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FROM THE EDITOR

November has us remembering – celebrations, commemorations, deliberations, frustrations, determinations, remunerations, calculations! Weather, politics, war in the Middle East, the new Government's budget - what a lot that is to come into our minds! The weather does not really encourage us to go out and about in such wet and windy conditions that we have been having in October but we put on our waterproofs and venture forth into the outside world and reach our intended destinations and enjoy the fruits of our efforts.

We put our clocks back one hour to Greenwich Mean Time on Sunday 27 October and maybe gained an extra hour in bed but we lost an hour of daylight and dark nights now greet us earlier.

As usual we have reports of events that have already happened and details of events yet to come – hopefully you will find something to please, something to ease, something to tease, something of a wheeze! Plenty of pages to explore, items not to ignore and much more! I wish a Happy November to you all.

Anita Winslade, Editor
01823 698368

GENERAL ITEMS

SPONSORS FOR OUR NOVEMBER ISSUE

We are very grateful to two local organisations for their generous sponsorship of this month's edition of the MOMSS magazine.

Middlezoy Coffee Morning organises weekly coffee mornings for fellowship and chat. Sale of refreshments, raffle and books raises a fair amount of money for both national and village charities.

Moorlinch Good Neighbours Social Committee initially came about during the first Covid lockdown in 2020 and has organised social events like the Great Gatsby evening, table top trails plus regular events like the popular Pub Quiz. Through a National Lottery grant the group have provided various facilities within the village and details of the latest project are on Page 11.

YOGA AND PILATES CLASSES

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SKY AT NIGHT

Sky Diary

November 2024 - Sunrise Sunset

Beginning of November 7.04am-4.47pm

End of November 7.52am-4.08pm

Moon Phases

New Moon 1st / First Quarter 9th / Full Moon 15th / Last Quarter 23rd

Planets

Venus, which has been low in the south-west after sunset, becomes brighter and more prominent when it appears higher in a darker sky before setting at 7pm. Saturn is visible all evening looking south setting just after midnight. Jupiter, which reaches opposition in December, rises at 5.30pm - shining brightly before setting at 5.30am. Mars appears at 9pm and is close to the Moon on the 20th.

Constellation

On the 17th the Moon and Jupiter can be seen in the constellation of Taurus the Bull with Jupiter placed between the horns of the bull and the Moon just above. This V shaped cluster of stars is called the Hyades within which (although not part of) you can see the bright eye of the bull the star Aldebaran, which is reddish/orange in colour. Over to the right the hazy patch of light you can see is the Pleiades or Seven Sister's star cluster which look great in binoculars. The winter constellations are upon us as following Taurus into the early hours we see Orion the Hunter.



Phenomena

The last super moon of the year appears on November 15th: try to catch it as it rises at around 3.45pm. *Paul Adamson 01823698156*

SOMERSET LEVELS STARGAZERS

This month we are pleased to welcome our very own local award winning astro-photographer Josh Dury (BA FRAS). Josh who is frequently on local radio and television including Points West was recently in the Easter Islands where he captured amazing images of an annular eclipse of the Sun. He will be talking about this and other adventures at our November meeting on the 27th. The meeting will be held at 7.30pm in Othery Village Hall TA7 0QU.

We also have a night sky guide for December and January (it's the last meeting of 2024) and astronomy news. Admission is £3 with membership available. Free tea and coffee are also provided. We are also on Zoom.

For more details please contact somersetlevelstargazers@hotmail.com

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Paul Adamson 01823698156

MIDDLEZOY AND OTHERY SCHOOLS

We are delighted to share that our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon raised £52.20. Thank you to all who supported the event by donating cakes, attending or buying at the cake sale. Your donations are very much appreciated.

