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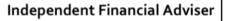
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Date	08:30 am	10:30 am (or as noted)	Other Services	
7th July Trinity 6	Holy Communion Keinton	Morning Prayer and Baptism Lydford on Fosse	-	
14th July Trinity 7	Holy Communion at Kingweston			
21st July St Mary Magdalene	Holy Communion Barton St David	Morning Prayer Keinton	_	
Wednesday 24th July	3:00pm House Communion at the Parish Hall, West Lydford			
28th July Trinity 9	Holy Communion Lydford on Fosse	Morning Prayer Barton St David	_	
4th August Trinity 10	_	Holy Communion Kingweston	_	
Saturday 10th August	11:00am Wedding at Kingweston			
11th August Trinity 11	_	Holy Communion Lydford on Fosse	_	
18th August Trinity 12		Holy Communion Keinton		
25th August Bartholomew		Holy Communion Barton St David		

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The Livius Trust Aims to provide items, services or facilities at Keinton Mandeville Primary School to advance religion in accordance with the doctrines of the Church of England. The Trustees are open to any proposals to accord with the Trusts aims.

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From the Registers

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of:

Mrs Dorothy (JEAN) EDGELL who passed away at home on the 7th May 2024 aged 92. Her funeral service and committal took place at St Mary Magdalene Church Keinton Mandeville on the 31st May 2024.

Mrs Sandra (JANE) Mary ADAMS who passed away at home on the 25th May 2024 aged 83. Her cremation took place at Mendip Crematorium on the 10th June 2024 followed by a Thanksgiving Service at St Mary Magdalene Church Keinton Mandeville on the 24th June 2024.

Mrs Elizabeth Anne CROSSLEY who died at The Glen Care Home on the 25th May 2024 aged 84. Her committal service and interment took place on the 18th June 2024 at St Peter's Church Lydford following a direct cremation service.

Mrs Janet Suzanne HOBBIS who died at Highfield House on the 28th May 2024 aged 97. Her cremation took place at Mendip Crematorium on the 19th June 2024 followed by a Thanksgiving Service at St Peters Church Lydford on the 25th June 2024.



Hello

How are you finding the electioneering at the moment? I'm writing about two weeks before voting day, and shortly after the magazine is out we'll find out who is in government and begin to discover the consequences.

But I wonder how you feel about all of this? I'm someone who is usually pretty news focussed and I'll look up the BBC News page regularly and listen to the news on the radio. However when there are elections, I'm inclined to listen to other programmes and turn off when the news is on! World Service becomes my friend, it helps to have a broader view than just our nation.

In New Testament times the political leaders were all from the 'occupying nation' they had not been chosen by election, nor did people want them, they would rather have been able to decide for themselves. However in the letter to the Romans Paul encourages his hearers to be subject to the governing authorities and respect them, as well as paying their taxes. In 1 Timothy he urges his hearers to pray for all those in authority.

So as we (along with a number of other nations) move through maybe we can think about how we respond to and challenge government. If you are someone who prays, maybe we can pray for the wisdom and integrity of our political leaders. Another approach might be to find ways to challenge when we feel that the outcast, vulnerable and others are overlooked, and finally maybe we can look at our response to taxation and helping to pay for the social needs of our society.

Our Churches are open daily, maybe you can go and sit in one of them for a while, listening and reflecting on the state of the nation and remembering those in leadership.

We are in a time of flux, nationally and internationally so let's together seek the good of our nation and the whole world.

Jane

Transport to Church

An understanding has been reached with Wheathill Priory Community Transport for those people who need lifts to Church Services.

WPCT will try to assist on Sunday mornings, so if this applies to you or someone you know - Please ring 07799 487 719, preferably 48 hours in advance.

Thank you WPCT!

Benefice Churches Churches opening for private prayer

The churches of Barton St David, Keinton Mandeville and Kingweston are now all open daily. Lydford church is normally open at weekends except, due to local conditions, it is not open between mid June and mid September.

