

MOMSS MAGAZINE



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FROM THE EDITOR

Summer is in full swing, we have enjoyed fetes and fayres and there are still more to come as you explore the possibilities within this magazine. We welcome articles from everyone, so if you have a specific idea or hobby you would like to share, write a piece and send it in.

Gill Wilkinson, Editor

BENEFICE, DEANERY AND DIOCESAN ITEMS

CHURCHES AND CHAPELS

Open Daily - The United Benefice churches in Middlezoy, Othery and Stawell are open daily for private prayer.



BENEFICE/MIDDLEZOY PRAYER GROUP

Please do not think you have to be a member of the local churches as we are very willing to pray for anyone who asks. The prayer group feel it is needed so please do not hesitate to get in touch by emailing middlezoyprayers@gmail.com.

The Prayer Group

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism

Phoebe Irene Thompson-Radford, daughter of Hannah and Howard was baptised at Holy Cross Middlezoy on Sunday 18 June. We welcome her.

Wedding

The marriage of Sophie Fry to Jack Webb was celebrated at St Francis Stawell on 10 June.



Deaths/Funerals

Mr Gavin Cornish of Stoke St Gregory died on 9 May and was buried at Holy Cross Middlezoy on 6 June.

James Patrick Gilmer Morland (Pat) passed away peacefully at home on 20 May, aged 90. A much-loved member of our Moorlinch church family, a Thanksgiving Service was held for him on Saturday 10 June at St Mary's Moorlinch.

PRAYERS AND SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

Churches across Bath and Wells have been praying for Ukraine and for peace. Many are open for those who wish to have a quiet

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moment of prayer or to light a candle, others have been holding prayer vigils. Locally church communities are working closely with aid agencies to raise money and support those in need in Ukraine and refugees from the conflict.



WHAT A JOY!

‘In response to God’s immense love for us we seek to be God’s people living and telling the story of Jesus.’ In conversations with people from around the diocese about our vision in recent months, we have talked of all the different ways that we can serve the communities in which we are based - how we can enable the life of the whole of the people of God.

One of the community connections that many of our churches nurture is with their local school, in particular with our church schools where day in, day out, teachers and their support staff reflect God’s love and teachings with the pupils in their care. As rewarding as that role is, it is a tough one. The long summer holiday may be in sight but anyone who knows a teacher or member of school staff will tell you how much that is needed as well as how much work is done during that ‘break’. They truly need our support and love and prayers. We should also give thanks for those working in our schools during the summer, cleaning, building, or preparing for the new academic year.

Not all of us are blessed with the gifts to teach, but many of us have other gifts that can help our school communities. For some it is the gift of storytelling, sharing the teachings of Jesus as an Open the Book volunteer, others serve as chaplains. Some will simply live out their Christian faith by volunteering in classrooms or in the playground or by praying regularly for the school community. All of these roles are valuable to our schools, and rewarding for those who fulfil them.

What our schools and Academy Trusts need in particular are governors and trustees. There are many opportunities, especially for foundation governors and trustees who have a distinct responsibility for championing the Christian character of our schools. That may sound daunting, but that responsibility isn’t held alone as there is support locally and from our excellent diocesan education team. And if you do take on that role, what a joy to know that you are playing your part to support and nurture our young people in the way of our Lord who said, “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.” 3 John 1:4.

Bishop Michael Beasley, Bath and Wells

GENERAL INTEREST ITEMS

FARM DIARY

This is written for non-farmers who live surrounded by farmland.

In the field. Every month in the summer is a harvest month. The end of July marks the start of the arable harvest with winter oil seed rape and winter barley. Winter wheat does not follow until August. Here in central Somerset and in the rain shadow of the Quantocks, we are an early-to-harvest area. The combine harvester has just had its pre-season pressure wash. Its final service is next. Grass is also harvested in most

months, whether as hay or silage. The latter is quicker to make and thus less weather dependent and made in plastic film. Readers might like to know our sheep were shorn of their fleece last month (removing their winter coat) and the value of 87 fleeces was about £30 if it was delivered about 30 miles away. The cost of the shearing was greater than this. If Extinction Rebellion members would wear woollen jumpers instead of man-made ones which come from petroleum, we would all be better off.