The Unicorn Class Assembly is always a highlight of the autumn term, with parents and carers being treated to the children's rendition of *The Little Red Hen* as well as a variety of songs including *The Harvest Hoe-Down* and their own harvest poetry! In class, the children had baked some delicious apple cake and served this to their guests, alongside home-made meringues with cream and strawberries. Huge thank you to the Unicorn's class team for creating such a lovely assembly. The donations we have received for harvest were delivered to The Langport Cares Foodbank by Mrs Silver. They were incredibly grateful for the gifts and Victoria Boulton kindly took the time to write and thank the children for their support.

Recently, Phoenix class had a wonderful trip to the East Somerset Railway to enhance their learning about Brunel. They had the chance to ride on the train, visit the engine and the signal room. The children really enjoyed the day and were full of fascinating facts on their return. Thank you to the PTA for supporting with the cost of the trip.

Dragons class have been enjoying additional sports - with Helen Sheerman of Somerton RFC coming in to coach the children in tag rugby every Tuesday. They have loved the sessions and we hope to attend the festival in December. In other sporting news, we had success at the most recent inter-schools' cross-country competition, with two of our children, Jason and Zak, representing the school brilliantly.

Well done boys!

Looking ahead, we have some fundraising days for the PTA, Unicorns class's nativity, a whole school trip to the panto and some of the children will be singing at the Middlezoy Coffee Morning. We also eagerly await the annual PTA Christmas lunch.

Please have a look on our website for our latest newsletters and further details about our schools. [https://](https://www.middlezoyandotheryschools.co.uk/)

www.middlezoyandotheryschools.co.uk/

If you would like to arrange to visit us, please contact Miss Braithwaite in the school office on 01823 698464.

Lindsay Hayward, Headteacher, Othery Village School,

Phone: 01823 698464

Email: office@othmid.ppat365.org

CALLING ALL SCHOOL CHILDREN

We need your help!

Please will you draw for us a Christmas nativity picture of some part of the Christmas story when Jesus when born, eg a crib scene, shepherds and angels, wise men coming to find the baby Jesus . . . We will choose the ones we like best for this year's December/January edition of this magazine, which goes to all the

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Thank you so much.

Isobel Davis isobeldav@gmail.com

BECOME A UNITED BENEFICE CHOIR MEMBER

We are only a small group who all sing in a joyful way and would like more people to come along and join in with our choir at United Benefice church services. These services are held in the churches twice each month.

Please contact Choirmaster Kath Cowles for more details, tel. 01823 698162.

FARM DIARY

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

In the Field. We have drilled some cereals but with the continued wet weather most is still undrilled. This could have a yield penalty. It all depends on the winter we experience. The oil seed rape which is drilled in August is a disaster with birds and slugs taking it. The goats are inside now but the sheep remain out as they are hardy and used to the conditions. At the time of writing, there is still a lot of maize waiting for drier conditions so that tractors can travel in the fields.

Rewilding. The author has been asked to write about this. The charity Rewilding Britain want 30% of land and seas rewilded. This is fine if you don't need to eat. We are only about 60% self-sufficient at the moment. There is productive land being lost to housing, solar panels and flood defence schemes and in numerous other ways. In Somerset, the topography is such that there are plenty of areas of land that are fairly wild. The Quantocks, the Blackdowns, and the Polden hills all provide wild areas. However, this does not stop pockets of land such as in our gardens or in churchyards being managed differently. The wild life will benefit. In these small areas, it is possible to keep on top of injurious weeds such as ragwort. This is largely fine when growing as livestock will avoid it but when cut or sprayed and dying it becomes palatable but still poisonous. These are of course personal views.

