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FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you Olivia Temple, who saw two mad March hares and as requested sent us a photo of them to put in this edition! You can see them below.

With spring very firmly raining on us yet again it is time to look elsewhere to where warm temperatures and dry weather abound. Home or away, near or far we start thinking about how the plants burst into colour and fresh growth arises out of the ground and from dead-looking twigs and trees. After the tiring and dreary winter the glorious sights we see and fragrances we smell from all the new blossoms and flowers lift our spirits and help us on our way through life. Warmth also comes with higher temperatures in spring and hopefully the weather will become dryer and let us get onto our gardens again.

With Eastertide in full motion at the start of April the school and family holidays are a time to relax, enjoy the release from juggling timetables and work commitments and recharge our bodily and spiritual batteries and take time to be whole again.

There are plenty of activities in our villages and parishes in April and details are aplenty in this edition of the magazine. Diary dates of future events are also included - seek, find and enjoy.

Anita Winslade, Editor 01823 698368

GENERAL ITEMS

MAD MARCH HARES FINDING EASTER EGGS AT HILL HOUSE!



Olivia Temple

SOW AND SOW AND SOW AGAIN

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reap an act.
Sow an act,
reap a habit.
Sow a habit,
reap a character.



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WESTERN FRONT ASSOCIATION



The meeting of the Somerset branch of the WFA will take place in Othery Village Hall on Wednesday 10th at 7.30pm. The subject is "The battlefield is not a healthy place" by Dr John Scanlon.

Dr Scanlon will look at some of the many ways that death occurred in the Great War, not just battle wounds but the diseases as well. Some of the treatments will also be looked at.

Everyone is welcome to attend, both WFA and non-members alike. We ask for a modest £5 on the door to defray costs. This will include a free tea or coffee and a raffle ticket for entry into the prize draw. We hope to see you there. No need to book.

*Pat Adamson, Secretary,
Somerset Branch WFA 01823 698156*

SKY AT NIGHT Sky Diary - April 2024

Sunrise Sunset

Beginning of April 6.44am-7.45pm

End of April 5.44am-8.32pm

Moon Phases

Last Quarter 2nd / New Moon 8th / first Quarter 15th / Full Moon 23rd

Planets

The only planet to observe this month is Jupiter which still shines bright and sets at 10pm. This is only at the beginning, as by the end of April there are no planets to observe at all, as they are all too close to the sun to be seen.

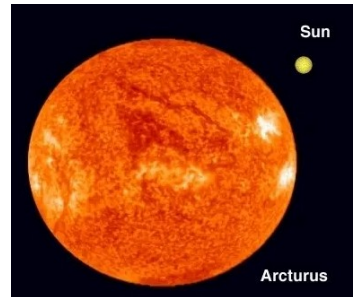
Constellation

Look for a bright red star at the bottom of a kite shaped asterism of stars and you have found the Constellation of Bootes the Herdsman. The star is Arcturus, the fourth brightest star in the sky, a red super giant star which is 25 times greater than our sun and 100 times as powerful.

Phenomena

If it becomes bright enough it may be possible to see comet Pons-Brooks as it nears the sun and passes below Jupiter on the 21st.

Binoculars may help when looking for it if it isn't visible to the unaided eye.



Arcturus-Sun-size-comparison

Paul Adamson 01823 698156

SOMERSET LEVELS STARGAZERS

Our April meeting is on Wednesday 24th at 7.30pm in Othery Village Hall, TA7 0QU, and is also available on Zoom. This month club members Richard and Sue Horsham will be taking a new look at our solar system. This is along with our usual night sky guide and astronomy news. Admission is £3 with membership available. Free tea and coffee are also provided.

For more details please contact somersetlevelsstargazers@hotmail.com

Follow us on Facebook.