Apples. This has been mentioned before but the old publicity slogan “an apple a day keeps the doctor away” appears to stand up to scientific scrutiny. Sarah Knapton, the science editor of the Daily Telegraph, wrote on 24 May about a 12 year study at the Harvard Medical school. It followed 1,701 over 65-year-olds and looked at their risk of becoming frail. Higher flavanol intake is known to prevent frailty. They are presently found in a lot of fruit and leafy vegetables. The


flavanol quercetin present in apples to a higher degree appears to have the strongest effect. There is mounting evidence that quercetin has many benefits. Wageningen University in the Netherlands has found that one apple a day reduces the risk of strokes by between 36% and 45%. A study by the University of Reading found two apples a day lowered levels of bad cholesterol in the body by 4%. On a separate note, it is the author’s thought that our supermarkets are discouraging apple eating. They will stock Gala and Braeburn. The author cannot eat a whole one of these on their own. Whereas with a Cox, he can although they are not often stocked.

Richard Graham

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WESTERN FRONT ASSOCIATION (WFA)

Our meeting on 12 July in Othery Village Hall starting at 7.30pm will cover the subject of conscientious objectors. Ian Stevenson will look at all aspects of this subject covering those who refused to take up arms. Some were jailed, some took up non-combatant roles. Men from local villages were amongst them and all had to fight for their beliefs. We ask for a £5 donation on the door if you are over 18 years of age and this includes a free mug of tea or coffee and a raffle ticket as well as the ability to listen to a good talk. If you wish to bring a drink of your own to meetings you are welcome to do so.



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SKY AT NIGHT - July 2023

Sunrise Sunset: Beginning of July 5.02am-9.30pm End of July 5.36am-9.00pm

Moon Phases: Full 3rd / Last Quarter 10th / New Moon 17th / first Quarter 25th

Planets: Venus is at its brightest at the beginning of the month but disappears into the sun's glow by the month's end, Mars sets at 11pm at which time Saturn rises in the east followed by Jupiter at 1am.

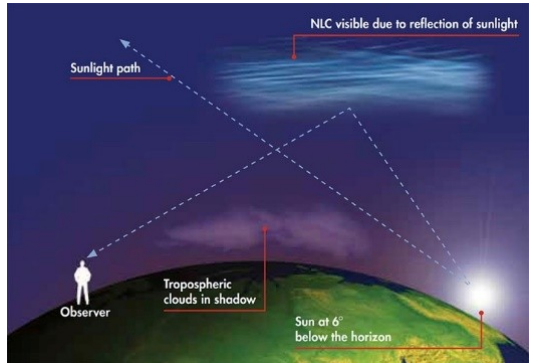
Constellation

The sky is never properly dark at this time of year for stargazing or locating constellations as the Sun is never low enough below the northern horizon for proper darkness but you can try and see noctilucent (night shining) clouds that appear about 90 minutes after sunset in the north west or the same time before sunrise in the north east. These ghostly clouds are so high in the sky that they are illuminated by the Sun while the observer is still in near darkness.

Phenomena:

The first Supermoon of the year is on 3 July when the Moon should appear bigger and brighter than usual.

Paul Adamson, 01823 698156



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SOMERSET LEVELS STARGAZERS

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 26 July at 7.30pm in Othery Village Hall. This month Hugh Allen returns and will be giving a talk on Binary Stars. We also have a guide to observing the night sky during the month of August along with all the latest news from the world of astronomy and spaceflight.

£3 visitors (includes hot drinks). Membership available. The meeting is also on Zoom for a small donation. For details and Zoom link contact somersetlevelsstargazers@hotmail.com
Follow us on Facebook. Paul Adamson 01823 698156

MIDDLEZOY VILLAGE NEWS

CHAPEL AND CHURCH

Detailed list of services etc. are on the back cover

LEVELS METHODISTS CHAPEL

16 July 11am-12.30pm A New Event with Pancakes.

Pancake Sundays are coming to Middlezoy Methodist Chapel!

16 July and 20 August 11am - 12.30pm.

Conversation and crafts on a Biblical theme for all the family.

Savoury and sweet pancakes for everyone!



Rev Deborah Kerr

SALADS AND SWEETS

All are invited to a Salad and Sweet Lunch at the Methodist Chapel on Tuesday 11 July from 12 noon. £7 each for chapel funds. All welcome.