Church Car Parks

In Keinton, Kingweston and Lydford it is now possible to give when you visit using the QR codes found on noticeboards or at the door.

If you use the churchyards or car park please do consider making occasional or regular donations towards their maintenance and their ongoing place in the lives of our communities.

Jane Adams

To all those who have sent me so much sympathy, given huge hugs and filled the pantry with cakes.

> I say, Thank you Thank you Thank you.

> > **Johnnie**

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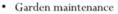
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Iuly and August are traditionally quieter months for the Benefice Choir, although once again the choir has the pleasure and privilege of singing for a wedding taking place in August. Rehearsals for this and preparing music for the monthly Benefice services means that the choir is still able to enjoy making music together, with a strong sense of fellowship and shared worship.

At the beginning of September there will be a social event for all choir members and their families, with a chance to review the music made in the last year, to hear about new music and, hopefully, meet new choir members. If you would like to join the choir, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Lynne Kirkman on 01458 224158 - you'll be very welcome.

Keinton Mandeville Church Openers – July/August 2024

Should you need to swap, please could you let Emma know as well as the person due to hand the key onto you.

Meanwhile, if anyone else would like to help with the locking and unlocking of the church, please call 223344.

Sunday 30 th June – Sunday 7 th July	Joanne Wallwork	07757 704 221	
Sunday 7 th July – Sunday 14 th	Sandra & Chris Weigh	224696	
Sunday 14 th July – Sunday 21 st	Roger Locke	224287	
Sunday 21 st July – Sunday 28 th	Neill Thomas	223613	
August			
Sunday 28 th July – Sunday 4 th Aug	Helen & Tony Gosney	224192	
Sunday 4 th Aug – Sunday 11 th	Ean & Freddie Jackson	224475	
Sunday 11 th Aug – Sunday 18 th	Larry Henessy	224132	
Sunday 18 th Aug – Sunday 25 th	Jo & ChrisTripp	223684	
Sunday 25 th Aug – Sunday 29 th	Neil Bain	223314	

Knit and Natter

Periodically our Knit and Natter group are asked to take part in **Community** Projects - both local and National. So it was that six weeks ago we were approached on behalf of **The Mission to Seafarers**. This is a charity dedicated to care for seafarers around the world.

The request was for woollen hats, balaclavas, fingerless gloves and mufflers. Patterns were provided for us to follow. Never ones to resist a challenge we set to with great gusto. Much of the wool used had been donated to our group and consisted of a myriad of different colours.

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At the end of the project we were able to donate ten hats, five mufflers, seven pairs of fingerless gloves and four balaclavas. All this was managed alongside our own projects and with much love, laughter and lively conversation.

> If anyone would like to join us, we meet on Monday afternoons between 2:00pm - 4:00pm in the Methodist Church Room.

Women's Institute Keinton Mandeville and surrounding villages

Our WI serves Keinton Mandeville and many other local villages. We meet in Barton St. David Village Hall at 7:15 pm on the third Thursday of each month. We also meet regularly for a variety of informal events in between.

We have a wide and varied programme of speakers and activities, which are both fun and informative. Some members play Pickleball each week to keep fit and/or to be sociable

We are a friendly and supportive group and look forward to welcoming any new members to our relaxed and enjoyable meetings. We have members of all ages. For more information or if you would like to join us please email:

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Saving Lives at Sea

A date for your diary - Don't forget!

Keinton Mandeville Big Breakfast

The Big Breakfast is back on **Saturday, 19th October** from 9:00am in Keinton Mandeville Village Hall.

The funds it raises will support many of our *local organisations* plus Blood Cancer UK, WHY and Save the Children.

Come along and enjoy a delicious breakfast or afternoon cream tea (or both!) and the other attractions that make the Big Breakfast the event it has become! Do bring your family and friends.

If you are part of a local organisation and would like support from the funds we raise for a particular project, to buy equipment, a special activity or anything else please contact the committee on <code>keintonbigbreakfast@gmail.com</code>.

Look out for more details in the next issue of the Parish Magazine and on Social Media. We look forward to seeing you there.



