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# Parish News



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# Uplyme Church & Axe Valley Mission Community Services

Unfortunately there are **NO** live services at present due to the latest government advice and Covid restrictions.

**Uplyme Morning Worship** - will be on YouTube from 10am each Sunday led by Lay members and Clergy from the Axe Valley Mission Community.

**Uplyme Zoom Coffee & Catch up** - There is a live catch up chat at **11.30** after the Sunday Service on Zoom - do join us, it is a great way to keep in touch with our Church community.

Join Zoom Catch up chat at 11.30 am – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81020110380>  
The meeting ID is **810 2011 0380**.

If you would like to join the post service chat by phone (audio only) you can do this by ringing 0203 481 5240 and entering the meeting id: **810 2011 0380** and Password: **335545** when asked to do so.

**Sunday 4pm Telephone Service** - Call 0333 011 0616, enter access code 723 9782 followed by the # key. You will then be asked to say your name and then press # again. At the end of the service press \*0.

There is an order of service available for these 4pm telephone services, please call or email church office, **Louise Collard** (church administrator) will be happy to help you:

**axevalleymc@hotmail.co.uk**. The office telephone number is : **01297 441986**

**AVMC Sunday worship on Zoom at 10.30am** – AVMC 10.30am Zoom Service. Please contact Louise (details above) for the joining instructions for the other AVMC services.

**For Young People - The Vibe / Explore - our groups are sadly limited during Covid restrictions - please pray for Simon and our youth.** Please contact Simon Smith (**simons88@hotmail.com**) for details.

For prayer requests or needs please feel free to contact our Uplyme Church prayer support from “The Prayer Fireplace Team”.

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**Morning Prayer** - All welcome every weekday 8.30am on Zoom

**Coffee and cake** - every Weds 2pm on Zoom

**Uplyme Church** - opening time for private prayer WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS 2pm to 4pm

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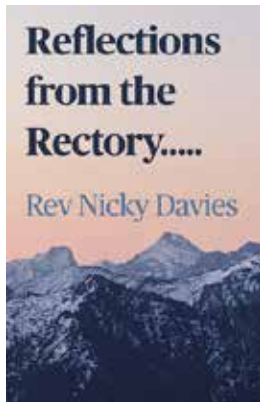
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## Parish News Copy Deadlines

Please remember the **NEXT** issue of the magazine is for **March**  
and all articles up to and including things for early **April** should be with us by  
the **23rd February**

**Email to - [parishnews@uplymechurch.org.uk](mailto:parishnews@uplymechurch.org.uk)**



It feels really hard to know what to say as I sit to write this at the beginning of January amidst the increasingly desperate situation. However, I am going to try...

I don't know about you but I have really enjoyed listening to the radio during lockdowns. I have danced around the kitchen most days to favourite tunes and sang my heart out at some great 80s songs – I was a teenager when Duran Duran, Spandau Ballet, Bon Jovi, David Bowie and my personal favourite – Cliff Richard, were at their peak! Remember Wired for Sound?

When not dancing or singing (both badly), I really enjoy listening to dramas, news debates (due to my journalistic background) and the Pause for Thoughts. As a person of faith perhaps I would say that! But I really want to recommend them. They feature a variety of contributors from a variety of faiths. There are many times when you can tune in. On Radio Two they are at 2.45am, 5.45am and 9.20am. Radio Four also has Thought for the Day at 7.45am.

This morning's thought on Radio 2 really resonated with me. Christian writer Cole Moreton talked about his choice to start with the small things as the 'big stuff' feels beyond him. I think taking care of the small things is a good choice at this time when plans for anything else are very difficult.

So, at this time I am going to choose to focus on the small things. The joy of listening to the radio, cutting some winter foliage to make a table decoration, dancing, reading, writing, cooking...

One day we will be able to think again about the big things and those promises we have made to ourselves and to others about what the future may hold. As Cole says: "I have found lately that promises are really important. They keep me going at a time when there doesn't seem to be much else to go on. I believe promises help us to have faith. They tell us things will not always be this way. They let us know we are loved, there is someone with us, hoping for a better day."

As we move towards the promise of a better day, our churches are doing all they can to support these in their communities including prayer, a caring phone call and online worship. Do check the Axe Valley Mission Community website for details, [www.axevmc.com](http://www.axevmc.com), and do let us know if we can be of help in any way?

***Rev Nicky Davies***

# From the Editor

It's lockdown again, and sadly we have no option but to produce our magazine online only as we were doing earlier last year.