Paul Adamson 01823 698156

FARM DIARY

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

In the field. At the time of writing the wet weather is still with us. We have annual crops that eventually provide food for us directly or indirectly. They are at all stages of survival from good to bad. We even have mistakes that we have made that are visible to those who see these things. We have over grazed the oil seed rape with our sheep in places and our contract driller had a blocked seed coulter that he did not notice so that this roadside winter wheat field has stripes in it. It was a worry for this author who changed from working for Downtons in Gloucestershire to come back to the family farm that all his mistakes would be visible to everyone. The author finds that one learns more from mistakes than when things go right. Animals will not be turned out of their winter quarters while the ground is so wet. The goats are producing kids in early March and the sheep are due at the end of March. They are due to lamb outside whereas we have the goats inside. It all depends on breeding and what the specific animal is used to - its hardiness.

Tech. The small weigh scales that are used for the sheep and goats has been converted to an electronic one. We are required to have an identification tag in the ear of all farm animals. With sheep and cattle they have to have a tag in each ear and one of them has to be electronic (an EID). Goats are not part of this legislation. We have EIDs in our goats as well and recently we weighed a group of goats. Holding the reader next to the ear, the weight was automatically recorded against that identified animal and placed in the memory. At the end of this quick operation, we could see weights of any animal, the average for the group, the highest and lowest and the daily live-weight gain since the last weighing. Fantastic. Are you computer literate yet? It helps to have a younger farmer around.

Revoluting Farmers. Lots of farmers are making their views known throughout Europe and even in Russia where the cost of fuel was an issue as it was in Germany. We cannot produce all the food we need without fuel and some level of profitability. More on this later.

Richard Graham



MIDDLEZOY AND OTHERY SCHOOLS

TIME TO CELEBRATE

On behalf of the Local Governing Body, I am delighted and very proud to be able to share the results of our recent Ofsted Inspections. These were carried out on 24th and 25th January 2024.

We received “Good” judgements in all areas:

- The Quality of Education
- Behaviour and Attitudes
- Personal Development
- Leadership and Management
- Early Years Provision



There is so much to celebrate within these reports, the children received praise for behaving well and were recognised for following the schools’ values of honesty, respect and trust. Values they had chosen themselves following a democratic voting process.

They were commended for being polite and sociable with a mature and reflective approach to their learning. It was acknowledged that the school environment was happy, welcoming and friendly and that there are high expectations for all.

The Othery report recognised that there is an ambitious, broad and balanced curriculum which supports children’s wider development and prepares children for the future. Beginning in the Reception Year, inspectors said, “Children learn to communicate effectively and develop positive attitudes to learning.”

The Ofsted inspectors also noted our links to the local community through our singing at Christmas and our fundraising events for charity.

The full Ofsted reports are available to view on our School Website, the link for these is: <https://www.middlezoyandotheryschools.co.uk/ofsted-and-performance-data>

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your continuing support. If you are looking for a school place for your child and wish to come and see our schools in action, please do contact the office on 01823 698464. We are currently all based at the Othery School site.

Mrs Lindsay Hayward

MOORLINCH VILLAGE

TABLE TOP TRAIL

Saturday 20 April 10am-2pm

Come and browse the stalls scattered throughout our lovely village, which will be selling handmade crafts and preloved items.

Maps listing the stall locations will be available from the stalls, so you can plan your amble.

Refreshments available from Loxley House.

Parking will be signposted.



Moorlinch Good Neighbours

MUSIC ON THE LEVELS

Free Concert Sunday 28 April 3pm
St Mary's Church, Main Road,
Westonzoyland, TA7 0EP
Sally Jenkins, Flights of Fancy

Sally takes a journey to many of the diverse harp traditions from Europe and beyond.

Refreshments are available at a modest charge from 2.15pm until the start of the performance. In order to help with the artists' and other costs a raffle is held. In addition, donations are encouraged. It costs around £400 to put on a concert. Up to now we've never exceeded the church's capacity and never had to turn anyone away, BUT please note, seats are available on a first come, first served basis. From time to time, you may need to *budge-up!*

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WIs 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.