Rev Deborah Kerr

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

9 July National Sea Sunday

Come and join us on the 9 July at 10am to celebrate Sea Sunday, (Worship for All) at Holy Cross Middlezoy. On Sea Sunday we gather around the world to think of the welfare of seafarers and their families and to give thanks for their lives and work. They often face storms at sea and other dangers in order that we might have an abundance of goods and supplies. Did you know that 90% of the world's trade is carried by sea? We think also of all who are trawling fresh fish from the sea and the dangers they can face as they return to harbour. One verse taken from the song *Harvest of Fresh Fish* reminds us to give thanks.

Harvest of fresh fish, drawn from the deep sea

Trawled from the ocean for you and for me.

Thank you, Lord for all you give me

Wide sea and birds and fresh fish for tea.

Let's celebrate Sea Sunday on 9 July.

Pauline Davies

Open Tower Day 9 July

Come and enjoy the cream teas and chat in the churchyard. Climb the tower and enjoy the panoramic views which change throughout the seasons.



MIDDLEZOY WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB

We are now busy planning the summer outing for the village senior citizens (aged 65 years and over). This year we are going to Dartmouth on Tuesday 1 August, leaving the village at 9am from the bus stop by the old shop on the main road.

If you are aged 65 years and over, you should have received an invite to the outing in your letterbox by the time you read this. If you have not, please contact Jill Darby on 01823 698000. We do need the replies back by Friday 21 July and the seats will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Thank you to those of you that bought teas/coffees and cakes on coronation day. We raised an amazing £284.14, including the proceeds of our raffle for the lovely painting of the Jubilee Beacon by Ann Thomas. This certainly is a great help towards the cost of the coach to Dartmouth.

Other dates for your diaries:

The annual MacMillan Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 30 September at the village hall - look out for the posters.

The Christmas party (for all villagers aged 60 years and over) will be held on Saturday 2 December at the village hall. Invitations will come through your letterboxes in November.

Jill Darby, Chairman
Tel : 01823 698000 Email : jilldrb@gmail.com

OTHERY VILLAGE NEWS

OTHERY STREET FAYRE

What a lovely day and evening!
This year's event was possibly our most enjoyable and successful to date. With a hot day and evening there was a never-ending flow of hundreds of people backwards and forwards, buying from the stalls in the street and the crafts



marquee in The Old Vicarage garden; enjoying the Fun Dog Show competitions and all the delights and entertainments on offer in the playing field and large marquee as well as being bedazzled by the classic cars and shiny, glossy entourage of Harley Davidson motorbikes.

Entertainments continued throughout the day and

evening and the delicious pig roast and desserts/puddings followed by the Grand Draw raffle interspersed the musical entertainments from Gary French and friends and the popular band Station 2 Station.

It is too early to have final figures that the fayre raised for Othery church repairs etc but we will publish the total in the August edition of this magazine.

The Street Fayre Committee express their deepest gratitude to everyone who supported this year's Fayre - whether by helping behind the scenes or by turning up on the day and contributing to the happy atmosphere.

Anita Winslade, on behalf of the Othery Street Fayre Committee

OTHERY YOUTH CLUB

Further to our notice in last month's MOMSS magazine, we have decided to postpone the planned Open General Meeting to allow more time for alternative options to be pursued.

Please contact any of the below if you are able to help restart the group.

Mo Wright 01823 698913, Isobel Davis 01823 698119,

Mervyn & Anita Winslade 01823 698368

OTHERY READING GROUP

How to Kidnap the Rich by Rahul Raina

A reliable blackmail formula mixed with the unpredictability of life in this satirical thriller that shrewdly and riotously dissects the huge inequalities of Indian society.

"If you're fat and Indian, you're rich; if you're fat and poor, you're lying. It's only the West where the rich are thin and vegan and moral ..."

The narrator in the novel, Ramesh Kumar grew up deprived and unloved, working on his father's tea stall in the Old City of Delhi. Now, brilliant but poor, he makes a lucrative living taking exams for the sons of India's elite. When one of his clients, the sweet but hapless eighteen-year-old Rudi Saxena places first in the All Indias, the national university

entrance exams, Ramesh sees an unmissable opportunity.