Keinton Mandeville Meet Up (includes surrounding villages)



We guarantee a warm welcome for **Carers**, **the Cared for** and anyone who would benefit from getting together for fun, company, information on hot topics – Fraud, Fire Prevention etc. and availability of local support.

We welcome attendees suggesting ideas for future speakers/topics. Everything is free including refreshments. **Where**: Keinton Mandeville Village Hall TA11 6ES. **When:** First Wednesday of the Month **Time** - 11:0am to 12:30pm.

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The next Parish Council Meeting is on Tuesday, 2nd July in the village hall. Public session will take place at 7:30pm immediately before the formal meeting. All are welcome to attend.

Village Calendar of Events

Public sessions at the recent parish council meetings have called for a Village Calendar to be co-ordinated so that events are less likely to clash.

Therefore a volunteer is being sought to be able to perform this task.

Please let the parish council know if you are interested. Kaye Elston

Keinton Environment Group (KEG)

KEG event 15th June

Thank you to everyone who attended this event. We had some really interesting talks from Lizzie and Dave Reynolds who gave an overview of keeping honeybees, and the best plants to put in your gardens to help support the bees all year round. Fletcher Robinson from the CPRE provided some interesting insight into why it's so important to keep villages rural by protecting them from excessive development.

Keinton's Adam North gave an insightful presentation on the crops grown and other land use around the village and how farmers make decisions about what to grow in face of changing climatic, market and political forces. **Jane Sweetman** gave an overview of some of the great work from both employees and volunteers at Plotgate Community Farm: not only growing local produce for the community, but also engaging in water management and education.

The do-it-yourself pizzas were again a great success - **thanks to Paul Stubbs** and Julia Manning for providing the oven and all the ingredients - and the stalls gave an opportunity to find out more about the environment around us and buy local produce.

There were some lovely pictures drawn by some of the children in the Poster Competition, and the **Hooper family won the best poster**, winning a tour of Westhay for the family.

Sandra Cook won the KEG's Wild Garden of the Year Award, which was very well deserved as Sandra has spent many years keeping her garden stocked for the bees, birds and other wildlife.

Rewilding/wildflower planting

As we reported last month, we have planted some verges or borders around the village with pollinator-friendly wildflower mixes. The spring window for planting is now closed, but if you have an area, no matter how small, you'd like to dedicate to wildflowers do get in touch using the contact details below and we can organise more planting in the autumn.



Bats, Birds, Hedgehogs - and more

Please keep the sightings of hedgehogs and any other wildlife coming in. Do contact us (or come to a meeting) if you would like advice on feeding and providing shelter for wildlife. Some of our members are skilful at constructing hedgehog, bat and bird boxes and would be delighted to pass their expertise on to you and your family.

Our meetings are open to anyone to attend and we'd love to get more people involved in what we do. KEG's next meeting is on **Wednesday**, **10**th **July at 7:30pm in the Quarry Inn.**

Facebook: (5) Keinton Environment Group (KEG) Facebook Email: info@keintonenvironmentgroup.org.uk

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Keinton Mandeville Table Top Games Group

If you would like to come along for a drink and a chat or have a coffee/tea while playing table top games like **Scrabble**, **Boggle**, **Rummikub**, **Logo**, **cards**, **chess** etc. then why not come along to the group which meets in KM Village Hall.

We chat, drink tea and coffee and play table top games if we want to!

If you would like to come along just for a coffee and a chat without playing any games then you will be made just as welcome. There is no charge as the sessions are funded by Keinton Mandeville Parish Council.

The group is open to anyone who would like to come, you don't need to live in Keinton Mandeville. Dates for the next few months are Wednesdays on July 10th, September 11th, October 9th, November 13th and December 11th all between 10am and 12 noon.

Please note that we are not getting together in August.

There is no need to book...just come along if you can. We look forward to seeing you and the kettle will be on!

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Lydford Gala - Water into Wine Stall

Saturday 13th July at 2:00pm at the Sports Filed, West Lydford

Again this year we will be holding the Water into Wine Stall which will raise funds for both the Church and Sport's Club. Please come and support us and the sports club.