Westonzoyland WI

At our April meeting on Wednesday 10th, there will be a talk about the Metropolitan Police, a descendant of the Bow Street Runners but now with nationwide responsibilities for counter terrorism and protection of our own royal family, government and foreign dignitaries. It has also suffered from bad press recently! Come and hear of its trials and tribulations.

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



Gill Wilkinson

STAWELL & SUTTON MALLET VILLAGE NEWS

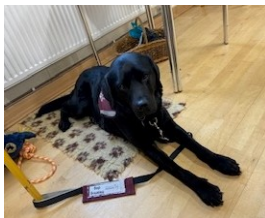
Information is available on the website www.stawellvillage.info

ST FRANCIS CHURCH

Lent Lunch

Lent Lunch on Saturday 2 March was very well attended and £288 was raised for *Hearing Dogs for Deaf People* which is fantastic. My hearing dog Dennis has been trained to be very well behaved in public places and he certainly did not let me down. On behalf of *Hearing Dogs*, I would like to thank everyone who gave donations, made such a variety of delicious soup and worked so hard on the day. It was a lovely community event.

To find out more about the charity, visit www.hearingdogs.org.uk
Janet Dodwell and Dennis



Dennis resting



Janet with Dennis

PCC AGM

Tuesday 23 April - The Moorlinch with Stawell and Sutton Mallet PCC AGM will be at Moorlinch church at 5pm.

Coffee Morning

Saturday 27 April - Coffee morning at Denise Rogers, Holly Tree House.
All welcome. 10am till 12 noon.



Stawell Church Committee

GREINTON VILLAGE NEWS

VILLAGE EVENTS

You will all be aware that flooding has been a significant issue in and around the village this winter. This has mostly been confined to the roads but a few homes have suffered damage, exacerbated by irresponsible driving through floodwater and the ensuing bow waves. The problem and possible ways to tackle it were discussed at a recent parish meeting. One result of this meeting is that you will notice a small amount has been added to your most recent Council Tax bill under the label "Greinton Parish Meeting". The precise amount will depend on your council tax band but should be around £10 to £15. This is intended to create a small contingency fund to help mitigate the potential damage caused by floodwater (sadly Somerset Council has extremely limited resources and is no longer able to provide sand bags and similar materials). In addition, we are

being much more proactive in asking the council to clear drains, keep the road swept and provide us with support so we can keep the risk as low as possible. We already have a few volunteers to act as flood wardens but any further offers of help would be much appreciated.

All proceeds from the Mouse Racing event held in the village held on 16 April (yet to take place as I write) will also go to the flood contingency fund. Future events at the Village Hall include Tidying Days on Saturday 6 and 20 April. We will be tackling jobs both inside and outside and all volunteers will be very welcome. Please bring gardening tools etc. Further ahead, the Barn Dance is planned for Saturday 21 September and we have booked Hobson's Choice again, the same band that was so popular last year. We are still waiting to hear from the diocese about holding a further meeting to discuss the future of the church.



Toby Crispin

MIDDLEZOY VILLAGE NEWS

MIDDLEZOY HERITAGE GROUP

Historical Fact

The clock on the intermediate floor in the tower at Holy Cross Church is an iron framed turret clock installed in 1701. It cost £8-10s-00p (£1,230 in present day money). It is the oldest clock of its type in a church on the Somerset Levels. An entry in the church accounts for the year 1700 -1701 reads "Paid to Edward Hamling for keeping of clock ringing, the sum of £1-3s-0d". It is no longer operational.

The clock includes an early example of an improvement in the pendulum mechanism, invented in England in 1670, which regulates the timing via an anchor escapement. Further details are displayed in the church.

The group meet on the first Thursday of each month in the church. It is open to anyone interested in the social history of the village.

