

MOMSS MAGAZINE



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FROM THE EDITOR

Enjoy the holidays.

September with new schools, new jobs and new challenges will come only too quickly. August is also a time to plan. Othery and Middlezoy schools will remove to one site (see page 5) and our church clergy will reduce during 2024 (see article below)

Traditionally, New Year is the time for new resolutions, but it seems to me that, following our scholastic year, August gives time for reflection and to consider the opportunities available from September, with new interests and hobbies.

Sit and dream.

Gill Wilkinson Editor



BENEFACTICE, DEANERY AND DIOCESAN ITEMS

RESHAPING THE GLASTONBURY DEANERY THE SHARED LOCAL MINISTRY PLAN

At these difficult times, the Diocese of Bath and Wells is experiencing challenging financial circumstances which mean every deanery is reevaluating how ministry is effectively conducted and how clergy are deployed. This Deanery needs to reduce from 6.5 stipendiary ministers to five by 2027. The aim is to submit a proposal to the Diocese by the end of January 2024 to meet the Diocesan timetable. This is not a 'numbers game' but about trying to find opportunities to do things differently that meet today's context and build for the future. We will also explore the role of lay ministry and how to use people's talents more effectively.

Over the last few months, we have gathered data on parishes and sought opinions from the active congregations. A small working group has been created to discuss the findings in detail. This group is a balance of laity and clergy, rural and urban, larger and smaller benefices to represent the Deanery at large and not to argue for one parish over another or any particular vested interest.

The group will provide the Deanery Synod with options by the end of October, which Synod Representatives will take to PCCs for consideration, with agreement on which one to take forward in December. This option will be developed into a proposal for the Bishop to consider.

This will be challenging. We must all be sensitive to the fact that people's jobs are being discussed as we consider how best to sustain our current congregations and develop God's commission to spread His gospel of salvation. There is no right or satisfactory answer and some hard decisions will be made. What we ask for is your constructive support and prayers as we undertake this work.

Charles Hunt

Deanery Synod Representative

CHURCHES AND CHAPELS

Open Daily

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

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism

Alfie Simon Anthony Butcher, son of Laurna Blackmore and Samuel Butcher was baptised by Rev Andrea Harwood in St Michael's Church, Othery on Sunday 16 July.

Wedding

The marriage of **Rachael Orchard** to **Richard Baker** was celebrated at Holy Cross Church, Middlezoy on Saturday 24 June.

Deaths/Funerals:

Eileen Gander of Othery died in hospital on Monday 17 July. Her funeral is arranged for 12 noon on Tuesday 1st August at Sedgemoor Crematorium.

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.

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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 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.



LEISURE, A WELL EARNED REST

As you read this you may well be putting your feet up and having a well-earned rest from school, work or even church! Summer is a time for taking things a little easier and making space for rest and relaxation. But of course, many continue to work hard to make such recreation possible for us! We may want to take a moment to value all those who make our holidays possible. There's always room to say, 'thank you!'

You will be aware that I recently had the opportunity of taking a little time out for some sabbatical. Howard and I spent a month walking the Via Di Francesco, a pilgrimage walk, in the footsteps of St Francis, in Italy. We walked some 140 miles from Rome to Assisi, using local transport for the other 40 or 50 miles along the way. We took our time, not least because of the wear and tear on our hips and knees as we went up and down steep gradients. In addition, it gave us room to notice things along the way.

It is often the small, seemingly insignificant things which can get overlooked as we travel through life isn't it. How many of us make the time to "stand and stare" as William Davies puts it in his poem, *Leisure*? So, I found myself discovering new meaning in the unexpected moments of pause that the walk brought us. The brief conversation with Destiny, a refugee, whilst we waited at a bus stop, who generously shared his bus tickets with us. The awareness of the world of creation around us – birdsong; the quill of a porcupine on the path; a family of wild pigs running through wheat fields. The kindness and hospitality of strangers. Encountering God in new people

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and places.

During this month, when perhaps the business of your life is stilled a little, are you expecting to encounter God? Will he need to break in or interrupt you, or how might you intentionally make time for him? Where might you notice the glimpses of God in the world around and hear his voice speaking into your experience?

