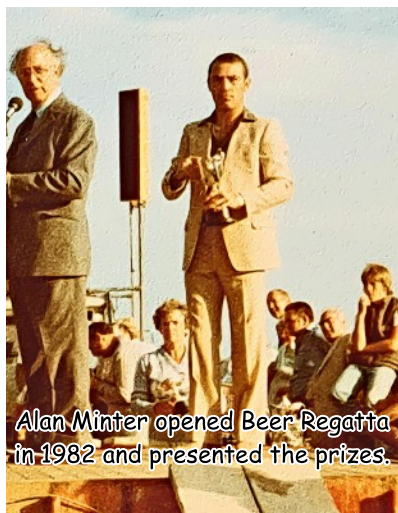
schedule for their autumn show in 1949. The entry fee per exhibit was 2d. and for most of the classes the prize money was: 1st – 3/-, 2nd – 2/-, and 3rd – 1/-. However, for the gardeners with the most points in a selection of classes, the prize was a half hundredweight of fertilizer! Not quite the same today, when a cup or shield is presented. The schedule talks about the Village Produce Association. Can anyone remember how it worked?

Regatta Week has continued with our recovery programme, although we have to accept that there is a long way to go. Beer Village Heritage was happy to offer “Fossil Fun” again on Regatta Day. We kept the activities simple in order to limit the level of adult involvement. As always, making plaster-of-Paris fossils was very popular, as was painting them. There appeared to be more youngsters than ever this year, and we had a busy morning. Many of our customers went off to do the Scavenger Hunt, which was another successful activity organised by the Regatta Committee.

Hopefully you have all been able to spend a few minutes outdoors at night in order to see the shooting stars which have been part of the Perseids meteor shower. We saw 3 very bright ones in just 10 minutes. Watching when the moon was very new was the best time because once the moon had set the stars had less competition.

The plants in your “wildflower meadow” will have set seeds by now, so the area can be cut. Rake up the cuttings and compost them if practical. You'll probably find that primrose plants are showing up in the grass, and some will be in flower before Christmas.

We've recently had a display outside the Mariners' Hall in support of Graham Hughes fundraising initiative in connexion with the craft fairs. As usual our exhibits sparked a lot of discussion and “do you remember?” from visitors. One, who lived in Beer when he was a little boy, remembered visits to the village by Alan Minter, the middleweight boxing champion. Apparently Alan, who used to come to see his friend, Cliff Hill (who owned Exeter football club), was happy



Alan Minter opened Beer Regatta in 1982 and presented the prizes.

to have his photo taken. He would pose so that it appeared that the lad had knocked him out and was standing over him holding the Lonsdale belt.

Barbara Vidion and Liz Upchurch were pleased with the interest in their inaugural Art Exhibition and will hopefully return in due course.

Just a reminder - Kate Ponting is looking for some more volunteers to help with clearing Himalayan balsam. The volunteer team will meet on Wednesday 1 September and 13 October. If there is enough interest it may be possible to increase to other dates/sites and tackle new areas in Beer. Anyone interested is asked to contact Kate for full details 07917 104250 kate.ponting@clintondevon.com

The Fine Foundation Centre is busy, with a stream of visitors. The exhibition of Axe Vale pottery has provoked a lot of interest and we're very grateful to everyone who has donated pieces. We've also acquired a selection from a collection which is being dismantled. Our plan is to have as many examples of the pots as well as the decorations as possible. Hopefully we will be able to display some of them in the Bomb Shelter. When the centre is closed you can still see the exhibits facing the beach under the FFC, 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 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 Jagers, or contact us on 01297 625445, 01297 20858 or at beervillageheritage@yahoo.co.uk

Stay well.



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BEER & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Flower Show

An unofficial report from the Editor

Held on the 5th August, the 95th Annual Beer Flower Show was, at least in my view, a great success - a very busy day for me and the village! It would have been the 96th show had the 2020 show not been cancelled due to Covid. Then, as you will recall, alternative “garden gate” displays were organised by the Beer Action Group (and very good they were, too).

For those of you less familiar with the show, competitors bring their entries along early in the morning and arrange them in the set places allotted to the numerous different classes of exhibits. The Hall is then closed and the judges make their decisions. Then, after lunch, the Hall is opened to the public and there is great excitement as the competitors return to see how they’ve done.

This year the show was opened by Annie Boalch who gave a really excellent speech touching on all the right topics including, of course, the very regrettable absence of Ursula Makepeace, now sadly in a care home. Annie then went on to present the many cups and other prizes to the deserving winners.

The Mariners’ Hall was really buzzing all afternoon and although the number of entries was down in some classes - it’s been a really difficult year for fruit, flowers, and veg with many performing poorly or not being ready in time - there certainly were some outstanding exhibits. There are classes too for photography, handicrafts, flower arranging, cooking, etc., all of which made interesting viewing, and it was especially pleasing to see a good number of entries in the children’s classes which have been scantily supported some years.

On the following page is a selection of photographs from the show with most of the winners. Let me know if you’d like your photo or if you’re not there but think I might have taken one of you do ask me and I will try to find it for you!



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The Beer Hub, on a Monday morning has proved a huge success already! We have raised over £800 for the Seaton hospice nurses, (with our bring / buy stall) as well as providing information, and companionship! If you haven't been, please come along between 10-12 on a Monday. - we are outside the Mariners' Hall - perfect spot!

In September we will hopefully move the Hub to Tuesday too! (watch this space)

Get it all in the diary - (fingers crossed - restrictions permitting)

The End of Time

Many human beings live almost exclusively through two impulses: Memory and Anticipation. A continual pre-occupation with Past and Future. To put it another way, this condition is an unwillingness to acknowledge the present moment, to allow the present moment to be what it is.

Why do people live this way? Because the past gives you an identity, and the future holds promise and possibility, salvation and fulfilment. Both are illusions.

The more you are focussed on time – past and future – the more you remove yourself from the most vital and precious thing there is: the Now.

Why is the Now vital and precious? Because it's the only thing. It's all there is. The eternal present is the space within which your whole life unfolds. It is the single factor in life that remains constant. Life is now. It is never not now. There was never a time when your life was not now.

Without you realising it, the limited confines of the mind imprison you in memory and in anticipation. What a way to live life!

The Now is the only point that can take you beyond the limited mind. The Now is the only doorway into the timeless, formless dimension of Being.

Have you ever experienced or done or thought or felt anything outside the Now? Is it possible for anything to happen or be outside Now? The answer is obvious.

Nothing ever happened in the past; it happened in the Now. Nothing will ever happen in the future; it will happen in Now.

This is the delusion of time. Mind generates it. Being present in Now takes you beyond mind, dissolves time, opens you to the infinite. Being present in Now allows a stillness to arise in you. This is a sacred space, the most vital and most precious thing. ●



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A reminder for our brilliant crisp packet collectors.

The company will NOT accept anything but CRISP packets - no coffee sachets - no chocolate wrappers - no pet food pouches etc.

Also a kind reminder that I cannot presently accept pill blister packs either.

Thank you for your support, we have a very successful system so please keep it up!



Any brand of crisp packets
and crisp multipack outer packaging

And a reminder that the telephone box

is only for books, dvds, cds, games, jig saws. We're sorry but there isn't room for anything else. **No** clothes, shoes and please **no** video cassettes, nobody wants them anymore!

Here's a photo of the telephone box in its original setting, before it got moved and put to use outside the Mariners' Hall.

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