Cashing in on Rudi's newfound celebrity, all goes well for both boys for a while. But Rudi's role on a game show leads to unexpected love, blackmail and, finally, a dangerous kidnapping.

As Ramesh leads Rudi through a maze of crimes both large and



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small, their dizzying journey reveals an India in all its complexity, beauty, and squalor, moving from the bottom rungs to the circles inhabited by the ultra-rich and everywhere in between.

This was a book that neither gained euphoric praise nor damning condemnation. Some were taken by the witty one-liners and were reminded of their own Indian experiences.

However true to form opinion was divided: "...I read the first two sentences and was hooked" to "....I really struggled with the first half of the book....." .

For some the cynicism was uncomfortable and the writing indifferent while others celebrated a rollicking good read.

The book we are currently reading is *Foster* by Claire Keegan.

*Martin Wall
on behalf of the Othery Reading Group*

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WILLIAM TEMPEST

Scilla Tempest and family would like to thank everyone for their lovely cards and letters which have meant so much to us all.

William's funeral will be held on 5 July at Taunton Crematorium at 2pm and afterwards at The Old Vicarage, Othery so anyone who would like to join us at the funeral and wake is very welcome.

Scilla Tempest

OTHERY VILLAGE HALL

Upcoming Events

Friday 14 July – Summer Family Barbecue. Here's hoping that the weather will be good. The gazebo is going up, we'll be getting the barbie going for burgers and sausages and the drinks will be chilled. Doors open at 7.00pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Regular Events

Wednesday 12 July Western Front Association

Wednesday 26 July Somerset Stargazers

Thursdays 10am Toddler Group, 7.30pm Short Mat Bowls

Fridays 11am Pilates, 7pm Bar night

Diary Dates

AGM - Tuesday 17 October New Year's Eve Party - Sunday 31 December.

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MOORLINCH VILLAGE NEWS

PENTECOST BREAKFAST CAFÉ IN THE PAVILION

Our Pentecost Breakfast Café was held in the new Pavilion outside the Church Hall on a bright, sunny morning. With the firepit lit, we were joined by Rev Keith and Jill Powell and two of their grandchildren thus greatly reducing the average age of our attendees! We enjoyed good food, great chat, sang songs with Keith and little Teddy leading us on guitar and reflected on the Acts reading. Our first outdoor breakfast café of the year was much enjoyed by all.

Jane Stryker



MOORLINCH SUMMER FETE

Saturday 8 July 2pm - 5pm Church Hall and Grounds

We hope to see everybody at the Moorlinch Summer Fete this year on Saturday 8 July at Moorlinch Church Hall and Grounds. This year the theme is 'Royalty and Mad Hats' - do wear one if you can. There is a possibility it could be opened by a King Charles.

The MC will be encouraging everybody to join in with all the traditional stalls such as Tombola, Plant and Produce, Splat the Rat, Mystery White Elephant, Cake Stall, Football Game, Shove Ha'penny, Hook-a-Duck and more.

Competitions include Home-brewed Beer, Cake (recipe on page 15, also to be published on Moorlinch village email and Facebook), Best Looking, Prettiest, Best Behaved and other dog competitions; Maddest Hat Competition with prizes for 11s and under and 12s upwards.

There will also be food and drink: Cream Teas, Pimms and Fizz, Ice Cream, the Ring-o-Bells bar with traditional beers and cider and of course a Tony's succulent burger from his BBQ.

There will be family games: egg and spoon, 3-legged, traditional sack race etc.

The finale will be drawing the raffle, presenting the prizes and lastly trying your hand at egg throwing.

All welcome - bring family and friends and please tell your neighbours.

All monies raised are for the upkeep of the hall.

See you on Saturday 8 July 2pm Moorlinch Church Hall and Grounds.

Mary Mason, Chair, Moorlinch Church Hall Committee

PICNIC AND PERFORMANCE

At the Post House, Moorlinch Sunday 16 July from 5pm onwards

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All proceeds to Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance plus other Cancer and Local Charities.

Don't hide your light under a bushel - if you would like to sing, dance, recite or play an instrument at this event, contact Audrey Warner on 01458 780139. *Audrey Warner*

MOORLINCH PLANT SALE

It was a real pleasure to welcome so many eager plant buyers in the warm sunshine to the Moorlinch Plant Sale, held at the church hall grounds on 14 May.