I hope that this summer you will experience not only the rest and recreational power of a good holiday but also the space to renew your relationship with God. Along with the writer to the Ephesians, I pray “that you may have the power to comprehend, ...what is the breadth and length and height and depth,” of God’s love for you.

With love and prayers

+Ruth

The Right Reverend Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton

GENERAL INTEREST ITEMS

VISIT OF ST PETER’S YOUTH CHOIR, GENEVA, USA

We will be welcoming the return of the St Peter’s Senior Youth Choir to our Benefice over the weekend of 17 and 18 February 2024. This will be the seventh visit from the youth choir and I’m sure many people will have some excellent memories of those visits and have formed many long-term friendships. We hope that the choristers (aged between 12 and 18) will be hosted by families within the Benefice whilst most of the adults will be staying in Street.



Details of their itinerary will be settled by next month but if you feel that you could offer accommodation to two or more choristers for two nights please either contact me on stryker.jps@gmail.com or one of the churchwardens (contact details on inside back cover).

More details in the next issue of MOMSS.

Jane Stryker

MIDDLEZOY AND OTHERY SCHOOLS

Here we are at the end of another amazing year, I really am not too sure where the time has gone. The year has flown by, it is quite unbelievable to think that when you read this, we will have already said goodbye to our amazing year 6 children. Having had the pleasure of teaching them since February, I know they are more than ready to leave for their next magical chapter at secondary school. I am sure you will all join me in wishing them the very best for the future. The staff and I look forward to hearing about their adventures.

As a team, we have continued to build on the foundations set back in September 2020 and it is with great pride that I can look back and realise just how far we have come. Our children are polite, remarkable, confident young people with a zest for learning. Our results speak for themselves and show that our children can and do achieve to a very high standard. Our children are simply encouraged to be ‘The Best They Can Be!’ Huge thanks to the staff across both schools for a magnificent year; they really are a remarkable team of people who ensure

that our children receive the very best care and education every day. Talking to the children there have been many 'best bits' this year. These have included: the Christmas Fayre, PTA Christmas dinner, whole school trip to the pantomime, the wonderful KSI production, a whole school trip to the zoo, cricket festivals, the KS 2 Production of YE-HA, poetry competitions, chick hatching, sports day, swimming lessons for all, Dragon Class residential at Kilve, drumming workshops, school discos and lots of art with the magnificent Darrell Wakelam. Please visit our website to find out more about us. <https://www.middlezoyandotheryschools.co.uk>

I would also like to give a special mention to four incredible ladies: Ella, Rachael, Emma and Jodie, our PTA committee members. Without the determination, organisation and oodles of time given by these ladies our children would not benefit from so many wonderful experiences. Thank you from all the staff and children for your amazing fund-raising efforts this year. We really do appreciate all you do for us.

Date for the diary.

In September, we will all be based on one site as our trial period begins. On 3 October, we will be hosting, alongside Othery Church, a MacMillian Coffee Afternoon from 2pm – 3pm. We would love to welcome you into our school to help raise money for this amazing charity and to show you a glimpse of life at Othery and Middlezoy Schools. We look forward to seeing you there. An invitation will be placed on the school noticeboard in due course.

Wishing you all a lovely summer,
Lindsay Hayward
Headteacher

FARM DIARY

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

In the Field. The cereal harvest should have begun by the time you read this. It all depends on the weather which at the time of writing was too unsettled to warm up the combine harvester. As it happens harvest for a particular variety of a particular crop is nearly always within three or four days of the same date. This year it looks as if the harvest will be at the early end of this scale. The last week of July is time for the winter sown oil seed rape and the winter sown barley. The first week of August is for winter sown wheat. Winter sown beans are later in August and they turn an eye-catching black before



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being ready to harvest when the beans are dry in their pods. The latter are shattered by the combine so that only the bean is collected. Beans make a very good break crop and entry for wheat with the residual nitrogen from their nitrogen fixing property. These dates are for central Somerset.

Baked Beans. More of these are eaten in the UK than in the rest of the world combined. However, we have not been able to grow them. Scientists from the University of Warwick have bred three varieties that just might change this. A farmer in Lincolnshire has planted a commercial scale of these haricot beans. Watch this space.