Middlezoy Heritage Group

MIDDLEZOY VILLAGE SHOP

Our little community shop in the heart of the village continues to be run entirely by local volunteers who give their time to deliver a friendly and helpful service to meet the needs of Middlezoy and neighbouring communities.

The shop sells many essential household items plus a range of fresh, chilled and frozen products with an increasing emphasis on locally sourced produce. In addition, we sell newspapers, magazines, stationery, toiletries and home medicine products along with greetings cards and wrapping paper/gift bags. You can pop in for treats such as chocolates, crisps, snacks, ice cream, soft drinks and biscuits. We accept payments by card or cash.

New volunteers are always welcome, either behind the counter to serve customers or behind the scenes for a variety of other roles. Contact us to find out more about joining our friendly volunteer team.

We are currently seeking more local suppliers so please get in touch if you produce something that might be suitable for us to sell in our small shop.

Drop us a line or pop in and tell us if you have any thoughts or ideas on what you

would like to see stocked and we will see what we can do!
Contact us at middlezoyvillageshop@outlook.com or call 01823 587222.
Opening hours are on the inside back page of this magazine.

Middlezoy Village Shop Committee

STICKY CHURCH

Family Filled Fun - Easter

Sticky Church is happening again in April. This will be an interactive exciting afternoon for children and young people.

The session will consist of fun activities based around 'Easter and Spring time'

When: Tuesday 2 April

Time: 2.30pm–4.30pm

Theme: Spring Time/Easter

Who: Children of all ages welcome

Where: Holy Cross Church, Middlezoy



If you require more information please contact Sarah sarah@blaketraining.co.uk or visit us on facebook.
Pauline Davies and Sarah Blake

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

Jumble Sale:

Holy Cross Church are holding a Jumble Sale:

When: Saturday 13 April

Time: 10–12 noon

Venue: Church



The jumble will remain in the church until Saturday 20 April. The church is open each day from approx. 10am–4pm. Feel free to pop in, rummage at your leisure and any donation for purchases please add to the slot in the wall on the way out!

Any queries or would like to donate jumble please contact Sarah Blake:

sarah@blaketraining.co.uk or 01823 690042. Many thanks for your support.

Mothering Sunday and Baptism:

Holy Cross was packed with joyful people, dressed in their best to celebrate the baptism of Bastien Ring, bringing him into the family of the church on the special Sunday which acknowledges motherhood in all its forms. The service was conducted by Rev Keith Powell, with his guitar and tuneful voice. The congregation and all the children joined in with appropriate actions. Posies were distributed and a good time was had by all.

The Annual Parochial Church Council and Vestry Meetings

The Annual Parochial Church Council and Vestry Meetings will be held in Holy Cross church on Tuesday 23 April commencing at 7pm.

The meetings are not just about appointing officials for the coming year but also give the opportunity to contribute to the future of the church. There will be major changes in the coming year. Rev. Andrea retires in June and we will then enter a Vacancy. In addition, there are proposals being discussed that will change our benefice. Your views on the way forward are welcome.

PCC Middlezoy

LEVELS METHODISTS CHURCH NEWS

We were delighted that Tally and Brad chose the Methodist Church for their wedding in March. We wish them and Jacob and Jasmine a very happy future.



The Peekaboo Gang!

Meets every Friday during term time from 9.30am–12noon (arrive anytime and stay as long as you want to) welcoming parents and carers with their babies and toddlers under 3! Lovely toys and a warm relaxed friendly setting, refreshments and activities.

Services during April:

Sunday 14th 10am

United Service at Holy Cross



Sunday 21st 4pm

Pet Service with Ildiko Haraszti



All kinds of pets with their families and children are welcome!

If you have a 'non-portable pet', please do bring a photo and all will be blessed!

Sunday 28th 6.30pm

Reverend Deborah Kirk

Booking the Methodist Church for your events:

Don't forget that the Chapel space and back room are available to hire. There is a booking form on the website <https://middlezoychapeluk.wordpress.com/bookings> or contact Jill Darby, jilldrb@gmail.com or at 01823 698000.