House Communion

3:00pm Wednesday, 24th July in the Parish Hall, West Lydford

All in the Benefice are very welcome to attend this short Service of Holy Communion followed by time to chat with friends and enjoy afternoon tea.

Any problems with transport please contact Ralph Berry (01963) 240164.

Church Car Park

Due to the numbers of cars now using the church car park at Lydford and damage that is caused to the railing around the War memorial, by vehicles colliding with them, the PCC has applied for planning permission to hard surface the grass area alongside the river. This is to give more room for vehicles to manoeuvre, and hopefully avoid the railings.

The work is going to cost in the region of £10,000 for which the PCC has offered half.

As the car park is used by a great many people other than those attending church the PCC is asking for contributions towards the cost of this from those using the car park for leisure activities, by either using the QR code in the car park, leaving donations in the letter box on the church gate (which will be emptied daily) or if you wish to donate another way please contact the churchwarden Ralph Berry on 01963 240 164.

Welcome & POPin Cafe

Next Cafe

This will be on *Tuesday*, 23rd *July from 10:30am - 12 midday* in the Parish Hall. The Cafe will once again be offering homemade biscuits and good coffee to all who take the opportunity to come along, have a chat and perhaps grab a book to take home. As usual all Welcome! We will be having a break in August so back again in September.

On behalf of Walters & Pope Charity

Lydford Parish Hall AGM

Lydford Parish Hall, West Lydford (next to St Peter's Church)
On Wednesday, 3rd July 2024; 7:00 - 7:45pm
Doors open for light refreshments 18:45pm

Please do come along to see the facilities, meet the team, volunteer for any of the roles, share ideas, hear what has been done over the last year and what is planned for the future. For further details please contact: chair@lydfordparishhall.org.uk. For news, bookings and clubs please see www.lydfordparishhall.org.uk and Facebook page for events and news @lydfordparishhall.org.uk

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Barton St David - Friday Afternoon Table Tennis

There will not be any table tennis during July and August. Sessions will begin again during September, the date of which will appear in the September issue of this magazine.



I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all of those who have taken part in our weekly table tennis. Without you and all your help, it would not be possible to run such a great activity which is enjoyed by everyone who attends.

Please contact me (Elaine Balcombe) if you need any information regarding table tennis on *esbalcombe@googlemail.com* or phone (01458) 850465.

Barton St David History Club

The History Club enjoyed a wide variety of talks in the first half of 2024 covering, amongst others, subjects as diverse as the *World's Population Growth, the Rock Temples of Lalibela* (twinned with Glastonbury), the *Marine aspects of Hinkley Point and the History of the Measurement of Time*!

We pause now for the summer but will have a presence at Barton Carnival (20th July) so do come and say hello.

26th September

"Enigma and the Bombe"

Talks resume in Barton Village Hall on Thursday, September 26th with a visit from Frank Falcon from Bletchley Park who will be talking to us about the amazing code-breaking work done there during the second World War.

Plotgate Community Farm

Plotgate Community Farm is co-operatively run by its members.

The growers and volunteers produce seasonal vegetables on a 16-acre site in Barton St David. Members can collect, or have delivered, a weekly or fortnightly share of the produce, each box containing at least 8 different types of vegetable. There are events, activities and opportunities as well as fresh food all through the year.

Find out more at the Barton Inn on Friday evenings, 4:00pm – 6:30pm when we're there with the veg boxes. If you would like a share of the harvest, we also deliver on Monday evenings and Saturday mornings.

Call or text 07817 608 283, or email: info@plotgatecommunityfarm.org

Other collection points are in Glastonbury and Street on Mondays, Langport on Saturdays. More info at: www. plotgatecommunityfarm.org and Facebook

The Walters and Pope Trust Fund (Lydford-on-Fosse)

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- ❖ It may be help with buying tools or equipment for a new job.
- ❖ It may be support for someone who is ill, or who is caring for someone.

