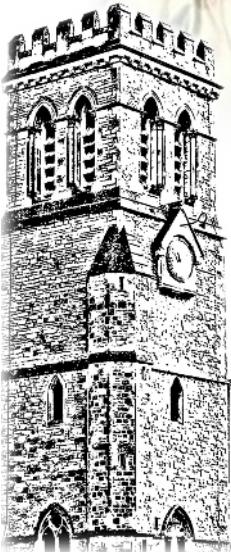


# Beer Parish News

May 2022



*MELISSA & JUSTIN  
WELCOME!*

**St Michael's... ..and Village**

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# St MICHAEL'S CHURCH



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## ***Calendar for May 2022***

<b>Sun 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>9:30am Morning Praise</b>	<i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>
<b>Tue 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	6:00pm Choir practice	
<b>Fri 6<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00am Mickey's Music Makers	
<b>Sun 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:30am Communion Service</b>	<i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>
<b>Mon 9<sup>th</sup></b>	2:00pm PCC Meeting	
<b>Tue 10<sup>th</sup></b>	6:00pm Choir practice 7:30pm Bell ringing	
<b>Wed 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00am Communion service</b>	
<b>Fri 13<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00am Mickey's Music Makers	
<b>Sun 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:30am Morning Praise</b>	<i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>
<b>Tue 17<sup>th</sup></b>	6:00pm Choir Practice 7:30pm Bell Ringing	
<b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00am Mickey's Music Makers	
<b>Sun 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>9:30am Family Communion</b>	<i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>
<b>Tue 24<sup>th</sup></b>	6:00pm Choir Practice 7:30pm Bell Ringing	
<b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00am Mickey's Music Makers	
<b>Sat 28<sup>th</sup></b>	12 noon Wedding Ceremony	
<b>Sun 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11:00am Joint Communion at SEATON</b>	<i>Sunday after Ascension Day</i>

*Our Sunday services in Beer are often broadcast on Facebook.  
If you can't come to church, you can watch and hear them there,  
either live or later at a time convenient to you!*

***Covid restrictions may have lifted but we still need to Stay Safe  
- and keep others safe too - be considerate!***

## From Justin, our new Priest in Charge, and his wife Melissa...

It gives Melissa and I great joy to say how thankful we are to you all for making us feel so welcome. We are both excited about planting deep roots here in both Seaton and Beer, building relationships across the communities and sharing the love and hope of Christ.



For us all today represents a season of transition. For Melissa and I settling into a new home, community, ministry and way of life. For the churches of St Michael's and St Gregory's it is transitioning from a long vacancy to new Priest-in-Charge or 'vicar'. For the nation, we are transitioning from a place of Covid restrictions to living with the virus and of course, May transitions us from spring to summer.

One group who really struggled at transitioning were the British Men's 4x100m sprint relay team who for more than a decade from 2004, racked up disqualification after disqualification, including six in seven major championships. They had a great team on paper, but when it came to the event, they dropped the baton, ran off too soon, got distracted or stepped out of their lanes. Put simply, they did not work together through the transition.

Transitions can be uncertain, risky or even insecure. It can be difficult to remain still in transition, there is an inner urge to go forward as fast as possible and get ahead of oneself to a goal which brings problems of its own. Both the past and what others are doing can even distract us in transitions, hindering our growth and progress.

But transitions can be transformational and times of great opportunity. Transitions can be used for building and growing:

requiring patience, trust and preparation. Training for a marathon, is not simply about the race, but every single training run in the build-up creates moments to develop, persevere and trust that you can reach your goal.

After His resurrection on Easter Sunday, Jesus Christ ascended back to heaven, leaving His disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit to come. The disciples had their commission to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ, however their instruction was not to go anywhere, but to wait in transition for the Holy Spirit who would guide, strengthen and accompany them. For ten days they did not sit idly, nor rush out too soon unprepared. Instead, they flexed their spiritual muscles, devoting themselves to constant prayer.

Observe those transitional moments or journeys in the Bible and you will see they were always a place of encounter, of transformation. God does not simply bless us when we reach a destination, He wants to meet us on the way.

In 2017 the British 100m relay team finally struck that elusive gold medal. What was the secret to their success? They got the transition spot-on. But digging deeper, it was the work off the track where they built trust, learnt dependence and grew in relationship with each other.