Badgers. The BBC seem intent on upsetting farmers. As has been written before, the NFU gave Jeremy Clarkson a prize and recognition after one year of his Clarkson's Farm as he did so much for farming. The BBC's flag ship programme on the subject has been going for 30 years but not had the same impact. Also, the BBC gave Sir Brian May a programme on badgers that had the NFU and the British Cattle Veterinary Association (BCVA) up in arms. As May practised as an astrophysicist and has a PhD, it is surprising he supports a view that is not focused on evidence. The BCVA says that the latest evidence clearly shows that badgers do transmit TB. There is not enough space here to quote the BCVA fully but they reiterate that no one action will solve the TB problem. It is a devastating disease for farmers let alone the animals. Badger culls and a range of other strategies have contributed to the 20 year all time low number of breakdowns of this disease. *Richard Graham*

WESTERN FRONT ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the Somerset branch of the Western Front Association is on

Wednesday 13 November at 7.30pm in Othery village hall, TA7 0QU. Our speaker is Andy Day of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission with the subject *Gardening The World*. The CWGC are responsible for the maintenance of 1.7 million Commonwealth graves which cover every continent in the world except Antarctica. The horticulture effort is incredibly challenging to maintain the 23,000 war cemeteries and memorials. Andy Day will explain how CWGC tackle this immense challenge. Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings. *Pat Adamson, Secretary Somerset branch WF*

MIDDLEZOY VILLAGE NEWS

MIDDLEZOY PARISH COUNCIL

Middlezoy Parish Council are looking for a replacement Clerk to the Council. Unfortunately our present Clerk, due to work commitments, has had to resign so we are looking to replace him.

You don't need to be experienced in parish council clerking as full training will be given. We pay travel expenses at 45 pence per mile and depending on the level of experience we pay 4 hours per week work with the parish council. We meet every third Tuesday of the month except in August when there are no meetings.

For further information please contact Paul Baker Chair of Middlezoy Parish council on 07760 887 907.

MIDDLEZOY VILLAGE HALL

We have a number of events coming up during the winter months. The first of these will be on Saturday 9 November, and this is a Music Quiz evening, entry will be £2 a head with up to six in a team. There will be 4 bottles of wine for the first prize, 3 for the second and 2 for the third prize. This is always a fun evening.

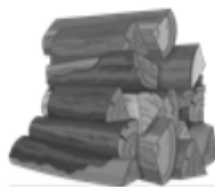
In December we will be holding Sunday afternoon bingo sessions, more details to follow.

We will be opening the bar on Christmas Eve from 6pm to late, with three local musicians coming to the hall and playing Christmas carols for everyone to sing along to.

Every Friday evening we have the food wagons turn up - details of who is attending is posted on the Middlezoy Facebook page.

The Middlezoy Cricket Club had a very successful season - congratulations to the club. The bar was opened on a Saturday during club matches and was also a big success. Now the cricket season has finished we have the ladies football team playing down at the field

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on Saturday and Sundays. This is proving to be very successful.

We are still looking for more volunteers to help run and organise events for the future. If you would like to come along to one of our meetings we hold them on the first Monday of every month starting at 7:30pm and we usually aim to finish no later than 9pm.

Paul Baker, Acting MCP chair.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

Remembrance Sunday

The Remembrance Sunday service will be held in Holy Cross on Sunday 10 November commencing at 10.45am. The service will be led by Rev Stuart Innalls.

All organisations are invited to lay a wreath at the memorial plaque in the church.

Eco Church Awards

We are really happy to announce that Holy Cross Church has obtained the Silver Eco Church Award. This has been due to the work of many people from the church community and the wider village. The church PCC thanks them all.

Part of gaining the reward is to identify ways we can improve our carbon footprint on our fragile earth and there are quite a few interesting leaflets up in a display in the church. If you are walking by do drop in and have a look.

Ian Campbell, Churchwarden

UNDER MAGIC SKIES

Holy Cross Church, 30 November

Holy Cross Church asked our local composer, Mark Whitford-Williams, to compose a new carol for this Christmas. It appears he has got a little carried away. We now have a full

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choral multimedia production, including a full choir, children's choir, soloists and readers, an amazing light show (inside and outside of the church), and possibly the biggest Christmas tree ever constructed...in Middlezoy anyway.