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*Dog Show classes:

- Most Handsome Dog
- Prettiest Bitch 2.
- 3. Best Trick
- Best Child Handler (16 and under) 4.
- 5. Best Adult Handler (17 and over)
- Best Veteran
- 7. Best Puppy
- 8. Best Rescue
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- 9-10 Girls 6:
- 7: 9-10 Boys
- 8: 11-12 Girls
- 11-12 Boys
- 10: Under 16 Girls
- Under 16 Boys 11:
- Mother & Child Relay 12:
- 13: Father & Child pick-a-back Wheelbarrow Race
- 15: Adult & Child 3-legged
 - Annual Wife Carrying Race (wife optional but partner essential)

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Lydford and District Gardening Club

What with the Cricket 20/20 World Cup in the West Indies and U.S.A, the Soccer European Championships in Germany, the Olympics in France, Rory having a meltdown in the U.S Open Golf Championship, Wimbledon Tennis Tournament on the horizon

and the bass line from Glastonbury booming out over the countryside, it is quite surprising that anyone has any time or stamina left to attend Garden Club meetings or even to do any actual gardening.

The year is rushing past. May has flown and lawns are now being mown, or not as the case may be, depending on greenness, idleness or incapacity. Or a combination of these three and many other factors. Slugs and snails have reached an agreement with garden centres and the companies that supply products such as nematodes, barrier products, copper foil and, those things that must not be mentioned - pellets, normally blue, but increasingly the pariahs of polite horticultural society. This agreement, going back to the beginning of a ridiculously long sentence which obscured any hope of understanding with a fog of unnecessary detail. This agreement, between snails etc. and commercial horticulture, is obviously designed to boost profits of the aforementioned enterprises as all products are staggeringly expensive. Nematodes, for instance, cost £17 or more to deal with an area of 40 square metres.

However, to achieve success, as stated in the product information, these tiny beasts need re-applying every 6 weeks during the growing season. Consequently, for a reasonably sized plot, and going from April to September, the cost might be somewhere in the region of £132! How many vegetables, even of the organic kind, could be bought for that! Perhaps it is all just one big conspiracy and all the available products actually feed the molluscs rather than harm them! This would not have been the case when a recommended insecticide was created by boiling 5lb. of soft soap with 1lb. of 'shag tobacco' in 5 gal. of water. (Ask a very old person about lb. and gal.)

On June 11th, Sally Nex spoke to the Club

She has been before and was very good. Entertaining and informative. It was good to find out that her performance was consistent even on a different topic. She spoke about growing fruit in a small garden and was, dare it be said, inspirational! Training fruit trees and bushes in cordon, espalier, fan or stepover form was explained and examples were shown. A good source of fruit trees and bushes is Adam's Apples based in Devon. This company stock a huge range of different types at very reasonable prices. No mention was made of "The Newt in Somerset', near Castle Cary, probably because the Parish Hall audience was not comprised of merchant bankers, yet spies have infiltrated this estate and brought back information to the effect that if you want to see the different ways in which a tree can be trained then, although it may involve selling the family silver, The Newt is the place to go.

The Hall was full, the atmosphere was warm and congenial and the biscuits reached even higher levels of perfection. Apple crumble cookies had a friendly contest with gooseberry and orange drizzle cake to see which was the most gorgeous. The answer was obviously a tie yet both had to be sampled, perhaps many times, to confirm this decision.

On July 9th Dr. Paul Bygrave will try to match the performance of Ms. Nex, not that he will have any idea that he is in a competition, and will be talking about *'Plants for an Indian Summer'*.the obvious presumption is that we shall indeed

experience this phenomenon, defined in Chambers 20th century dictionary as 'a period of warm, dry, calm weather in late Autumn with hazy atmosphere'. The sort of weather which is ideal for cricket yet occurs in the middle of the rugby and soccer seasons. No pre-information is available as to which plants might be the stars of the show yet some money has gone on a chrysanthemum revival!