Revd Deborah Kirk, Minister deborah.m.kirk@gmail.com 01823 334854

Ildiko Haraszti Minister-in-Training

MIDDLEZOY COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the Monday weekly coffee morning at the chapel and to the many volunteers who help to ensure we can continue to run.



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When you are reading this article we will have had Easter. We were fortunate enough to have some visiting stallholders in the run up to Easter. Cicely Slade had on display an array of handmade items, knitted and sewn by herself. The memo boards and the reversible sun hats were amongst the popular buys. We also had Summersata Designs

selling their precious metal clay jewellery, sewn and crocheted items and original linoprint designs.

At our Easter Coffee Morning on Monday 25 March monies raised on the raffle were donated to Children's Hospice South West. Sarah Bonham came along with her greetings cards and paper products.

Thank you to Cicely, Pauline and Janet from Sumersata Designs and Sarah for coming along to our coffee mornings and providing an opportunity for browsing and buying some unique items.

We run every Monday (excluding bank holidays). Hope to see you 10am-12 noon in Middlezoey chapel.

Jill Darby,
Village Coffee Morning Co-ordinator
Tel : 01823 698000
Email jilldrb@gmail.com

WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB

Dates for your diary:

Saturday 4 May Middlezoey Village Hall - Coffee Morning 10am-12 noon. Lots of lovely homemade cakes to enjoy.

Tuesday 6 August - Annual summer coach trip for residents aged 65+. This year we will be going to Exmouth with a possible stop en route. Further details to follow and invites will come through your doors at the end of June/July.

Jill Darby, Chairperson

MIDDLEZOY COMMUNITY PROJECT

It's been another busy month for Middlezoey village hall. We still have very successful Friday night evenings along with the food and with the better weather coming along (hopefully) we will be able to sit out on the veranda overlooking the playing field. The reggae evening was a resounding success and everybody thoroughly enjoyed it.

On Monday evenings we have Zumba and on Wednesday evenings we have the puppy school throughout the next few months. Both events are very well attended. We are going to put on a 60s music evening in September, watch this space.

We are always on the lookout for new volunteers to join the management committee, to help with forthcoming events or even to go on the Friday night bar roster. If you are interested in either helping or joining the committee, please contact me Paul Baker on 07760 887907.



Paul Baker, Interim Chairperson, MCP



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OTHERY VILLAGE NEWS

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

The church is currently only open from 9am to 3.30pm, Mondays to Fridays during school term days and for church services. Genuine visitors can phone 07714 672316 to arrange for access at other times. *Churchwardens and PCC*

MOTHERING SUNDAY

This year's service was held in St. Michael's church and was led by Charles Hunt. We were joined by members of St. Mary's church, Moorlinch. The simple, sincere, appreciative service was enhanced with gifts of posies and cards being presented to all the ladies present and the abundant spares given to all the rest of the congregation there.

After the service refreshments were served in the Church Room where slices of the delicious Mothering Sunday simnel cake were given to everyone who could eat them.

Our thanks to all who took part in the service and also for the donations of flowers, cards and cake. *Mervyn Winslade and Margaret Harris, Churchwardens*



TUESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

Coffee Mornings are held in the Church Room every Tuesday between 10am and 12 noon. We offer tea, hot chocolate and a variety of coffees including cappuccino and fresh coffee so there is something to suit everyone's taste. We also have a selection of home-made marmalade and sometimes chutney! We have a number of books for sale (25p each) with a varied selection of authors and we even have jigsaw puzzles for those of you who fancy a challenge. This is a great opportunity to meet up with friends and relax for a while, so please come along and join us - you'll be made very welcome.



Coffee Morning Committee

STREET FAYRE HELPERS AND RECRUITMENT SOCIAL EVENING WE NEED YOU!