Tickets are now available from the village shop and various points around the village. See posters for details. There is still time to get involved if you are feeling a bit musical, just email beatfourfour@gmail.com. There will be a bar, and, who knows ... it might even snow!! *Mark Whitford-Williams*

WEEKLY COFFEE MORNINGS

Every Monday (excluding bank holidays) 10am - 12 noon at the Methodist Chapel. Come along and have a cuppa with your friends or come and make new friends. Everyone welcome.

In the run up to Christmas we will have some visiting stallholders and some entertainers. Here are some dates for your diary - come along for a browse and buy a unique present or why not treat yourself!

28 October - Ann Keirle with her handmade high quality bespoke bags.

4 November - Somersata Designs - jewellery, cards, unique novelty gifts and lots more - all handmade.

11 November - Jodie Tidball with his beautifully crafted and painted houses - everything from bird/bughouses to decorative fairytale houses for your home or garden.

18 November - Cecily Slade with her array of handmade items for that unique present. Including memo boards, book cushions, stocking fillers.

25 November - Kath Radford with her knitted and sewn items. Toys, clothes and much more.

9 December - A local group of singers along with their recorders, the Kellywood Four will entertain us with some Christmas songs.

16 December - The Christmas coffee morning with a raffle for a charity yet to be chosen. All being well, the Othery and Middlezoy School children will entertain us. Sausage rolls and mince pies.

30 December - Coffee mornings will resume.

Wishing you all a happy Christmas and a prosperous new year.

Jill Darby (Co-ordinator)

MIDDLEZOY METHODIST CHURCH

The Peekaboo Gang Toddler Group

Meets on Friday mornings in the Methodist Church, 9.30-12 noon— come when you want, for as long as you want. A friendly group for under 3s and their parents/carers. We will take a little break for half term on Friday 1 November.

Soup and Sweets at the Chapel

The return of the Soup and Sweet lunch for some of the winter months! Come along at 1pm (a little later than the salad lunches to accommodate the Pilates group) on Tuesday 19 November.

£7 for tasty soup, bread and cheese, and dessert. Look forward to seeing you!

An Inter-faith Circuit event:

Saturday 16 November, 7pm.

Rowbarton Methodist Church, Greenway Rd, Taunton TA2 6LA.

Ildiko and friends invite you to an engaging evening of interfaith dialogue, where they will share insights from their transformative experience at the Christian-Muslim Summer School in Oxford. This event promises to be a profound exploration of understanding and cooperation between our communities. Enjoy thought-provoking scripture reasoning as we compare a biblical text with a passage from the Quran. Our guest speakers, representing both faiths, will share their stories and reflections, fostering a respectful environment for discussion and connection. Question time following, and refreshments before the event. All welcome.

Booking the Methodist Church for your events:

Don't forget that the Chapel space and back room are available to hire - phone Jill Darby on 01823 698000.

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

Ildiko Haraszti Minister-in-Training

MIDDLEZOY WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB

Our next event is the Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch at the village hall on Saturday 7 December, 12.30 for 1pm.

If you are aged 60 years or older and a resident in the village you should by now have received your invitation. If your spouse/partner is under the age of 60 and also a resident in the village they may attend at a cost of £15. If you have not received an invite please contact me on 01823 698000.

This year we will be entertained by the Taunton Ukulele Strummers Club.

Jill Darby (Chair)



OTHER 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 & PCC

OTHERY HARVEST THANKSGIVING

This year's harvest celebrations, led by Rev Jane Durham, amidst flowers and vegetables in St Michael's Church, began with a Holy Communion service on Sunday 22 September. Village organisations and worshippers presented gifts to be auctioned at the Harvest Supper in aid of the new surgical unit at Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton. The Harvest Supper in the village hall on the Monday evening again was well supported, all enjoying the delicious food and efficient happy service provided by Karen Dyer of Bere. The bar was provided by the village hall team.

Following supper Anthony Betty expertly auctioned the produce and flowers which raised £250. From ticket sales, raffle and donations St Michael's Church raised approximately £400. Our thanks to Iris Calder and her team of flower arrangers who decorated the church and everyone else who attended, helped and contributed.