And finally, August. A month of rest and recuperation. *There is no meeting in August.* The whole world, if they have children, is on holiday. If they have grandchildren then they are working harder than ever. However, members should make sure that *the evening of September 10th is kept free for the beginning of the Autumn series of meetings.*



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Lydford Third Tuesday Group

May Meeting

Jane F. entertained us with a talk about the "Trains, Temples and Toilets of Japan" - and much more besides. As well as hearing about the ingenious coding system to help passengers navigate a massive, multi-level station with 14 exits, the toilets that light up in the dark and how to tell the difference between a temple and a shrine, we heard about the popularity of bathing in hot spring pools and of her adventure being trapped on Mount Fuji in a typhoon.

And if that wasn't enough, Jane rounded off the evening by giving us some typical Japanese snacks to try including matcha sticks, honey and apple twists and rice wine.

June Meeting

The sun was shining for our picnic in Lydford's sports field. The dress code this year was "wear something flowery" and everyone had made an effort with their outfits. From a (very long) distance we looked like a flowering meadow! Prizes were awarded for the most elegant outfit and the most enthusiastic effort – congratulations to Jane W and Sue.

Next Events



July

Outing for tea/coffee, cake & chat! **Tuesday, 16th July at 2:00pm**. Venue to be confirmed. Women visitors are welcome to come along.

August

"The Hound of the Baskervilles" Open Air Theatre at Glastonbury Abbey on Friday, 9th August – Start time: 7:00pm.

Please book your own ticket and bring a chair or blanket to sit on (and clothing appropriate for any weather!) Visitors are welcome to join us.

An email will be sent to members with further details about these two events.

Women Visitors from Lydford and surrounding villages are welcome to ALL our events usually held at 7:30pm on the third Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall, West Lydford (unless otherwise stated). For details of this year's programme or more information, please take a look at our website:

https://thirdtuesday.wixsite.com/thirdtuesday
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Thank You!



A big thank you to all the friends of Lydford Forest Gardens and other volunteers who supported our workday on 15th June. Over a dozen helpers trimmed the hedges, tidied the gooseberry and currant bushes, laid a new patio by the seating area, built a shady bank and installed a new herb garden.

We also managed to prepare the ground for some additional seating that we hope to have installed in the next few weeks. The weather was mostly kind to us, although a brief but torrential downpour did see us all huddling under a handily pre-positioned gazebo at one point.

Next Workday

All-in-all, it was a very productive and successful day, and we are already looking forward to our next workday which will be held **on Saturday, 14 September, between 09:00 am and 12:00pm**. We hope to see you there.

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Talks

On Thursday, 23rd May John Cook gave an enlightening and amusing talk about his time as a competition lawyer in Whitehall and the City. Thank you, John, for your insight!!

Future talks – On Thursday, 4th July, Rev Collin Moore will be speaking about his life in South Africa before joining the ministry. Entitled **"All Rev'd up"**. This is sure to be an interesting and light-hearted evening! Please *contact Alison (223656), Celia (224601) or Douglas (223703) for your tickets* – £10 to include supper, tea and coffee. There will be a non alcoholic bar and raffle.; Cash Only!!

Note: There will not be a talk in August but on **Thursday**, **5**th **September**, John Sutton will be sharing his memories of Keinton when he was a boy, focussing on the shops and businesses in the village during the 1950/60's.

Tea@3

Our 'tea@3' in June was a flower orientated afternoon. The children really enjoyed making paper flowers for an amazing display... Huge thanks to Katie for organising it all! A jigsaw involved a lot of concentration as well as games of Genius Square, Uno and Dobble. It was so lovely to welcome more mum's and little ones as well – thank you all for coming! Future dates for 'tea@3' are Thursday, 11^{th} July; Thursday, 8^{th} August.

Owls and PSA Concert

Sadly, these events will happen after the deadline for the parish magazine, but we are sure they will both be a great success. Many thanks to Michelle and Nikki for all their time an input ...