Diet. As reported in The Daily Telegraph of 7 July by its science correspondent, Joe Pinkstone, we can savour our steak and cheese without it taking a bite out of our life expectancy. This is an important study with the lead author, Dr Andrew Mente, of McMaster University in Canada. This is a ten year study of 150,000 people from 20 countries. Dr Mente concluded that cardiovascular diseases and early mortality may not be the result of over-indulging in meat and dairy but under-nutrition by not eating enough key food groups. These include vegetables, legumes, fruit and fish and nuts. People were 30% less likely to die during the study period when consuming a well-balanced range of foods. There is evidence to suggest that whole-fat dairy may be protective against hypertension and metabolic syndrome - key drivers of cardiovascular disease.

Richard Graham

SKY AT NIGHT

August 2023

Sunrise Sunset

Beginning of August 5.37am-8.58pm End of August 6.23am-7.59pm

Moon Phases

Full Moon 1st / Last Quarter 8th/ New Moon 16th / First Quarter 24th /Full Moon 31st

Planets

Saturn reaches opposition on the 27th when it is at its closest to Earth for the year and is visible all night long. Jupiter (much brighter) rises at 11pm in the east and Venus reappears as a morning star around 5pm.

Constellation

The three stars which appear as darkness falls are known as the summer triangle, being Deneb, Vega and Altair. If you wait until around 11pm you will see they have the spiral arm of the Milky Way galaxy running through them. Under a truly dark sky without light pollution this is an amazing sight and through binoculars stars appear too numerous to count.

Phenomena

There are two Super Moons this month on the 1st and 31st the second being the biggest and brightest. On the night of 12th /13th it is the peak of the Perseid meteor shower, one of the best of the year.

Paul Adamson, 01823 698156



SOMERSET LEVELS STARGAZERS

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 30 August at 7.30pm in Othery Village Hall TA7 0QU. This month the main talk is given by Chairman Paul Adamson on the subject of NASA mission patches. 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 somersetlevelstargazers@hotmail.com

Follow us on Facebook.

Paul Adamson 01823698156

OTHERY VILLAGE NEWS

OTHERY STREET FAYRE

Back in June we held our annual 31st Street Fayre. Weather was on our side this year and the crowds flocked out to support us.

We wish to thank all the stall holders that attended on the day and hope they had a successful day. Thanks also to all the helpers that make the day such a success. From working on a stall, setting up marquees and stalls, lending their property for car parking, dog show, refreshments and stalls, collecting bric-a-brac and many more.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the committee members for their hard work throughout the year. Without them the Fayre would not be possible.

Now on to what we made. We had a very successful year with a profit in the region of £4,500 raised for St Michael's Church.

Anthony Betty Chairman

OTHERY READING GROUP

Our reading choice for July was *Foster* by Claire Keegan.

Claire Keegan was born in County Wicklow in 1968, she is the youngest of a large family. She travelled to New Orleans, Louisiana when she was 17 and studied English and Political Science. She returned to Ireland in 1992 and later moved to Wales where she undertook an MA in creative writing and taught undergraduates at the University of Wales, Cardiff.

Claire has won numerous literary awards in Ireland and she is best known for her short stories.

This book, which is described as a novella, is based on events which take place in Ireland during the summer of 1981. The setting is rural County Wexford.

The notion of fostering has a long history in Ireland. The old Gaelic chiefs used fostering to create alliances and maintain peace accords with local rival chieftains.

It is a hot summer, a pregnant mother waits for yet another mouth to feed. One of her daughters is taken by her indifferent father to live on her aunt and uncle's farm, not knowing when or if she will be brought home again. In the Kinsellas' house she finds an affection and warmth she has not known and slowly in their care she begins to blossom.

Our members mostly enjoyed the book, but some were waiting for something to

happen, the story ended too soon, they wanted to know more. The descriptive writing was enjoyed. Others found the story mundane. This story did however touch members and promoted an interesting discussion on personal experiences and reminiscing. "A vehicle for ones' memories."