It is in my heart and my prayer that we can do similarly, as we worship and pray together, serve together, seek God together and share His love together in this new and exciting season.

*Rev. Justin Montague*

Coastal Mission Community

Seaton & Beer

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On behalf of *Beer Parish News* and all the residents of Beer, may I wish Justin and Melissa a very warm welcome and every happiness during what we hope will prove a long and fruitful sojourn amongst us.

*Editor*



## ALTAR GUILD

The Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at St Michaels Church was well attended.

The joint Mothering Service with the Congregational church went very well and enjoyed by all and posies were given out and much appreciated.

The new vicar Justin's licensing service went ahead on 5<sup>th</sup> April and was a wonderful evening, very well attended and supported. This was followed by an enjoyable reception in the Mariners Hall and a big thank you for all those involved in making it a great success.

We wish Justin and Melissa very happy times ahead in their new venture with us in Beer and Seaton.

Easter Services went ahead as planned and the church decorations looked very nice.



**Date of next meeting: Tuesday May 10<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 10.00am**



A small local group who meet regularly in order to grow in the practice of Contemplative Prayer in the Christian tradition. We welcome people of ALL denominations, or none. Currently operating as "THE JULIAN GROUP AT HOME"

**We invite you to join us virtually on the second Monday of each month at about 7.20pm by downloading and following an "order of proceedings" available from the Coastal Church website. For more information contact: Sue Price, Reader at St Gregory's Seaton on 01297 22314**



MARINERS' HALL, BEER  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

# **MARINERS' HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Invites you to attend the

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

on

**MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

at

**19.00**

**All welcome**

Registered Charity 300760

**CINEMA  
FOR ALL**

# Beer Film Society



[www.beerfilmsociety.org.uk](http://www.beerfilmsociety.org.uk)

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at the Mariners' Hall  
Doors open at 6.45pm. Film starts 7.30pm.  
Bar available.



## THE RESCUE

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The Rescue chronicles the enthralling, against-all-odds story that transfixed the world in 2018: the daring rescue of twelve boys and their coach from deep inside a flooded cave in Northern Thailand. Using a wealth of never-before-seen material and exclusive interviews, E. Chai Vasarhelyi and Jimmy Chin keep viewers on the edge of their seats as they bring alive one of the most perilous and extraordinary rescues in modern times, shining a light on the high-risk world of cave diving, the astounding courage and compassion of the rescuers, and the shared humanity of the international community that united to save the boys.

**Members £5. Non members £7**

Numbers limited - to book tickets email

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## Beer Parish Council News

Welcome to the latest edition of your Beer Parish Council (BPC) Newsletter. I was co-opted onto the council during the January 2022 meeting and have found the council to be busy and responsive. As a new councillor, I felt it was important to quickly understand the roles and standards associated with 'throwing my hat in the ring'.

An excellent series of zoom training calls, aptly named 'Being a good councillor', provided a helpful start. The training covered aspects such as community, duties, powers, precept, meetings, roles and responsibilities. Organised by training officers at the Devon Association of Local Councils, it should be comforting to all residents that new councillors can access professional training rapidly and efficiently.

The training has guided me towards an appreciation for the importance of listening to the residents. My initial assessment of my involvement in council and other informal meetings, is that my fellow councillors feel the same way. However, I understand that arriving at any decision requires the careful balancing of different opinions and making my best judgement when required.

For this reason, my approach to this newsletter is not focused on promoting my opinion, it is intended to re-assure our residents that my first impression of the internal workings of our council looks fit and healthy. Full of robust discussion, energy and commitment to the task at hand.

*Cllr James Green*  
April 2022

*Continues overleaf...*

## **New Parish Council Clerk**

Welcome to the new Clerk, Jakki Henderson who formally starts at the beginning of May. Jakki is already a Clerk for another East Devon parish and is currently studying towards the Certificate in Local Council Administration.

## **New Parish Council website**

The Parish Council has a new website to comply with the accessibility guidelines

[www.beerparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.beerparishcouncil.org.uk)

## **Vision Survey**

There is still chance to take part in the survey using this link <http://www.beerseafrontvision.co.uk/> or via the Parish Council website. Hard copies of the survey are available in the foyer of the Mariners' Hall or use the QR code on the posters in the village. We are keen to receive responses from all age groups and would particularly welcome responses from younger members of the community.