Holiday Club

Holiday Club, led by Rev Jane Durham and her wonderful helpers will take place at the Community Hall in Queen Street, **20**th **to 22**nd **August, 10am – 12 noon**. The theme will be "Go mad! Go make a difference" Please see front page for more details.

Summer Holidays

Hopefully the sun will remember to shine through July and August... We wish you all a safe and happy holiday time!

Wild Roots Growing for Wellbeing Group

Mondays 10:30 am - 1:00pm at Catsham Nr Baltonsborough.

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Whatever it is you're looking for we can always find gardening related activities to suit your mood and energy levels on the day. We are a Covid secure site and we will be working outdoors in a socially distanced way. With two covered open sided sheltered areas and a large poly-tunnel we can cater for whatever the British weather throws at us!

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Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells A richness of ministry





If we're all alike we tend to think the same. This can be comfortable and reassuring – *'Everyone around here sees things just like I do'*. But it doesn't help us think out of the box or worse, spot risks and dangers of which we're unaware - *'Crumbs we never saw that one coming!'*. For this reason, companies and all kinds of organisations are seeking to become more diverse. Having differing viewpoints, skills and abilities is increasingly recognised to grow ability to think not only more widely but more effectively too.

Recognising diversity has been very much part of our life here in our Diocese of Bath & Wells during recent weeks. Back in May we acclaimed the 30th anniversary of the ordination of women to the priesthood. It's almost impossible now to imagine what our Church would be like without the contribution of women throughout the ordained ministry.

At the end of June the 'Celebration of Lay Ministries' held at St Paul's Weston-super-Mare saw us affirm, thank and bless the many different roles and responsibilities that lay people are undertaking across our churches and in local communities – from leading worship to pastoral care, ministry with children and young people to preaching and teaching the faith. Again, it's almost impossible to imagine what our churches would be like without such richness.

Our hope is that the diversity we've been honouring will only flourish and grow. For it's essential if we're to bring the light of the Gospel to everyone in our communities – and especially those we find hard to connect with. For none of us alone, either individually or as a group, has the ability to reach everyone. All of us are needed. It's for this reason that one of the priorities we're commending across our diocese is 'shared local ministry'. This recognizes that everyone, everywhere, has a contribution to make. Now surely that's something to celebrate!

Bishop Michael



News in Brief

Church Tent at Bath and West Show



The Church Tent returned to the Bath and West Show last month, with a *Caring for Creation theme*. Visitors to the tent were able to access resources and speak to Sara and Dan from the diocesan environment team to find out how we can care for creation.

The tent was staffed by volunteers from local churches who offered free tea and coffee to visitors. There was a drawing wall where people could post their prayers, Bible Chat mats to colour in, as well as a large version, created by the Revd Andy Gray, to explore and enjoy.



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Saturday, 13th July 2024

Champion Jockey Harry Cobden to officially open this year's Gala at 2:15 pm

Tractor Run BBO Entertainment Competitions Teas Races Raffle **Stalls Beer Tent** Bric-a-Brac

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If you have any donations for our stalls

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And don't forget items for the Auction!

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If you are unable to bring items on the day or you have any items for our **Auction** please contact Nigel & Emma Lee (01963) 240270 who will organise to pick them up.

GALA COMPETITIONS - Saturday, 13th July 2024

CLASS 1 - Aged 6 and under - Vegetable Animal

CLASS 2 - Aged 16 and under - A Piece of Artwork

Theme – Somerset Landscapes and/or landmarks

CLASS 3 – Over 16 – Photography (printed & not digitally enhanced)

Theme – Somerset Landscapes and/or landmarks

CLASS 4 - Aged 10 and under - Garden On A Plate

CLASS 5 - 11 to 16 - Four Decorated Fairy Cakes

CLASS 6 - All Ages - Cake

Homemade & inspired by Sports & Games

CLASS 7 - All Ages - Single Stem Specimen Flower From the Garden or Allotment

CLASS 8 - All Ages - Vase of Mixed Flowers

From the Garden or Allotment

The competitions are free to enter. Please bring your entries to the Sports Field on Saturday, 13th July between 11:00 am and noon.

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