Mervyn Winslade, Churchwarden

OTHERY BOOK READING GROUP

THE GHOST SHIP by KATE MOSSE

The book is the third in a series, the next volume *The Map of Bones* was published in October.

Some readers found the book so enthralling that they had obtained the earlier volumes and were waiting for the fourth. Others were not so keen and thought the story far-fetched, especially that of a woman as captain of a pirate vessel, and another woman being brought up as a man. Both these eventualities - however improbable have historic antecedents. All agreed the book was well written and well researched.

The background is the persecution of the Huguenots in France and the rest of Europe, a series of riots followed by edicts forcing them to flee country after country, only to be followed by an amnesty often in the name of trade, until once again the militant arm of the Catholic Church in the form of the Inquisition won the power struggle. It seems the writer's aim was to humanise these events through revealing the history of a fictional family. The casual cruelty and the horrors of the slave trade are mentioned together with the hypocrisy and arrogance of some religious people on both sides of the ideological divide. The detail of piracy is partly based on the history of Grace O'Malley 1530-1603 a contemporary of Elizabeth I whom she met. She managed to outwit her neighbouring warring

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tribes as well as the British Government and the wily Cecil to establish her family against enormous odds. She had two husbands and several children, one of who was born aboard ship. She captained a pirate ship and finally owned/controlled a fleet of pirate ships, whilst convincing the British that she was acting in their interests. She was imprisoned twice and was under sentence of death, yet lived to the age of 73; improbable but true. *Gill Wilkinson*

OTHERY VILLAGE HALL

Thank you to everyone for attending the AGM on 15 October. The new committee has been elected and looks forward to continuing to bring you enjoyable social events which all helps raise funds to keep the hall open for our community.

Our inaugural Beerfest is fast approaching. If you are a local business and would be interested in sponsoring a keg of beer then please get in touch with a member of the committee.

If you have any ideas for events then please do contact us on the details below.

Remember that Enrico's Pizza will be at the hall every second Friday of the month with other visiting food vans as advertised.

SAVE THE DATES!

Quiz - Friday 18 October 7.00pm

Halloween Party – Friday 25 October £7 per adult, £3 per child. Fancy dress encouraged for all!!

Othery's Inaugural Beerfest - Friday 15 November 7pm. Variety of ales and hotdogs will be on sale plus the usual bar.

Village Christmas Party - Sunday 8 December – everyone welcome.

Carol Singing event - Friday 20 December. Children from Middlezoy and Othery School will be leading us in singing some carols, with mince pies and mulled wine being served free. Please come and join us for what will be a lovely festive occasion. Keep an eye out for the posters around the village and on the notice board giving more details.

Regular events

Happy hour at the village hall bar on the first Friday of the month. All drinks and snacks 50% off from 7pm to 8.30pm.

Local groups as advertised on the village hall website www.otheryvillagehall.org.uk

And finally

If you are new to the village it would be lovely to meet you at our regular Friday night bar socials, starting at 7pm. Please follow us on facebook for details of events as they arise!

If you are happy to volunteer some time to supporting the above planned events or on the Friday night bar then please contact the committee using the contacts below.

Rachael Selway, Secretary, Othery Village Hall Management Committee

Email: otheryvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk Tel: 07456 653252

Website: www.otheryvillagehall.org.uk

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 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

MOORLINCH VILLAGE NEWS

CHARITY CRAFT AND COFFEE MORNING FOR CRISIS AT CHRISTMAS

A final reminder of our charity Craft and Coffee Morning on Saturday 2 November at the Moorlinch Church Hall from 10am to 12.30pm.

Lots of lovely handmade gifts and items for sale, a great raffle and tombola and some scrummy cakes.