## **20mph speed limit**

The Parish Council has submitted a proposal to Devon County Council for a village wide 20mph speed limit. DCC is currently reviewing all proposals and further updates will be provided as we receive them.

## **Parish Council surgery**

The Parish Council has re-started the informal Parish Council surgeries, as part of the Beer Horticultural Society Table Top Sales in the Mariners' Hall. The next date is Saturday 7 May – please come along and chat to councillors if there are local issues that you would like to discuss.

## **Tribute to Polish Aircrew 12<sup>th</sup> April**

On 12<sup>th</sup> April the Polish flag was raised outside St. Michael's church at the beginning of a day devoted to tributes to two Polish aircrew of 307 Squadron from RAF Exeter who were killed when their Beaufighter crashed into the sea near Beer Head exactly 80 years before.

Relatives of both men were present, some of whom had travelled from Poland for the events, together with members of the Royal British Legion, Polish Airmen's Association and the Royal Air Forces Association (RAFA). The Polish Embassy was represented, and Group Captain Gordon Evans, a Deputy Lieutenant of Devon, also attended.

After a buffet lunch in the Mariners Hall a small memorial to the two men was unveiled in the Jubilee Gardens, and wreaths were laid by the relatives of the crew and the veterans' groups. Later, a moving ceremony was held on the cliffs between Beer and Branscombe, overlooking the crash site, at which relatives of the aircrew made speeches in Polish, followed by English translations. A bugler sounded the Last Post and Reveille, and two minutes silence were observed.

Throughout the day an exhibition on the activities of the squadron was held in the Congregational Hall by the 307 Squadron Project, a research group, who had also produced a booklet recording the events surrounding the crash.

The relatives of the two men who died were touched by the warm welcome they received in the village and by the day's events, which were organised jointly by the Royal British Legion, Beer branch, and the 307 Squadron Project.





## Seaton Beer and District Branch RNLI

April was a quiet month and we had a very successful and enjoyable time attending the St. Gregory's Church, Seaton Easter Fair.

At the time of writing my report we are preparing our yellow and other colour wellington boots for this year's RNLI Mayday Appeal. On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May we are taking part and being supported by Seaton Parkrun (we will be walking and collect on the way as we did in 2018!!) We will also be collecting during the day. Additional collectors are needed and welcome. Yellow is the theme and anyone is invited to take part with us. Sponsor Forms and further details will be available nearer the time. Please telephone 01297 23040 (leave message) or email [wac500@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wac500@hotmail.co.uk). Walkers can also be sponsored to walk along the East and West Walks as many times as they like



at a date or time best for them during May. The children of Seaton primary School are being invited to take part in our Colour-in-a-Wellington Boot Poster Competition and judging will be at Pebbles Coffee House at approximately 1pm. Children from Beer and all across our area are invited to take part too.

We will have re-opened our Shop at Jubilee Gardens, Beer in April. Additional Volunteers are still required for Saturdays and relief duty. Please come and join our small friendly team. Also very importantly, we give tourist information, plus sea and coastal walking advice. Her Majesty The Queen is the Patron of the RNLI and we will be decorating our Shop for the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

Plans are well in hand for our Beer Lifeboat Weekend with the Street Collection and Table Top Sale on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July and our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Duck Race Day on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Details available nearer the time.

Once again, thank you to all our Volunteers and Supporters as we proceed through 2022.

*Wendy Cummins*, Secretary, Seaton Beer and District Branch RNLI

## **ROYAL MARINES TO YOUR DUTIES, QUICK MARCH! \***

A special service on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April in St Michael's Church saw ex-Royal Marine Commando "Green Beret", marathon runner (and more) the Rev Justin Marc Montague licensed and installed as our new Priest in Charge of St Michael's and St Gregory's.