It has been a difficult growing season this Spring, but despite the challenges of cold, wet weather, the Moorlinch growers managed to put on a fabulous display of vegetable and flowering plants which were snapped up in no time - despite the lack of runner bean plants which were a casualty of the previous cold weather.

The new Pavilion provided a nice shady spot to sit and enjoy some delicious tea and cakes and was much admired. The event raised £900 for much needed hall funds.

Many thanks to all those who grew and donated plants and manned the stalls, baked and served the cakes and helped to set up and clear away afterwards.

Jenny Hayward-Karlsson

CELEBRATING SUMMER TOGETHER

Saturday 29 July from 5pm-9pm at The Barn (next to Moorlinch Garage)

A Rustic Evening of Roasts & Rhythms

Moorlinch Good Neighbours Social Committee would like to invite you to join us for a relaxing, family friendly evening listening to live music whilst taking in the views and enjoying delicious food.

Tickets cost £7/adult and £3/child.

Ticket price includes meal (veggie option available).

BYO beverages, chairs & blankets.

To book your tickets, please email

MoorlinchGNSC@mail.com.

PAT MORLAND

17 March 1933-20 May 2023

Pat was a much-loved member of our church family and he and his wife Jo supported this church for over 30 years. He enthusiastically embraced everything we do at St Mary's and nothing ever phased him whether it was cooking flat breads on the radiator or making sheep from empty toilet roll holders and cotton wool or picking apples in the rain

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or trying to create a raft with lollipop sticks and corks that would actually float (obviously this latter activity wasn't on the engineering curriculum at Cambridge where Pat studied).

At church services, Pat frequently accepted the request to read the Gospel, Epistle or prayers and on one memorable occasion read the part of Second Irritable Fly in our dramatised reading entitled *A Fly's Eye View of the Feeding of the 5,000*.

Pat was also an enthusiastic contributor to our Breakfast Cafés and relished the opportunity to engage in conversation with his fellow 'diners'. In March, we held a special Birthday Breakfast Café for Pat's 90th – bacon butties and chocolate cake being referred to as fusion food I believe.

Towards the end of last year, following a short stay in hospital, Pat's daughter Caroline brought her father to a Breakfast Café. Moments before we were about to take on that morning's activity, I asked Pat how he was feeling – expecting to hear a response along the lines of "I'm fine but..."

In fact, the conversation went like this:

Me: "How are you feeling, Pat?" Pat: "Happy."

I have recounted this story many times since and was delighted to hear that someone else who was asked the same question gave the same response as Pat.

Pat was someone who counted his blessings and we have been blessed to have had him as a member of our church family.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

Jane Stryker

STAWELL & SUTTON MALLET VILLAGE NEWS

Information is available on the website www.stawellvillage.info

STAWELL DIARY

Tuesday 11 July Church Committee meets at Ralph and Anna's at 5pm.

Saturday 22 July Coffee morning from 10 till 12 noon at Paul and Carolyne Warren's Ford Farm. All welcome.

Richard Graham



CREAM TEA SATURDAY 5 AUGUST

There will be a cream tea afternoon on Saturday 5 August at Stawell Village Hall from 2pm till 5pm.

Scones will be baked by second to none scone makers, Jim and Morag Thorley. Can't wait, scrummy! Tables outside, weather permitting. There will also be a book stall.

Ruth Peberdy

ST FRANCIS CHURCH WEDDING

It was a glorious summer day when Sophie Fry married Jack Webb at St Francis Church, Stawell. The church was beautifully decorated and villagers came out to wish them well, truly a very happy occasion.

The couple headed out of the church to the sound of *O Happy Day*. Yes, it was, a very happy day.

Ruth Peberdy



GREINTON VILLAGE NEWS

Information is available from greintonvillage@gmail.com or via the Greinton Village in Somerset Facebook group.

AND FINALLY

THE WI - MORE THAN JAM AND JERUSALEM

Today's Women Working For Tomorrow's World

There are talks, activities and events for every woman, single or wed. You can have a bit of fun, make friends, try a new hobby or just explore a new venue. Whichever WI you attend you can be sure of a warm welcome.