Hoping to make a great donation to Crisis following this event (last year we managed to pay for 32 people to have a warm, safe place to stay for a few days over the festive period, with advice about work, medical care and some good food). Other charities will also benefit including Macmillan and a mental health charity called Heads Up.

We hope to see you there.

Sam Dawe



MOORLINCH VILLAGE TEXTILE

The Moorlinch Good Neighbour's Social Committee have been delighted by the response from so many talented Moorlinch residents to be involved in the production, co-ordination and stitching of the community village textile.

The talented team of embroiderers are currently working on the outside panels and roundels, with the central panel being well underway to final design.

MGNSC plan to host a preview in the spring of 2025 to update our community and encourage even more people to participate, even if it is only a few stitches! Everyone who works even one stitch will have their name listed as part of the textile team.

This project is being funded by the National Lottery.

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STAWELL & SUTTON MALLET VILLAGE NEWS

Information is available on the website www.stawellvillage.info

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH HARVEST SUPPER

A huge thank you to all those who supported our Harvest Supper this year. As usual, it was good to get people together to enjoy good and wholesome food and conversation. Special

thanks to those who made the apple crumbles which went down well with fresh double cream. Two hampers were raffled and were won by Michelle at Walnut Tree Farm and Jo and Richard at Ford Lodge. We hope you enjoy all the goodies.

Normally, we give away the proceeds of the raffle to a deserving cause. However, we are using it this year for a very expensive roof repair which is in the offing and it will help towards that. *Ruth Peberdy*

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday 12 November, church committee meets at 5pm.

Saturday 30 November, monthly coffee morning is at Rob and Zoe Judges, North View from 10am 'til 12 noon.

St Francis Church Committee

CHRISTMAS BINGO

This year has sped by and it is that time again for our Prize Christmas Bingo.

This year it is on Saturday 30 November at Stawell Village Hall; doors open at 7pm with eyes down at 7.30pm.

As usual we are appealing for donated items as prizes which can be brought to me, Ruth, at Old School, Stawell, or Tina at Carisbrooke House, Stawell. For those unable to bring them, do contact Ruth, 01278 722914 and I can collect.

If you have never experienced our Christmas Bingo evening, do come along as it is a lot of fun. Seasonal refreshments will be available. *Ruth Peberdy*

STAWELL AND SUTTON MALLET VILLAGE HALL

Our regular events for November

Monday: Keep Fit 7pm - 8pm

Tuesday: Yoga 7pm - 8.15pm

Wednesday: Dog Training 5pm - 7pm & Bowling 7pm - 9pm

Thursday: Zumba 9.15am - 10.15am & Art group 7pm - 9pm

Friday: Yoga 10am - 11.15am

Other events

November:

Hub Cafe & Winter Craft – see poster on Page 8.

Film night Saturday 16th showing 'The Old Oak'

Games afternoon Monday 18th 2pm - 4pm

Hub Pub & Glastonbury Woodfired

Pizza in attendance Saturday 23rd 7.30pm - 11pm

December:

Christmas wreath making classes -

Sunday 1st from 10am to 1pm, contact Denise Rogers 07557336321

Hub Cafe Saturday 7th 10.30am - 1pm

Christmas Carols with Burtle Silver Band - see poster/advert

Maxine Hughes, Chairperson



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GREINTON VILLAGE NEWS

VILLAGE NEWS

We had an extremely successful Barn Dance in September. The live band *Hobson's Choice* was very popular and encouraged us all onto the dance floor. Excellent catering from Denzil and Terry and possibly the best value-for-money bar in Somerset mean that numbers attending have grown year on year. The following Sunday we held a Harvest Celebration in the church – not quite such large numbers attended but everyone enjoyed the chance to reflect on the passing seasons, give thanks for the harvest and appreciate the seasonal music and readings.

On Saturday 9 November we will be holding our autumn Mouse Racing event. Because it has become so popular, we will be holding it at Jimmy's Cider Barn in Bere (just off the A372 between Othery and Aller) instead of the village hall. We hope this will allow more people to attend and be less cramped. There will be a pizza van in attendance and children are very welcome - please come along and enjoy a lively fun-filled evening.