The service was led by the Bishop of Crediton (The Right Reverend Jackie Searle) and the Archdeacon of Exeter (The Venerable Andrew Beane) and the congregation was augmented by community members and visiting clergy as well as supporters from Justin's previous church, St George's and St Paul's in Tiverton, and further honoured by the presence of Lord and Lady Clinton and other dignitaries. Afterwards there was a splendid reception and buffet in the Mariners' Hall prepared by the St Michael's Altar Guild ladies. Justin spent 11 years as a Royal Marine before leaving in 2016 to begin the transition from Commando to priest. After training at theological college, he was ordained deacon in 2018 and then fully-fledged priest in 2019.

As a Marine Commando Justin achieved high honours in training. He then served in action in The Afghan war in 2007 and is pictured in an iconic photograph from that period. Now he serves God. He also runs marathons and ultra marathons at which he has achieved many notable successes.

The people of Beer and Seaton extend a warm welcome to him and his wife Melissa (she is also a fine runner) and hope they enjoy their time serving our community. May they win this race too but not find it too much of a marathon!

\* Some years ago I was privileged to witness a Passing Out Parade at Commando Training Centre, Lympstone. The final order is 'Royal Marines to your duties, quick march'. *Editor*

# Fine Foundation Centre

## Beer Village Heritage

Reg. Charity No.1087162

The Fine Foundation Centre is open for business! A big “Thank You” to everyone who helped to get it ready for the

season. Mike and Trevor have repaired the porthole which was damaged by the thief, as well as cleaning the cobwebs out of the light sources. They’ve created a new display which shows the Beer jeton, and installed some new lighting. Carol has reorganised the displays in the external cabinets and some of the printed material has been renewed. What’s missing? At the moment we have decided not to fill the fish tanks. We are still hoping that a carpenter will come forward to re-site the tanks before the main tourism season. There is some water in two of the tanks to test the seals, given that the tanks have been empty for a couple of years.

As I write this the centre is without electricity after the mains cable was accidentally severed. Hopefully all will be sorted out soon as Nigel is coming to the rescue!

The Jurassic Coast Trust’s celebrations for their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary are continuing and include a new short video relating to pebbles on the beach every month. You can see them on:

<https://jurassiccoast.org/the-jurassic-coast-turns-20/> and click on the videos in the YouTube section. In the May video Christine will be introducing our “decorated pebble” project which will start later in the month. We’ll be inviting everyone to decorate a luggage label, tie it onto a stone with a hole through it and add it to a collection at the Centre. The decoration, in words or pictures or both, should reflect what the pebble means to you. You should take your photo with your stone and your artwork and make sure that you tag **#JurassicCoastTurns20** when you post it onto social media. Hopefully you will all take part!

May is the month when baby bats begin to find their wings. Bats only have one baby a year, so it’s important that as many as possible survive. You can help by keeping your cats indoors overnight during May and June. Baby bats are very vulnerable

when they're learning to fly, often getting too close to the ground – and to curious cats. “Making room for Nature” in your garden will also help bats by increasing the number of insects which live there. More insects will also attract more birds, while butterflies and moths will appreciate an increase in pollen and nectar.

Gardens are full of blossom and birds are busy building nests and raising families. A pair of very cross wrens were defending their territory last week when the cat sat and watched them. Most of us come indoors as dusk falls and miss the perfume from shrubs, such as pittosporum which smells like honey. The flowers are very unobtrusive, but their effect is overpowering.

The March Branscombe Project talk had to be cancelled as Rose Ferraby succumbed to Covid-19. Let's hope that the April talk goes ahead, along with the exhibition. This marks the end of the Branscombe season of talks, so we will have to wait for the autumn to find out what delights are in store for next winter.

Please don't leave any more crisp packets at the Centre. Now that you can recycle them at Tesco's there is no need for a village collection. It's good to know that Ruth and Wendy's initiative has had such a positive outcome.

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If you'd like to know more about Beer Village Heritage 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](mailto:beervillageheritage@yahoo.co.uk)

You can also find out about some of our other projects as well as our walks and “I-Spy” on our website:  
<http://www.beervillageheritage.org.uk/>.

If you'd like to be involved there are a number of ways in which you could help, from leading a project to closing the centre in the evening.



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“In Conversation With ...”