There is no Book Group meeting in August, but we meet again in September when our chosen book will be *House by the Thames* by Gillian Tindale.

If you would like to join our small, friendly group please contact martinwall@mac.com
Marion Hilling

OTHERY ROAD RUN SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

The annual Othery Road Run returns this year on 16 September. Venue still to be confirmed at time of writing.

Vehicles line up from 1.30pm with all in position at 3pm with the first vehicle away at 3.30pm. Ice Cream and refreshments on sale from 1.30pm followed by a Pig Roast at 5pm. Entry fee for vehicles is £10 prebooked via Mervyn 01823 698368 or £12 on the gate.

General public free entry. More information to follow in September issue.

Anthony Betty Chairman

OTHERY VILLAGE HALL

Future Events

Friday 15 September Quiz Night £10 per table (max of 6 people). Filled rolls will be on sale. To book a table please call Ella on 07814 754 127 or email as below.

Friday 27 October Halloween Tickets are £5 for adults £2 for children. Dress up and sing along to your favourite spooky tunes.

November First Othery Beer Festival – A selection of beers to taste. More details to follow.

Regular Events

Wednesday 30 August 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

Bridget Gander, Secretary, Othery Village Hall Management Committee

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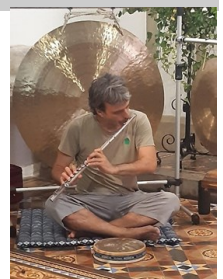
MOORLINC H VILLAGE NEWS

JUNE BREAKFAST CAFÉ

Fabulous morning. Tasty outdoor breakfast in the Pavilion.

A meaningful celebration of Sea Sunday led by Pauline with joyful singing and an interesting talk about the work and dangers faced by seafarers. Followed by a sound bath in the cool of the church performed by Earth Echo, a truly wonderful experience!

Thanks to everyone who contributed to a very good morning.



MOORLINCH'S RIGHT ROYAL FETE

After watching the long range weather app for as long as you can, it made no difference to what we got 'on the day', it was wet. But we still had a really lovely traditional Village Fete which was well attended and opened this year by John Donaldson (one of Moorlinch's more senior villagers) and helped by none other than King Charles, Queen Camilla and 'Princess' Meghan. The afternoon flew by with so much to do, eat and drink. I don't think anybody came away empty handed. Everybody was carrying winnings or purchases of plants, produce, bottles and cake.

As chair of the Hall Committee, I would like to thank everybody for their very generous support with their behind-the-scenes help and donations, with their help and donations on the day and everybody who came and made it 'The Moorlinch Fete 2023'

Look out for Moorlinch Fete next year.

Mary Mason, Chair, Moorlinch Church Hall Committee



STAWELL & SUTTON MALLET VILLAGE NEWS

Information is available on the website www.stawellvillage.info

STAWELL DIARY

Saturday 26 August

Coffee morning at Richard and Lianne's, The Manor, from 10 till 12 noon.

All welcome.

Richard Graham

CREAM TEA SATURDAY 5 AUGUST 2-5pm

Cream teas and raffle in the village hall. There will also be a book stall, a draw for a food hamper and a stall for Ukraine.

Here's hoping the sun shines on that day so that, if desired, it will be possible to sit outdoors.

Forget about the diet and come along.

Ruth Peberdy

WHO WEARS WINS - FASHION THROUGH THE DECADES!

Exhibition Saturday 16 September and Sunday 17 September, 2.00-5.00pm, Stawell Village Hall.

Don't forget to save the date

Join in the fun and maybe hunt out something vintage or outrageous in your wardrobe to wear when visiting!

Proceeds for 'Green Door' project in Street.

Jackie Lusty

GREINTON VILLAGE NEWS

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

EVENTS IN GREINTON

The summer months tend to be a quiet period for the village hall, too many people are away on holiday (myself included) to be worth planning much in the way of social events. However, our monthly pub nights continue as usual on the first Friday of every month.

Also, we are busy planning our events for the autumn and winter.