It's tough in many ways not being able to pop this through the doors of the Parish, as many people really enjoy the magazine and it's the only way of

keeping in touch with what's going on in the village for many people.

If you are wondering about the front cover, it was inspired by a certain welsh lady in the village who runs the pub. I collected a takeaway there the other night, and we had a quick conversation about this lockdown and the struggles they and others like them faced with no customers.

With the approval of the PCC we have agreed that we can do a tiny bit to help promote all those eateries that are having to close and try and survive on doing takeaway. **We are not charging to put them on our list**, and if you know of an eatery that is struggling to survive, ask them to get in touch and we'll add them to the list.

I know there are very many other businesses out there that are struggling and are at tipping point, but please think of this as a start, and we will see where it leads.

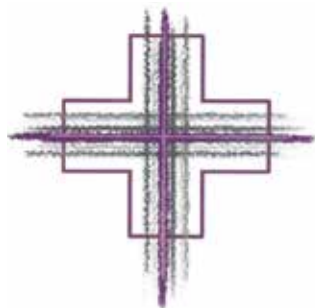
Our regular Advertisers, *who really do keep the magazine going*, will get reduced rates this past 12 months as we've been thwarted by the lockdowns in printing and delivering magazines.

Details are in the centre pages and I would encourage you all to **"Get a Take Out to Help Out"** if you can.

With Lent starting on 17th February, rather than giving something up, maybe your lent offering could be to support your local eatery in any way you can?

#Keep Well & keep Safe

**Ed**





## Uplyme Help at Hand - cares

### General Enquiries:

Anne – 01297 444799 Marilyn – 07885 859946

### Transport:

Dave – 01297 444799 Sue – 01297 444289

As in the previous lockdown, sadly there is very little Help at Hand can do until the vaccine has been rolled out. But, there are hands that are utterly dedicated to helping us all - the NHS. Little did Michael Rosen know that he would be in hospital for 3 months desperately fighting COVID when he wrote this wonderful poem for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the NHS.

### These are the Hands by Michael Rosen

These are the hands  
That touch us first  
Feel your head  
Find your pulse  
And make your bed.

These are the hands  
That tap your back  
Test your skin  
Hold your arm  
Wheel the bin  
Change the bulb  
Fix the drip  
Pour the jug  
Replace your hip.

These are the hands  
That fill the bath  
Mop the floor  
Flick the switch  
Soothe the sore  
Burn the swabs  
**GIVE US A JAB**  
Throw out the sharps  
Design the lab.

And these are the hands  
That stop the leaks  
Empty the pan  
Wipe the pipes  
Carry the can  
Clamp the veins  
Make the cast  
Log the dose  
And touch us last.





## Grey long-eared bat initiative.

Grey long-eared bats are one of our rarest bats with an estimated UK population of just 1000 bats and just 8 known maternity roosts, these are where the female bats come together to give birth to their young. As such these roosts and the feeding habitat around them are vital for their conservation. The good news is that we

have 2 of these in East Devon, one in Musbury and one at Colyford. These two roosts are particularly important as they are the link between the maternity roosts in Southern England and those in South Devon. The area around Uplyme then is very important as it offers foraging opportunities between the East Devon roosts and those in Dorset.

Often called a whispering bat because of the very quiet echolocation that they use for finding insects in the dark, these insects are mostly found on meadows which are full of wildflowers with their nectar sources. The key then to caring for this bat is to maintain as many wildflower meadows as possible around their roosts and to enhance the wildflower interest of other fields. Wildflower meadows are not just good for wildlife they are also a real lift for humans, there is nothing that can beat a walk through one in early summer a riot of colour and alive with the buzz of insects. Over 92 % of wildflower meadows have disappeared since the 1960's so they are very rare as well.

The East Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Team and the Bat Conservation Trust are working together to help enhance wildflower meadows in this area to benefit both bats and people. We have a Land Advisor, Craig Dunton, who will work with landowners to help enhance their meadows and we will soon have an Engagement Officer who will organise a variety of events and activities for local people so they can get to know more about our local wildlife.

The Engagement Officer will be working with a wide range of groups and individuals from Schools, Youth Groups, all kinds of Adults, they will also be organising surveys that you can carry out as a family so hopefully something for everyone.

So if you are a landowner and would like to increase the wildflower interest of a meadow, or would like to find out more about meadows and grey -long eared bats then please get in touch with Pete Youngman the AONB Project Officer **[pete.youngman@eastdevonaonb.org.uk](mailto:pete.youngman@eastdevonaonb.org.uk)** or phone him on 01404 46663 Ext 2.