WOMENS INSTITUTES NEAR US

Ashcott and Pedwell	7.30pm	Third Thursday	Ashcott Village Hall, TA7 9PZ
Shapwick Starlets	7.30pm	Second Tuesday	Village Hall, Station Rd, TA7 9NJ
Westonzoyland	7.15pm	Second Wednesday	Village Hall Cheer Lane TA7 0EZ

Local times can vary so it is best to contact Somerset Federation before attending for the first time 01278 287034.

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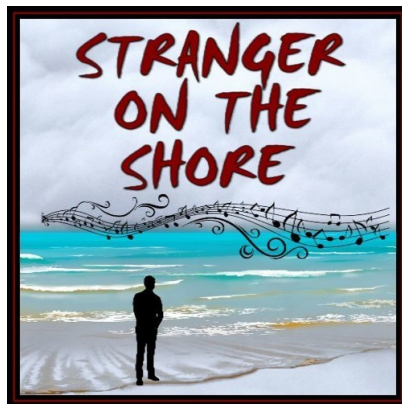


Come and listen to the haunting music of Acker Bilk, and learn a little of the life of this Somerset lad who adopted the name 'Acker' which he claimed meant 'mate' in Somerset. In the early days he was referred to as a 'rustic eccentric', but he went

on to become world famous and his music still lives on.

So, if you fancy a night out with the girls, come and meet us at 7.30 on Wednesday 12 July.

Should you want any further information please email: zoywisec@gmail.com or call Gill Wilkinson, Secretary, on 01823 698429.



Gill Wilkinson

BURROWBRIDGE WI

At our last WI meeting in May, it was reluctantly decided to suspend Burrowbridge WI as we were unable to find enough people willing to form a Committee. The suspension will last for 3 years and if during that time there is any interest in reforming Burrowbridge WI then we would be able to re-start.

This was a very sad meeting as Burrowbridge WI had just celebrated its 70th Birthday.

Lesley Dyson



MOORLINCH FETE CAKE COMPETITION 2023 BEETROOT AND CHOCOLATE CAKE



Beetroot gives this flourless, fat-free cake a lovely earthy flavour which perfectly complements the dark chocolate. Delicious served with yoghurt or ice cream.

Ingredients

olive oil for greasing and plain (or spelt) flour for dusting
300 g good-quality dark chocolate
250 g raw beetroot
4 large free-range eggs
150 g golden caster sugar
120 g ground almonds
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 tablespoon cocoa powder
20cm Springform cake tin



Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180°C/170°C fan.
2. Lightly grease the bottom and sides of the cake tin with olive oil. Line the base with greaseproof paper. Dust the sides of the tin lightly with flour, then tap the tin to get rid of any excess.
3. Melt 200gm of the chocolate in the microwave or over a pan of simmering water.
4. Peel and grate the beetroot then tip into a large mixing bowl.
5. Separate the eggs, placing the whites into a large clean mixing bowl and adding the yolks to the beetroot.
6. Stir the sugar, almonds, baking powder, cocoa powder and melted chocolate into the beetroot and mix together well.
7. Whisk the egg whites until you have stiff peaks.
8. Use a spatula to fold a quarter of the egg whites into the beetroot mixture to loosen, then once combined, fold in the rest but try not to over-mix.
9. Add the mixture to the prepared cake tin and spread out evenly using a spatula.
10. Bake for around 50 minutes, or until risen and cooked through. Check if it's done with a skewer – if it comes out a bit sticky, then give it a bit longer.
11. Allow the cake to cool slightly, then carefully turn it out on to a wire rack to cool completely.
12. Melt the remaining chocolate then decorate the top with drizzles of the melted chocolate.

£1.00 per entry.

All cakes should be made following the method described above.

Please put your name and telephone number on the underneath of the plate.

Cakes will be cut for tasting and if you wish to donate them, will be offered for sale after judging.

This was written by an 8-year-old in Chula Vista, California. He wrote it for his homework assignment, to 'Explain God'. I wonder if any of us could have done as well?

EXPLANATION OF GOD

One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grownups but babies.

I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.

God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off.

God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting his time by going over your mom and dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have.

Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think then are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren't any who come to our church.

Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work, like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about

God. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and they crucified him. But he was good and kind, like his father, and he told his father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said O.K.

His dad (God) appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So he did. And now he helps his dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important.

You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.

You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make



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happy, it's God!

Don't skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong, And besides the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway. If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It's good to know he's around you when you're scared, in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids.

But you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases. And that's why I believe in God.



USEFUL INFORMATION

FOODBANKS

Any donation is appreciated and will reach the people who need it.



DONATION POINTS

Middlezoy: Holy Cross Church, Village Coffee Mornings or Meadowbank, 11a Main Rd.

Othery: St Michael's Church Porch.

Moorlinch: Spring Cottage, Pit Hill Lane, Moorlinch or St Mary's Church Porch.

Stawell: The Old Post Office, Stawell

Cash Donation: By contacting the relevant Foodbank you can make either a single or a regular donation. If you are in a position to give via Gift Aid, the Foodbank will be able to claim back the tax you have paid on this.

To obtain assistance from a Foodbank you need a referral from: Citizens Advice Bureau: Clarence House High St, Bridgwater, TA6 3BH 03444 889623 or your Village Agent, local GP surgery, schools, health visitors and social workers.

Bridgwater Foodbank can be contacted by email info@bridgwater.foodbank.org.uk or phone 01278 434636 or 07804 119273 (Open Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays). They will help put you in touch with one of the agencies that can help with a referral.


Langport Cares email langportcares/foodbank@gmail.com

DEFIBRILLATOR MACHINES

From the scene of an incident, call 999, ask for Ambulance.

Ascertain the condition of the patient. If a defibrillator is required, to obtain the code to open the cabinet give the following information about the nearest machine.

Call sign

Greinton Phone Box	TA7 9BW	CHT-RT-1583	
Middlezoy Chapel	TA7 0NZ	SC0253	
Middlezoy Village Hall	TA7 0PG	SC0254 (machine at car park end)	
Moorlinch Farm	TA7 9BU		
Othery Village Hall	TA7 0QU		
Stawell Village Hall	TA7 9AD		

Within 200m of a defibrillator they can give you the code to open the cabinet on post code alone, farther away the call sign is required.

HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING & REFUSE COLLECTIONS

The recycling and rubbish collections for the MOMSS & G area are:

MIDDLEZOY & OOTHERY

Recycling Boxes, every week:	Thursdays 6, 13, 20, 27 July, 3 August
Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks:	Thursdays 13 July, 3 August
Garden Waste Bins, every other week:	

Middlezoy: Mondays 3, 17, 31 July Othery: Thursdays 13, 27 July

MOORLINCH, STAWELL, SUTTON MALLETT & GREINTON

Recycling Boxes, every week:	Wednesdays, 5, 12, 19, 26 July, 2 August
Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks:	Wednesdays: 19 July
Garden Waste Bins, every other week:	Thursdays 6, 20 July, 3 August



RECYCLING CENTRES

Summer opening hours started on 1 April

9am-6pm weekdays and 9am-4pm weekends.

Full details of each site, location, opening times, materials they will accept etc. can be found at www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/recycling/centres

MOBILE LIBRARY

Taunton Area, Route P

The service continues on a Friday every 4 weeks. Next visit: 14 July

Stawell Village Hall	10.10am - 10.40am
Moorlinch Tapmoor Road Junction	10.55am - 11.15am
Middlezoy Main Road Bus Stop	12.20pm - 1pm

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Sunday mornings, Tuesdays and Wednesdays plus half a day on Saturdays (by arrangement)

United Benefice Readers

Pauline Davies 01278 451280 and Richard Graham 01278 722284

Parish Auxiliary Lay Ministers

Mervyn Winslade (Othery); Ruth Peberdy (Stawell)