## No. 5, In Conversation ...with Ladi B.Pharm

This month we're chatting to the man everyone in the village knows as Ladi. The name, it turns out, is plucked out of the middle of Oladimeji Ayodele, which is Ladi's full name. Try saying it a few times, it fills the mouth satisfyingly, more than simply “Ladi”. It has a meaning. Oladimeji means Double Joy. And Ayodele means Joy Has Come Into My Home. There's quite a lot of joy, it would seem, in Ladi's home. Especially in his children's names. (More on that later) Anyhow, here he is, the man, the husband, the father, the village doctor-in-the-High Street. We're not meeting in the pub, because Ladi doesn't drink, and anyway he must keep the shop open for customers. So that's fine, we meet in the Pharmacy where the back wall holds thousands of medicines. Ladi, I suggest, knows a lot of people!

**Ladi:** Yes, I suppose I know around 80% of the village.

**Q:** And, you're keeping a lot of them alive! And so consequently, like a doctor, what you know about people is extremely personal.

**Ladi:** I am very aware of the need for careful handling of customers. In a village there is often gossip. There can be slips of the tongue. Sometimes I have to put a lock on my mouth. People need to know that they can trust their pharmacist; they need to know there is trust and discretion. I nearly made a mistake once. I thought of handing over a certain person's prescription meds to the person I knew they were dating. But I didn't, and I subsequently found out that they weren't together anymore, they had broken up. So I nearly passed someone's personal medicines to another. In a small community, I have to be extra-careful.

**Q:** So, what I wonder are the highs and lows of being a village pharmacist?

**Ladi:** The best reward is always the satisfied and grateful customer. That's nice. Not so nice is when the patient's expectations were not fulfilled and the first person they see in their sometimes angry frustration is me. But these are small events. I don't have to deal with dangerous or threatening people, or situations where drug-use is involved.

**Q:** What about the journey that brought you to Beer? Can you fill us in on some background?

**Ladi:** From school in Nigeria I went to University in Zaria. My mother was also a student there, she studied Psychology and worked as an Educational Psychologist in Teacher Training in



Nigeria. In London I studied Biomedical Immunology at UEL. This gave me the opening to practice in this country. I worked for the Lloyds Pharmacy Group for a while in Southampton, and on the Isle of Wight and in Middlesbrough and in Burnham-on-Sea. In 2010 I came to Beer. Up till then I worked for people who didn't always know what they were making decisions about. Here in Beer I don't have anybody directing what I do. I am my own boss

**Q:** It seems that the females in your family have been important for you?



**Ladi:** My mother has been a big influence on my life. She had five children, two girls and three boys. My two sisters encouraged and supported me in my training.

**Q:** Would you ever consider going back to Nigeria?

**Ladi:** I went back once. That visit showed me that I exist in two worlds now. I wouldn't be able to fit into that society. It's fine. I don't have great expectations. I live a simple life.

**Q:** As well as having a great name, Oladimeji, you've given your children great names too.

**Ladi:** Yes, Ayo (Joy), Iye (Blessing of the Grandmother); Kemi (Honoured by Mother) and Tunde (Joy Returned). The children are mostly too old for me to be involved in what they get up to, but sometimes I watch them playing computer games. Actually, about names, my own family don't use my full name. My mother called me Ola. My friends call me Ladi.

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We all call him Ladi, and he's very happy with that. Behind the name we know he is Mr Discreet, Mr Diplomacy, our Doctor-behind-the-counter in the village High Street.

REMEMBRANCE CONCERT  
PERFORMED BY THE SALAMANCA  
BAND & BUGLERS OF THE RIFLES

On  
Sunday 15th May 2022  
At Mariner's Hall, Beer, 4.30 to 6.30 pm



FREE ENTRY  
(collection for the RBL Beer Branch at the door)

A variety of music including favourites from Last Night of the Proms (flags will be supplied!) and a tribute to Falklands 40

MC - Mr David Fitzgerald, BBC Radio Devon

Raffle & refreshments

Organised by the Royal British Legion, Beer Branch

Contact Carole Arnold 07710 809 765  
[beer.memsecretary@rbl.community](mailto:beer.memsecretary@rbl.community)



## **The Beer 2014 Group - Official Opening of the Memorial Avenue Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

The Memorial Avenue, created by the Beer 2014 Group in the Beer Head car park, will be officially opened by Lord Clinton at 2pm on Sunday 15th May.