This project is funded through the governments Green Recovery Challenge Fund.

The fund is part of a 10 Point Plan to kick-start nature recovery and tackle climate change.

Environment Minister, Rebecca Pow, said: "These projects will drive forward work across England to restore and transform our landscapes, boost nature and create green jobs, and will be a vital part of helping us to build back greener from coronavirus.



## News from your Local

Dear Villagers.

So many people have told me they enjoyed the evening of Our Village Christmas Lights Switch On and Christmas Music outside The Pub. We have so many great people who work behind the scenes for the benefit of us all so Big massive Thanks to Becky and team for the lovely Village Lights, Big Massive Thanks to Brian and Team for great Christmas Music and Big massive Thanks to everyone who did an amazing job of lighting up their homes. Same again this year please !!

Sarah Brian and I were disappointed we could not go ahead with our planned Christmas Carol sing a long on the field, the weather was just too bad....we will attempt it again this year.

We have welcomed some lovely new families to our Village since the Summer, David, Helen and their three happy children are our new nearest neighbours. They already love being part of our Village and I know are looking forward to meeting more of you.

We are one month into 2021 and here we are yet again having to follow Government Rules Guidelines and Restrictions, so my first hope is that you are all staying safe and keeping well, and I hope those amongst us who are entitled to it, have received at least their first vaccine. I look forward to getting mine.

Steve and I are doing our very best to keep our chins up, keep positive and keep hopeful . I sometimes have to make a telephone call for support to endure his dreadful jokes or his outpouring of disappointment but nevertheless affection for his beloved Newcastle Football Team, trust me he should have married a Geordie Lass if he wanted conversations on this shaped ball!!!!

Last year, and for the foreseeable future our enforced lifestyles continue to have a significant impact and effect on our business, however, we are determined to continue to do our best for our Village and of course for the future of The Pub.

We have started our Takeaways on Wednesday Friday and Saturday evenings, from 5 pm until 8.pm. A big big thank you to everyone who has already supported us over the past couple of weeks. If all you lovely people out there in our village had just one takeaway during this lockdown it would be much appreciated and really help at this very difficult time. We have a system in place that is safe for you to pick up your meals, so please do give us a ring to book a time slot and place your order. 01297 443136 Thank You so much xxx



Our Car park has been a hive of activity since The Pub closed on 19th December!! We have not blocked it off as we did in the last full lockdown. Whilst we are happy to allow the needs of people in our Village using it for different reasons, we are mindful that very heavy vehicles are now causing problems on the tarmac and also, we are getting more and more people meeting up, parking their cars' to go off walking . The last two cars admitted they had both travelled 10 miles each, to meet up and walk down along The River to Lyme Regis.!! We are happy to accommodate use of the car park but please do give us a ring to let us know before hand, we are especially unhappy for it to be used as an illegal meeting place!

We will yet again be doing some lockdown painting and then more painting !!!! I am going to have a bash at painting the front of the bar and Steve will no doubt be starting the fences, bottle and refuse sheds as soon as possible.

Our huge Thanks to Terry and Geoff for their hard work, sometimes, in such awful weather to give us a wonderful new roof at Church street end of The Pub. These two men certainly come highly recommended.

Please do call us if there is anything we can do to help or if there is anything you need....or, if you just want a chat... we are always here!

We may be in this situation for a while but we are all in it together, shall we try and make 'Uplyme' a 'Lockdown Village of Vision'.... full of things to look forward to.

We have daffodils coming up so ...Spring is on the Horizon, ... plans are being made for The Horticultural Show and The Village Fete and as soon is allowed, I am sure we can persuade Brian to belt out a bit of 'cheer us up music' from the front of The Pub. Also, it won't belong I am sure before our Editor reverts back to wearing his shorts!!!!

Just an Idea, perhaps we could all send an '**Uplyme Villager Vision of Hope**' to our Editor for the next edition of our Parish Mag, The Six Nations will soon be upon us so many of you will know what my next Vision Of Hope will be !!!!

Well that's about it for this month.

Warmest wishes, take care of yourselves and each other.