The following afternoon, Sunday 10 November, there will be a short (about 30 minute) community-led Act of Remembrance in the church, to remember and give thanks to all those who gave their lives in past conflicts.

The following evening, Monday 11 November there will be a meeting in the village hall starting at 7pm to discuss the future of the church in Greinton. Those who haven't been to previous meetings may be unaware that there is a possibility that the church may be closed permanently and even sold off. The meeting will discuss the latest developments and consider our options for the future, with the aim of keeping the church open for community use as well as worship. All are very welcome to attend.

Toby Crispin

BENEFICE, DEANERY AND DIOCESAN ITEMS

PROCESSES NOW WE ARE IN VACANCY

The Churchwardens are the people to contact for arranging baptisms, weddings and funerals during the vacancy of the post of Priest-in-Charge for the United Benefice of MOMSS&G. Details of normal regular services are being arranged with the Area Dean and will be published as usual in this magazine and on posters.

UB Churchwardens

CHURCHES AND CHAPELS

The United Benefice churches in Middlezoy and Stawell are open daily for private prayer; see their notice boards for their opening times. See Page 9 for Othery opening times.

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*

BISHOP'S LETTER

"IT TAKES THE WHOLE WORLD TO KNOW CHRIST"

Do you think a fish knows that it's swimming in water? I've been reflecting on this question not because it's some kind of Buddhist koan – the type of question that asks,

“What’s the sound of one hand clapping?” Rather it’s because I’ve been reflecting recently on questions of culture and world view. Do I see the world purely from the perspective of being who I am? (A 55-year-old white Englishman who grew up in a small village in the 1970s.) If that’s the case, is what I see an accurate representation of the whole of reality? Might other perspectives be possible? If I could see the world through the eyes of others, might my vision be richer, wider, deeper? Like a fish that suddenly realizes that seeing can happen not only through water, but through air as well? Seeing things from the perspective of others was something that Jesus did. An example of this happens when Jesus heals a centurion’s servant in Luke’s Gospel (Luke 7: 1-10). The centurion comes from a background and culture that’s entirely different to that in which Jesus grew up. Yet Jesus is blown away by the insight that the centurion has about who Jesus himself is. This leads Jesus to exclaim “I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith!”

The Diocese of Bath and Wells has a link with the five Anglican Dioceses of Zambia. There’s much to be celebrated in the friendship that we share: the joy and vitality of the Zambian Church, the opportunities our link offers to help some of the world’s poorest communities. But for me, the greatest gift we gain is the opportunity our link offers to stand in the shoes of others and to see the world, our faith, and the whole of reality from a different perspective. A wise person once said to me “It takes the whole world to know Christ”. Our link with Zambia enables us to see more of the Jesus we share than we could ever hope to experience otherwise.

Bishop Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells



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THE WI - MORE THAN JAM AND JERUSALEM

Think fun and frolics, trips and treats and Christmas parties

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.

WIs near us

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

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

Westonzoyland WI

Come to our November meeting on Wednesday 13th and have fun doing some crafting with Jodie, our president. Should you fancy a night out with the girls, come and see us. We welcome you. For any further information please email: zoywisec@gmail.com or call Gill Wilkinson on 01823 698429 *Gill Wilkinson, Secretary*

MUSIC ON THE LEVELS

Free Concert Sunday 24 November at 3pm

St Mary's Church, Main Road, Westonzoyland, TA7 0EP

Joyful Spirit Choir

The choir sing a range of music with a broad gospel theme and is supported by its band which is made up of Andrew Tyrell on keyboard, Richard Fairs on drums and Michael Gillett on bass.

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.