The Salamanca Band of the Rifles will play at the ceremony. Two minutes silence will be observed, and a bugler will sound the Last Post and Reveille.

The Avenue commemorates all those from Beer who served in the First World War, both those who died and the survivors. At the opening ceremony the names of all the pre-war residents of Beer known to have served in the armed forces, on merchant ships, as nurses or as Red Cross volunteers will be read, to ensure that they all receive recognition, many of them for the first time.

Any members of the original families who would like to read out the name of a First World War relative commemorated in the Avenue should message the Beer 2014 Group on Facebook, or contact Richard Scott on 07870 891581 or [rscottbeer@outlook.com](mailto:rscottbeer@outlook.com).

We hope as many people as possible will attend the ceremony to mark the culmination of four years of work to bring the Memorial Avenue plan to fruition.

Following the ceremony the Salamanca Band will perform in the Mariners Hall, starting at 4.30pm.

## BEER WI



Our April meeting was very well attended for an 'Introduction to Silk Painting' demonstrated by Gillian Beckman-Findlay. All members were given a silk picture which we then enjoyed painting, using a very wide choice of colours.

Even those who considered themselves non artistic managed to produce a passable painting with card frame and envelope.

Having spent so much time enjoying the painting our business meeting had to be very short. Members also signed up for the coming year at a reduced rate. Though we are losing some valuable members we are also gaining new members.

The following day was the Group Meeting hosted by Seaton WI when local WIs get together twice a year. There were 2 competitions, one writing and one art but unfortunately Beer did not win in either category. We were very well entertained with a talk on Devon Lighthouses by Alan Nicholas and after tea and cakes, seated yoga with Yvonne.

The Devon Spring Council Meeting at the end of April was unfortunately held on Zoom this year with the main speaker being Tom Heap best known as a presenter on Countryfile. This was open to all members throughout Devon.

In mid-April 6 members travelled to Escot for an archery morning. This was very enjoyable and no one was injured as the security was very tight, but I think the ducks wandering by might have been in greater danger.

All other activities are continuing with monthly book clubs, walk and lunch, fortnightly creative writing and weekly Canasta.

New members or visitors always welcome.

Monthly meeting is held in the Congregational Church Hall on the first Wednesday at 7.15 for 7.30.

For information please contact 01297 21864 or 01297 599157

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for future generations  
"THE FRIENDS OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH"  
Application forms at back of Church  
or contact Kieth Izzard, 01297 625181

## Two Dimensions

When you contemplate the unfathomable depth of space or listen to the silence in the early hours just before sunrise, something within you resonates with it as if in recognition. You then sense the vast depth of space as your own depth, and you know that precious stillness that has no form to be more deeply who you are than any of the things that make up the content of your life.

The two-fold reality of the universe, which consists of things and space – thingness and no-thingness – is also your own. A sane, balanced, and fruitful human life is a dance between the two dimensions that make up reality: form and space. Most people are so identified with the dimension of form, with sense perceptions, thoughts, and emotions that the vital hidden half is missing from their lives. Their identification with form keeps them trapped in ego.

The collective disease of humanity is that people are so engrossed in what happens, so hypnotized by the world of fluctuating forms, so absorbed in the content of their lives, they have forgotten the essence, that which is beyond content beyond form, beyond thought. They are so consumed by time that they have forgotten eternity, which is their origin, their home, their destiny. Eternity is the living reality of who you are.

(Taken from *Oneness with All Life* by Eckhart Tolle)



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Manager Mark Rooke and his 1<sup>st</sup> team squad are quietly confident that the final hurdle, on a remarkable journey, can be achieved on **May 28<sup>th</sup>**.

We will be supported by a large crowd, currently 4 coaches will be taking players and supporters to Newton Abbott. If you fancy joining us on a coach please contact Mike Adkin on 07873 326847, spaces are filling fast.

**Match details: Sportlighting Premier Cup Final**, Beer Albion 1st v North Molton Sports Club 1<sup>st</sup>. **Saturday 28th May 14:30 kick off** at County Headquarters, Coach Road, Newton Abbot. TQ12 1EJ. Club Sponsor: **Edenvale Turf (SW) Ltd**

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