We are planning to hold a Barn Dance again this year but with a difference, we have booked a Live Band which we hope will encourage more dancers out onto the floor. They are a local group called Hobson's Choice and you can listen to their music here: www.hobsonschoice.org.uk. There will also be a tombola, bouncy castle, hog roast and cash bar. The Barn Dance will be on Saturday 23 September, the doors open at 6.30pm. Admission £10 per adult, primary school aged children: Free.

FUTURE EVENTS IN THE PIPELINE (further details to follow):

Aller Fun Ride sometime in September.

Harvest Singalong in church, similar format to previous years, Sunday 10 September 5pm.

Act of Remembrance in the church, Sunday 12 November 10.45am.

Mouse Racing, early November (date tbc).

Bingo, Friday 1 December (the same night as our pub night would be).

Christmas Carol Singalong in church Sunday 17 December 5pm

Christmas carol singing around the village, looking at Friday 22 December early evening start.

Quiz Night, late January/early February 2024

More Mouse Racing, March 2024

We are also looking into the possibility of holding film nights in the Village Hall. These could be combined with pub nights but we might start off as a separate event, maybe on the 3rd Saturday of the month. We need people to suggest films but would plan to make them very family friendly. Any thoughts/suggestions would be very much welcomed.

Finally, you may not know but there is a Facebook Group called Greinton Village in Somerset which is a great way of spreading local news. It is a private group and anyone wanting to join has to confirm that they live in or very close to Greinton, or have very close contact with the village. They also have to agree not to place commercial adverts and to be kind, courteous and respectful. If you are not already a member and would like to share news about Greinton, please consider joining. *Toby Crispin*

MIDDLEZOY VILLAGE NEWS

CHAPEL AND CHURCH

Detailed list of services are on the back cover

LEVELS METHODISTS CHAPEL

20 August 11am-12.30pm **A New Event with Pancakes.**

Pancake Sundays are here in Middlezoy Methodist Church!

20th August - 11am - 12.30

Conversation and crafts on a Biblical theme for all the family
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Following the successful morning in July, come along and share the fun.
Rev Deborah Kirk

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

August is a quiet month, a family time to recuperate from the many activities in which we participate. That is to prepare us for the autumn when we look forward to festivals and concerts, do note the dates. It is always sad to extol the delights of the previous night to a friend only to hear them say, "I wish I'd known". It then seems unkind to reply, "try reading MOMSS".

As well as the pleasures noted below there is the work! Saturday 23 September is Churchyard Gift Day. We look forward to seeing people in the Churchyard, enabling the beauty of God's Acre, as well as contributing to the upkeep. There will be a flyer in the September edition, all contributions are most welcome and if you are a taxpayer, a Gift Aid form will mean that your gift is increased by 25%. It is a bit like passing 'Go' in Monopoly. Whilst not everyone appreciates longer grass and wild areas, most will have noticed the return of hedgehogs to gardens where they have not been seen for many years. Also, it must be noted it takes considerable effort to re-wild an area, it is so much easier just to cut everything down, but that only leaves a desert.

Future Events:

Sunday 10 Sept	Harvest Festival
Saturday 16 Sept	Concert by Barnacles Buoys
Saturday 25 Nov	Concert by Joyful Spirit Gospel Choir

Contacts: Ian Campbell 698790, Gill Wilkinson 698429, Sarah Blake 690042.

Langport Food bank

Unfortunately, the needs of the foodbank do not diminish.

If you wish to donate please leave up at the church, at the village coffee morning or in the porch of 11a Main Road Middlezoy.

Gill Wilkinson & Middlezoy PCC

THE WILDING OF MIDDLEZOY

News from the bat cave

The young are flying, it is amazing to see them leave the nursery after sunset and swoop round the garden. Whilst this will not surprise those who live in older buildings with crevices and oak beams, it is more surprising in a house built this century. Alas, I am an inexperienced nurserymaid. During a warm June evening a small upstairs window was left ajar and a set of batlings entered. Those not able to find their way home found other roosts for the night.

When my clothes were reclaimed from above the bath a very small creature fluttered down onto the duvet. Hastily a clear container was located and the baby carefully carried outside to shelter. That was not the end of the matter. In the quiet study there was a rustle, within a plastic bag another tiny baby was found and returned to the wild. But then there was a blockage in the sink and yet a third, rather damp, baby was rescued and



restored. Finally, a fourth was found at night flying round the kitchen and gently clapped on its way home. All the windows are now firmly closed at dusk.