Wednesday 10 April, 7.30pm

The Spring Social and Recruitment Evening for committee members, helpers and volunteers will take place on Wednesday 10 April from 7.30pm in Othery Church Room. A warm welcome for all who attend with free nibbles and drinks provided.

This event is to express our heartfelt appreciation for all the work and generosity of the people who have helped this year's Othery Mouse Races evening be so wonderfully successful and also to hopefully retain previous volunteers and helpers and recruit new ones for preparing and running this year's 32nd Annual Street Fayre on Saturday 15 June.

Without you the Fayre and evening events just could not happen!

Othery Street Fayre Committee



BREAKFAST CAFÉ CHURCH

Café Church is church with a difference. Seated round tables in the Church Room we drink fresh coffee and eat a simple breakfast from 9.30am for about 40 minutes, followed by a bit of a discussion using sets of question cards. We sing a few songs, sometimes hear a short talk, say some prayers, but we're relaxed about it all. Our next Breakfast Café will be on Sunday 28 April.

If you've not been yet, why not give it a try, you will be most welcome whether you are a church-goer or not.

Isobel Davis

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS

Vestry and Parochial Church Council

It was agreed to hold the Annual Vestry Meeting and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and subsequent PCC Meeting on Tuesday 30 April from 7.30pm in the Church Room.

Mervyn Winslade and Margaret Harris, Churchwardens

TYING THE GATES

This is what 'Otherey-ites' call "tying the gates". When somebody gets married in the church, the gates that go onto North Lane get tied up and the newlyweds must throw 'gold' over the gates to escape ... a perfect pocket money task for the village youngsters.

The gates that go onto The Twist are the funeral gates and so using them would bring bad luck. I'm sure there's more to the story but that's the bare bones!

Years ago, this was regularly done but it seems it's a tradition that is fading and presumably that's because people moving into the village don't know about it ... so here's your introduction!!

Carly Piper



The North Lane gates tied up

OTHERY VILLAGE HALL

Volunteers always welcome – if you would like to help with events or the Friday night bar, or even join the management committee - please contact us on otheryvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk or 07958 006403.

Happy Hour with the village hall bar on the first Friday of every month. 40% off all drinks and snacks until 8.30pm.

Upcoming Events

Quiz Night – Friday 26 April. Tables £10. Doors open 7pm. Contact us on otheryvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk or 07958 006403 to reserve a table.

Alternatively, book online <https://otheryvillagehall.org.uk/event/>

Barbecue Night - Friday 26 July. Doors open 6pm.

Regular Events

Tuesday 9 April – Gardening Club Wednesday 10 April – Western Front Association

Wednesday 24 April – Somerset Stargazers

Thursdays 10am Toddler Group, 7.30pm Short Mat Bowls

Fridays 11am Pilates, 7pm Bar night

Bridget Gander, Secretary,

Email: otheryvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk Website: www.otheryvillagehall.org.uk



MOORLINCH VILLAGE NEWS

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING and PCC MEETINGS

The Moorlinch with Stawell and Sutton Mallet Annual Vestry meeting followed by the Annual Parochial Church Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 23 April in St Mary's church, Moorlinch at 5pm. *Churchwarden and PCC*

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Moorlinch Plant Sale Sunday 12 May 2-4pm at the Church Hall and Grounds. Tea, cakes and plants available.

BENEFICE, DEANERY AND DIOCESAN ITEMS

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 middlezoypayers@gmail.com



The Prayer Group

CHURCHES AND CHAPELS

Open Daily

The United Benefice churches in Middlezoy and Stawell are open daily for private prayer; see their notice boards for their opening times. Other church is currently only open from 9am to 3.30pm, Mondays to Fridays during school term days and for church services. Genuine visitors can phone 07714 672316 to arrange for access at other times.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms:

Bastien Ring was christened at the Mothering Sunday service on 9 March, in Holy Cross Church, Middlezoy.