Frank Challenger 01278 699071 email: f.challenger@icloud.com

USEFUL INFORMATION

FOODBANKS

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

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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 schedules for the MOMSS & G area are:

MIDDLEZOY

Recycling Boxes, every week: Wednesdays 6, 13, 20, 27 November

Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks: Wednesdays 20 November

Garden Waste Bins, every other week: Mondays 4, 18 November

OTHERY

Recycling Boxes, every week: Fridays 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 November

Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks: Fridays 8, 29 November

Garden Waste Bins, every other week: Thursdays 14, 28 November

MOORLINCH, STAWELL, SUTTON MALLETT & GREINTON

Recycling Boxes, every week: Wednesdays 6, 13, 20, 27 November

Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks: Wednesdays 20 November

Garden Waste Bins, every other week: Thursdays 7, 21 November

RECYCLING CENTRES

All 16 Somerset recycling sites open at weekends. 9am to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday. 9am to 5pm weekdays.

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 every 4 weeks on Fridays. Next visit: 15 November

Stawell Village Hall 10.10 - 10.40am Moorlinch Tapmoor Road Junction 10.55 - 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: Vacancy

Contact your village Churchwarden or contact person listed below

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 Anthony Betty 07801 233676

Moorlinch: Fiona Hixon 01458 211096

Stawell: Deputy Churchwarden Richard Graham 01278 722284

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 01823 698082

Othery—Chairman: Andrew Tizzard 01823 690284

Moorlinch—Meeting Chairman: TBA

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; Tom Russell 07935 013566

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 NOVEMBER 2024

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
November 3 Sun (Fourth before Advent)	10.00 am	United Benefice Communion service	Holy Cross, Middlezoy
10 Sun (Third before Advent) Remembrance Sunday	10.45 am	Village Remembrance Service	Holy Cross, Middlezoy
	10.45 am	Village Remembrance Service	St Mary's, Moorlinch
	10.50 am	Village Remembrance Service	St Michael's, Othery
	3.00 pm	Village Remembrance Service	St Francis, Stawell
17 Sun (Second before Advent)	10.00 am	United Benefice Communion service	St Michael's, Othery
24 Sun (The Sunday Next Before Advent) Christ the King	10.00 am	Prayer and Praise	St Michael's, Othery
	10.00 am	Morning Prayer	St Mary's, Moorlinch
	10.00 am	Holy Communion	St Francis, Stawell
	6.30 pm	Circuit Communion service	Methodist Chapel, Middlezoy
December 1 Sun (Advent)	4.30 pm	UB Advent Service. <i>This service includes the start of the POSADA journeys and the recommissioning of the congregation.</i>	St Mary's, Moorlinch

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

DATE	SEASON	READINGS
November 3 Sun	Fourth before Advent	OT: Deuteronomy, chapter 6, verse 1 to 9 Psalm: 119, verses 1 to 8 Epistle: Hebrews, chapter 9, verses 11 to 14 Gospel: Mark, chapter 12, verses 28 to 34
10 Sun	Third before Advent Remembrance Sunday	OT: Jonah, chapter 3, verses 1 to 5 and 10 Psalm: 62, verses 5 to 12 (the end) Epistle: Hebrews, chapter 9, verses 24 to 28 (the end) Gospel: Mark, chapter 1, verses 14 to 20
17 Sun	Second before Advent	OT: Daniel, chapter 12, verses 1 to 3 Psalm: 16 Epistle: Hebrews, chapter 10, verses 11 to 25 Gospel: Mark, chapter 13, verses 1 to 8
24 Sun	Next Before Advent Christ the King	OT: Daniel, chapter 7, verses 9, 10, 13 and 14 Psalm: 93 Epistle: Revelation, chapter 1, verses 4b to 8 Gospel: John, chapter 18, verses 33 to 37
December 1 Sun	First of Advent (Year C begins)	OT: Jeremiah, chapter 33, verse 14 to 16 Psalm: 25, verses 1 to 10 Epistle: 1 Thessalonians, chapter 3, verses 9 to 13 (the end) Gospel: Luke, chapter 21, verses 25 to 36