Hedgehogs

There are reports of sightings in gardens where they have not been seen for many years. Many of us look forward to a decrease in the slug population! Congratulations and thanks to Wild Middlezoy which has created the habitat where these animals can survive.

Gill Wilkinson

MIDDLEZOY WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB

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

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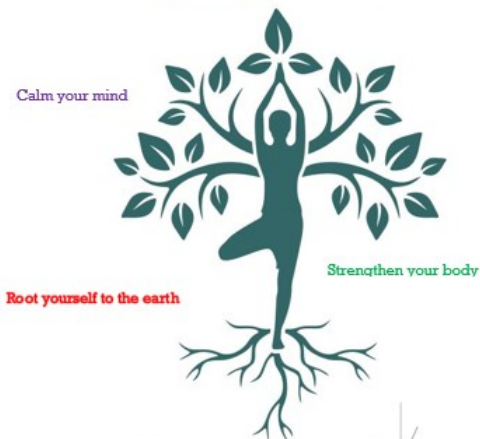
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Local times can vary so it is best to contact to Somerset Federation before attending for the first time 01278 287034.

WESTONZOYLAND WI

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

ONE SOLITARY LIFE

Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another obscure village. He worked in a carpenter's shop until he was thirty then, for three years, he was an itinerant preacher.

He never wrote a book, he never held office, he never owned a home, he never had a family, he never went to college, he never put his foot inside a big city, he never travelled two hundred miles from the place where he was born. He never did one of these things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but himself.

He had nothing to do with this world, except the naked power of his manhood. While still a young man the tide of popular opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One of them denied him. He was turned over to his enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial.

He was nailed to a cross, between two thieves. His executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had on earth, while he was dying - and that was his coat. When he was dead he was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave.

Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone, and today he is still the central figure for much of the human race. All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that were ever built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon earth as powerfully as has this one solitary life.

Rev. James Allan Francis - 1926

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT HONEY



- One of the first coins in the world had a bee symbol on it.
- There are live enzymes in honey.
- In contact with metal spoon these enzymes die.
- The best way to eat honey is with wooden spoon, if you can't find one, use plastic.
- Honey contains a substance that helps your brain work better.
- Honey is one of the rare foods on earth that alone can sustain human life.
- Bees saved people in Africa from starvation.
- One spoon of honey is enough to sustain human life for 24 hours.
- The propolis that bees produce is one of the most powerful natural antibiotics
- Honey has no expiration date.
- The bodies of the great emperors of the world were buried in golden coffins and then covered with honey to prevent putrefaction.
- The term 'honeymoon' comes from the fact that newlyweds consumed honey for fertility after the wedding.
- A bee lives less than 40 days, visits at least 1000 flowers and produces less than a teaspoon of honey, but for her it is a lifetime.
- Honey made by bees around Chernobyl is not radioactive .

Thank you, BEES!

SAVE HONEY BEES

WISDOM as found in Proverbs (NEB)

- 3.15. Wisdom is more valuable than jewels;
nothing you could want can compare with it.
- 14.1. Homes are made by the wisdom of women,
but are destroyed by foolishness.
- 16.16. It is better - much better - to have wisdom and knowledge
than gold and silver.
- 18.4. A person's words can be a source of wisdom,
deep as the ocean, fresh as a flowing stream.
- 23.23. Truth, wisdom, learning, and good sense;
these are worth paying for,
but too valuable for you to sell.
- 24.3,4. Homes are built on the foundation of wisdom and understanding.
Where there is knowledge,
the rooms are furnished with valuable, beautiful things.
- 24.14. You may be sure that wisdom is good for the soul.
- 2.6. It is the LORD who gives wisdom;
from him comes knowledge and understanding.