**Wendy xxx**

*I would like to say a personal and grateful 'Thank You' for all your flowers, cards and words of sympathy and comfort after the passing of my lovely 'Mam' Grief is never easy, but knowing people care and are thinking about you certainly gives you strength.*

## 1<sup>st</sup> Lym Valley Scout Group (Uplyme and Lyme Regis)

Hmmm... perhaps my optimism was misplaced. As we told the young people on Zoom at the start of term: it's not normal not to be able to see your friends, it's not normal to stay at home all of the time, it's not normal to be told you can exercise once a day, it's not normal to only see those you love on Zoom, it's not normal to not go to school for a year, and it's certainly not normal to not go to Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers and miss out on the friendships we hold dear. Scouting, at this difficult time, provides hope for our young people, a future of freedom, adventure, and friendship – all the things we have been forced to put to one side for the greater good. However, I'm going to pause it there. Instead, for this edition of Parish News, we've asked the Scouts and Explorers to tell us about the pros and cons of Lockdown – so I'll let them say a few words:

**Jamie:** *"The worst thing about lockdown is that I can't see my friends face to face and the best thing about lockdown is spending more time with my family."*

**Thea:** *"The worst thing about lockdown is that you are completely deprived of a social life. The best bit is that you can set your own schedule and have more time to pursue your own projects. For example, I hatched quail eggs, wrote a play and had more time to call my friends from London."*

**Alfred:** *"The worst bit about lockdown is we can't do face to face scouting activities and things like archery. The best thing about lockdown is being at home so I can spend even more time with my new puppy!"*

**Amelia:** *"The worst bit of lockdown is not seeing my friends. The best thing is being able to play in the garden and hang out with my brother."*

**Woody:** *"The best bit is seeing friends on zoom calls with school and scouts. The worst bit is not being able to travel or go anywhere."*

**Josh:** *"The best thing is not having any visitors around and have the place to ourselves, the worst thing is not being able to go out and see friends."*

Thanks so much for sending in your thoughts guys, it's much appreciated! As ever, if your child wishes to get involved in Scouting, or if you wish to volunteer, help our young people learn skills for life and make a difference, then please do get in touch!

Yours in Scouting

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# TAKE OUT TO HELP OUT!

This Third lockdown came as a blow for many food businesses around our area. Those who had just made it through the summer and hoping for a better winter were suddenly thrown into another lockdown and many struggling eateries were now looking at closing. Some very enterprising and brave souls opened their food businesses just after the first lockdown and now face a real struggle to establish, run and maintain them.

All credit to many, if not most, of the establishments who have adapted to a take-away service, with many delivering to your door!

This area is very much a holiday area, and if we wish to really see that continue into the future, we need the myriad of fantastic places we have here that offer food, to keep going.

If you've not had a chance to eat-out or eat-in yet, you really should give it a go and support your local eatery!

From fine dining in a box to traditional pub food, from Spanish tapas to pizza and Asian street food to vegetarian meals these delicious takeaways (and many deliveries) are available now.

Over the next few months The Parish News is going to list, plug and unashamedly promote our local eateries for **FREE!**

If you know of any foody place that is doing what they can to survive, ask them to email their details to us and we'll put them on the list.

*Now it's over to you to ring them, place an order and enjoy the delights on offer around the area.*

The government ran their "Eat out to help out" campaign. We're not offering any discounts, but we are saying.

***Take Out to Help Out!***

Name	Address	Open	Food	Tel:	Facebook/Web
<b>The Talbot Arms</b>	Lyme Road, Uplyme	Wed, Fri & Sat 5-8pm	Traditional Pub Food	01297 443136	@talbotuplyme
<b>The Strawberry Tree</b>	14 Broad St, Lyme Regis	Fri & Sat evenings	Slow Spanish food & Tapas	7852739941	@StrawberryTrees
<b>Red Panda</b>	7a Broad St, Lyme Regis	Fri & Sat 5-7pm	Asian inspired Street Food	07837834596 Order by Noon	@redpandalyme
<b>Tom's</b>	Marine Parade, Lyme Regis	Thurs - Sat	Fine Dining in a box	01297 816018	@tomslymeregis
<b>Poco Pizza</b>	29 Marine Parade, Lyme regis	Fri & Sat 5-8pm	Wood fired Pizzas	1297598591	@pocopizzalymeregis
<b>Tierra Kitchen</b>	1a Coombe St Lyme Regis	Tues-Sat daily	Fresh Vegetarian Cuisine	01297 445189 07827224735	@tierrakitchenlymeregis
<b>The Waffle House</b>	Trinity House Axminster	Fri 4-9pm Sat 2-9pm	Waffles	01297 34694	@waffleaxminster
<b>Royal Oak</b>	The Street Charmouth	Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat 5 - 8pm	Burgers & Traditional Pub Food	01297 560277	@RoyalOakAtCharmouth
<b>The Ridgeway Inn</b>	Smallridge Nr Axminster	Sat 4.30 - 8pm Sun 12 - 2pm	Traditional Pub Food	01297 32171 07860112078	@theridgewaysmallridge

## OVER TO YOU TO GET A DELICIOUS MEAL TO TAKEAWAY

These are the few eateries that we have been able too add at such short notice - *I only posted that we would do this on Facebook on Wednesday and this is online on Saturday!*

The **Open** times are not necessarily the ordering times and I suggest you ring the business beforehand or look at their Facebook page for updates and further details including if they deliver. The facebook @address may not be fully correct, but it will get you to the right page.