Churchwardens

Middlezoy: Ian Campbell 01823 698790

Othery: Mervyn Winslade 01823 698368 and Margaret Harris

Moorlinch: Fiona Hixon 01458 21 1096

Stawell contact: To be arranged

Sutton Mallet contact: Brian Lishman 01278 722579

Greinton contact: Jean Heywood 01458 210497

METHODIST CHAPEL MIDDLEZOY

Minister: Rev Deborah Kirk 01823 334854

Local contact Jill Darby 01823 698000

Bookings Josh Thorogood 07548 096519 josh.avalonesa@gmail.com

PARISH COUNCILS/MEETINGS

Middlezoy—Chairman: Paul Baker 01823 698082

Othery—Chairman: Andrew Tizzard 01823 690284

Moorlinch—Meeting Chairman: Anne Farmer 01458 210393

Stawell and Sutton Mallet—Chairman: Brian Lishman 01278 722579

Greinton—Enquiries: Toby Crispin 01458 210227

VILLAGE AMENITIES

Middlezoy: School 01823 698465; The George Inn 01823 698215;
Shop 01823 587222 open Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8.45am-12 noon, 2pm-5pm,

Wed 8.45am-11am and Sat 8.45am-12 noon;

P.O. 01823 698981 times variable contact shop to ascertain;

Village Hall 01823 698366

Othery: School 01823 698464; Othery Village Hall 01823 690482

Moorlinch: Ring O'Bells 01458 210358; Church Hall 01458 210755

Stawell & Sutton Mallet: Village Hall 01278 723665

Greinton: Village Hall 01458 210277

POLICE: Emergencies only tel: 999 ; Non emergencies tel: 101

CRIMESTOPPERS: 8am-10pm Weekdays 0800 555111;

NHS: Tel: 111

DISTRICT PCSOs: Georgia Coles 07889 659466; Ben Simpkin 07889 659932

VILLAGE AGENTS

To contact a Village Agent ring 01823 331222 and they will find the most suitable person to deal with your query. Referrals can also be made via doctors' surgeries.

SERVICES CHART FOR CHAPEL AND UB CHURCHES JULY 2023

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
July 2 Sun <i>(Fourth after Trinity)</i>	10.00 am	United Benefice Communion service	St. Francis, Stawell
9 Sun <i>(Fifth after Trinity)</i>	10.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am	Joint Worship For All Prayer and Praise Holy Communion Holy Communion	Holy Cross, Middlezoy St Michael's, Othery St Mary's, Moorlinch St. Francis, Stawell
16 Sun <i>(Sixth after Trinity)</i>	10.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	United Benefice Communion service Pancake Sunday Baptism	Holy Cross, Middlezoy Methodist Chapel, Middlezoy St Michael's, Othery
23 Sun <i>(Seventh after Trinity)</i>	10.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion All Age Worship All Age Worship Circuit Communion service	Holy Cross, Middlezoy St Michael's, Othery St Mary's, Moorlinch St. Francis, Stawell Methodist Chapel, Middlezoy
30 Sun <i>(Eighth after Trinity)</i>	10.00 am	United Benefice Communion service	St Michael's, Greinton

The Common Worship readings and lessons for the services:

DATE	SEASON	READINGS
July 2 Sun	Fourth Sunday after Trinity	OT: Genesis, chapter 22, verses 1 to 14 Psalm: 13 Epistle: Romans, chapter 6, verses 12 to the end Gospel: Matthew, chapter 10, verses 40 to the end
9 Sun	Fifth Sunday after Trinity	OT: Genesis, chapter 24, verses 34 to 38, 42 to 49 and 58 to 67 Psalm: 45, verses 10 to 17 Epistle: Romans, chapter 7, verses 15 to 25a Gospel: Matthew, chapter 11, verses 16 to 19 and 25 to 30
16 Sun	Sixth Sunday after Trinity	OT: Genesis, chapter 25, verses 19 to 34 Psalm: 119, verses 105 to 112 Epistle: Romans, chapter 8, verses 1 to 11 Gospel: Matthew, chapter 13, verses 1 to 9 and 18 to 23
23 Sun	Seventh Sunday after Trinity	OT: Genesis, chapter 28, verses 10 to 19a Psalm: 139 verses 1 to 11 and 23 and 24 Epistle: Romans, chapter 8, verses 12 to 25 Gospel: Matthew, chapter 13, verses 24 to 30 and 36 to 43
30 Sun	Eighth Sunday after Trinity	OT: Genesis, chapter 29, verses 15 to 28 Psalm: 105, verses 1 to 11 and 45b Epistle: Romans, chapter 8, verses 26 to 39 Gospel: Matthew, chapter 13 verses 31 to 33 and 44 to 52