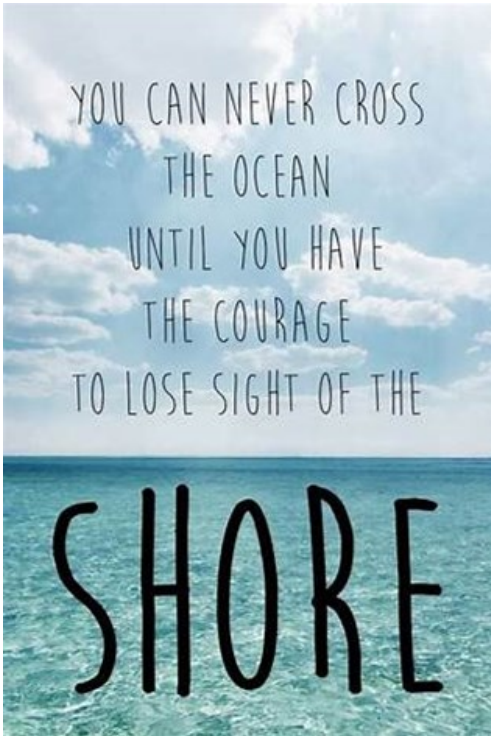
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USEFUL INFORMATION

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 Road.

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 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 & OTHERY

Recycling Boxes, every week:

Thursdays 3, 10, 17, 24 August, Friday 1 September

Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks:

Thursdays 3, 24 August

Garden Waste Bins, every other week:

Middlezoy: Mondays 31 July, 14 August and Tuesday 29 August

Othery: Thursdays 10, 24 August

MOORLINCH, STAWELL, SUTTON MALLET & GREINTON

Recycling Boxes, every week:

Wednesdays 2, 16 August, Thursday 31 August

Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks:

Wednesday 9 August, Thursday 31 August

Garden Waste Bins, every other week:

Thursdays 3, 17 August, Friday 1 September

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: 11 August

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

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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 211096

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: 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 AUGUST 2023

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
August 6 Sun <i>9th after Trinity</i>	10.00 am	United Benefice Sung Eucharist service	St Michael's, Othery
13 Sun <i>10th after Trinity</i>	9.30 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 10.30 am	Breakfast Café Holy Communion Holy Communion Joint Worship For All	The Church Room, Othery St Mary's, Moorlinch St. Francis, Stawell Methodists Chapel, Middlezoy
20 Sun <i>11th after Trinity</i>	10.00 am 11.00 am	United Benefice Communion service Pancake Sunday	St Mary's, Moorlinch Methodists Chapel, Middlezoy
27 Sun <i>12th after Trinity</i>	10.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion All Age Worship All Age Worship Circuit Communion service	Holy Cross, Middlezoy St Mary's, Moorlinch St. Francis, Stawell Methodist Chapel, Middlezoy
September 3 Sun <i>13th after Trinity</i>	10.00 am	United Benefice Communion service	St. Francis, Stawell

Common Worship readings and lessons for the services:

DATE	SEASON	READINGS
August 6 Sun	Ninth Sunday after Trinity <i>(Transfiguration of our Lord)</i>	OT: Daniel, chapter 7, verses 9, 10, 13, 14 Psalm: 97 Epistle: 2 Peter, chapter 1, verses 16 to 19 Gospel: Luke, chapter 9, verses 28 to 36
13 Sun	Tenth Sunday after Trinity	OT: Genesis, chapter 37, v 1 to 4 and 12 to 28 Psalm: 105, verses 1 to 10 Epistle: Romans, chapter 10, verses 1 to 15 Gospel: Matthew, chapter 14, verses 22 to 33
20 Sun	Eleventh Sunday after Trinity	OT: Genesis, chapter 45, verses 1 to 15 Psalm: 133 Epistle: Romans, chapter 11, v 1 to 2a and 29 to 32 Gospel: Matthew, chapter 15, verses 10 to 28
27 Sun	Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	OT: Exodus, chapter 1, v 8 to chapter 2, verse 10 Psalm: 124 Epistle: Romans, chapter 12, verses 1 to 8 Gospel: Matthew, chapter 16, verses 13 to 20
September 3 Sun	Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity	OT: Exodus, chapter 3, verses 1 to 15 Psalm: 115 Epistle: Romans, chapter 12, verses 9 to 21 Gospel: Matthew, chapter 16 verses 21 to 28

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