Weddings:

Tally Porteous and Bradley White were married on 7 March in the Levels Methodist Church, Middlezoy.



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WORSHIP IS KEY

In January I was back in my old diocese of Exeter, marking the death of Sabine Baring Gould 100 years before. What an extraordinary person he was, with an incredible range and roundedness of learning and interests, in an equally full and fulfilled life. He was a great traveller and prolific writer of biographies, folklore, travel books, theology, novels and hymns, including some, such as 'Onward Christian soldiers' that remain popular today. He was a linguist and translator; and, as an archaeologist on Dartmoor, very much a pioneer in the field. For many, his greatest achievement was his collecting the old folk songs of Devon and Cornwall, providing inspiration for such composers as Elgar, Vaughan Williams and Holst. He was also the Squire of Lewtrenchard and, being ordained, he appointed himself as parish priest as well!

This he saw as his true vocation. His responsibility, and that of the local church, was the cure of souls from cradle to grave. This meant a care for the spiritual wellbeing of all in the community and for their bodily and social welfare too. Striving for good health and housing must go hand in hand with growth in faith and prayer. All should be encouraged to full humanity, to holy discipleship, to the recognition, and use, of whatever gifts anyone possessed for the common good.

But, underlying all of this, one other aspect of this great man's life speaks very strongly to me now. That is how he understood worship and its relationship to the whole of life. "To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God."

Worshipping is key. I am reminded of the later words of Archbishop William Temple: "It is sometimes said that conduct is supremely important, and worship helps it. The truth is that worship is supremely important, and conduct tests it."

Rt. Rev. Michael Langrish, Assistant Bishop for Bath and Wells

BISHOP MICHAEL TO VISIT ZAMBIA

Bishop Michael Beasley will be making his first visit to Zambia as Bishop of Bath and Wells this month, having previously spent time there during his career as an epidemiologist.

Commenting on his visit, which takes place from 22 April to 5 May, Bishop Michael said "I am really looking forward to be going back to Zambia. It takes the whole world to know Christ and I'm so excited at the thought of all I will learn from our Zambian brothers and sisters. I am also looking forward to the opportunity to explore how we can potentially work together on a joint environmental project involving our schools."

CATHEDRAL ADMISSION CHANGES - FREE PASSES

Wells Cathedral has announced changes to its admission guidelines from 22 April. Free passes are available to local people and to parishioners in the diocese of Bath and Wells, with a new entry charge for tourists. It will remain free to enter for worship, prayer, and to light a candle. The monies raised by the £14 tourist admission charge will go towards the care of the cathedral building and its mission.

Information about the Parish Pass and how to apply for it is available from the website <https://www.wells cathedral.org.uk/yourvisit/wells-passes>



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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		This is now in action

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 new schedules for the MOMSS & G area are:

MIDDLEZOY

Recycling Boxes, every week: THURSDAY 4 April, WEDNESDAYS 10, 17, 24 April, 1 May

Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks: THURSDAY 4 April, WEDNESDAYS 24 April, 22 May

Garden Waste Bins, every other week: MONDAYS 8, 22 April, TUESDAY 7 May

OTHERY

Recycling Boxes, every week: SATURDAY 6 April, FRIDAYS 12, 19, 26 April, 3 May

Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks: FRIDAYS 12 April, 3 May

Garden Waste Bins, every other week: FRIDAY 5 April, THURSDAYS 18 April, 2 May

MOORLINCH, STAWELL, SUTTON MALLET & GREINTON

Recycling Boxes, every week: THURSDAY 4 April, WEDNESDAYS 10, 17, 24 April, 1 May

Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks: THURSDAY 4 April, WEDNESDAY 24 April, 15 May

Garden Waste Bins, every other week: THURSDAYS 11, 25 April, FRIDAY 10 May

RECYCLING CENTRES

Summer opening hours (April to September)

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

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The service continues every 4 weeks on Fridays:

Next visits: 5 April, 3 May

Stawell Village Hall 10.10am - 10.40am

Moorlinch Tapmoor Road Junction 10.55am - 11.15am

Middlezoy Main Road Bus Stop 12.20pm - 1pm

For further information about reading books online contact Libraries Direct on 0300 123 2224 or visit www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries



MOMSS COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Please advise momssgeditor@live.co.uk of amendments/additions

ANGLICAN CHURCH INFORMATION

Priest-in-Charge

Rev Andrea Harwood 01458 443239 vicarmomss@gmail.com

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 jilldrb@gmail.com 01823 698000

Bookings: <https://middlezoychapeluk.wordpress.com/bookings/> or Jill Darby (above)

PARISH COUNCILS/MEETINGS

Middlezoy—Chairman: Paul Baker 07760 887907

Othery—Chairman: Andrew Tizzard 01823 690284

Moorlinch—Meeting Chairman: Anne Farmer 01458 210393

Stawell and Sutton Mallet—Chairman: Philip Jay

Greinton—Enquiries: Toby Crispin 01458 210227

VILLAGE AMENITIES

Middlezoy: The George Inn 01823 698215;

Shop 01823 587222 open Mon, Tues 8.45am-1.00, 1.30-4.30pm, Wed 8.45am-11.00am,

Thurs, Fri 8.45am-1.00, 1.30-5pm, Sat 8.45am-12 noon;

P.O. 01823 698981 open Mon, Tues 10.00am-1.00, 1.30-4.30pm, Wed closed,

Thurs, Fri 10.00am-1.00, 1.30-5pm, Sat closed; Village Hall 07885 195418

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 APRIL

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
April 7 Sun (Second of Easter)	10.00 am	United Benefice Communion service	St Mary's, Moorlinch
14 Sun (Third of Easter)	10.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am	Joint Worship For All Prayer and Praise Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Holy Cross, Middlezoy St Michael's, Othery St Mary's, Moorlinch St Francis, Stawell
21 Sun (Fourth of Easter)	10.00 am	United Benefice Communion service	St Francis, Stawell
28 Sun (Fifth of Easter)	9.00 am 9.30 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 6.30 pm	Breakfast Café Breakfast Café Holy Communion service Morning Prayer Circuit Communion service	Church Hall, Moorlinch Church Room, Othery Holy Cross, Middlezoy St. Francis, Stawell Methodist Chapel, Middlezoy
May 5 Sun (Sixth of Easter)	10. 00 am	United Benefice Communion service	Holy Cross, Middlezoy

The Common Worship (Year B) readings and lessons for the services:

DATE	SEASON	READINGS
April 7 Sun	Second Sunday of Easter	First: Acts, chapter 4, verses 32 to 35 Psalm: 133 Epistle: 1 John, chapter 1, verse 1 to chapter 2, verse 2 Gospel: John, chapter 20, verses 19 to 31 (the end)
14 Sun	Third Sunday of Easter	First: Acts, chapter 3, verses 12 to 19 Psalm: 4 Epistle: 1 John, chapter 3, verses 1 to 7 Gospel: Luke, chapter 24, verses 36b to 48
21 Sun	Fourth Sunday of Easter	First: Acts, chapter 4, verses 5 to 12 Psalm: 23 Epistle: 1 John, chapter 3, verses 16 to 24 (the end) Gospel: John, chapter 10, verses 11 to 18
28 Sun	Fifth Sunday of Easter	First: Acts, chapter 8, verses 26 to 40 (the end) Psalm: 22, verses 25 to 31 (the end) Epistle: 1 John, chapter 4, verses 7 to 21 (the end) Gospel: John, chapter 15, verses 1 to 8
May 5 Sun	Sixth Sunday of Easter	First: Acts, chapter 10, verses 44 to 48 (the end) Psalm: 98 Epistle: 1 John, chapter 5, verses 1 to 6 Gospel: John, chapter 15, verses 9 to 17