Many of our "Traditional/Usual Takeaways" are still operating offering Fish & Chips, Chinese, Indian food and other cuisine.

We are very happy to add them to our list and would ask that those of you who wish to be added in the next issue of the magazine, to drop me an email at:

**parishnews@uplymechurch.org.uk**

**Robin Hodges** - Editor



# Uplyme & Lyme Regis Horticultural Society

[www.ulrhs.wordpress.com](http://www.ulrhs.wordpress.com)



*Our Zoom meeting this month is by renowned nurseryman Bob Brown; look out for the email invitation. Also, our Summer Show beckons with initial plans for the Potato in a Bucket Competition.*

*To sign up to our newsletter please visit our website [www.ulrhs.wordpress.com](http://www.ulrhs.wordpress.com) and scroll down the Welcome page to the link 'Sign up for our monthly email newsletter'*

## **Zoom talk - Native Plants as Garden Flowers**

**January 24<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) – join at 7pm for a 7.15pm start**

Bob Brown of Cotswold Garden Flowers will be talking about how native plants are easier to grow and look more natural in gardens.

Bob has a life-long obsession with hardy perennials widened and much honed since he started his nursery Cotswold Garden Flowers 30 years ago on an isolated acre of unpropitious alkaline clay in Worcestershire. He is known for having opinions (many very critical) about all the 18,000 plus kinds of plants he's grown or tried to grow. He has been vice chairman of the Herbaceous Committees of the RHS overseeing trials for the Award of Garden Merit (AGM). He writes for various periodicals including a monthly series in *Gardening Which*. He's holder of the RHS Veitch Memorial Medal awarded for the science and advancement of horticulture.

## **Potato in a Bucket Competition**

**Potato collection Saturday February 27<sup>th</sup> 10-12 (subject to coronavirus restrictions)**

The first step on the path to our 2021 Show will be the distribution of seed potatoes. As we cannot be sure what form the Show will take this year, there will be no charge for the tubers or buckets. At present, we do not know whether there will be a weigh-in on Show Day or online, or whether there will be prizes - we are playing everything by ear until the situation becomes much clearer.

All of you who have a bucket from last year (and we know who you are!) should bring it along to Uplyme Playing Field on Saturday February 27th between 10am and 12pm, to collect a potato. If you do not want to take part this year, please either bring the bucket anyway, or contact Robin Britton to arrange to return it - there may be members who want to give it a try this year. If you would like to participate and do not have a bucket please contact Robin Britton ([britton424@btinternet.com](mailto:britton424@btinternet.com)).

One member has over-ordered their own seed potatoes and kindly donated the surplus (different types). These will be available on February 27th, again free, though donations will be welcome for Society funds.

Collection will depend upon prevailing lockdown restrictions so please look out for further news by email and on our website.

**Tricia Boyd**

# **C** Thorts from Nigel Ball

This month i want us to consider these thoughts beginning with the letter **C**.

**C** is Care, which we all do about the current situation . For all of our loved ones and people in the community.

**C** is for Comfort that we receive form the knowing we will get out of this current situation soon.

**C** is for Compassion for all people that have lost someone to Covid or have lost loved ones in the past or recent times.

**C** is for Communication, Communicate with people on the telephone ,text message and social media .Its important to keep in touch with people.

**C** is for Christ who is watching over us at all times.

**C** is for Coming together on Zoom and online services. To share experiences ,raise concerns and connect with each other.

**C** is for Cooking up something new. Get ingredients out of the store cupboard and share a recipe with each other.

**C** is for Cupboards, time to sort those cupboards. Use up food with dates coming up. Go spoil yourself.

**C** is for Clothes Mend or sewing is of the order. Also sort your clothes . renew or mend hangers. Think back to the occasion you wore that suit or special dress.

**C** is for Coronavirus Lets pray for losses of family members ,and pray we may get through hard times, with a brighter future ahead. Put Christ at the centre of you life.

***Nigel Ball***

Keep Safe, See you soon, God Bless.





## UPLYME PRE-SCHOOL

Uplyme preschool is (at the time of sending) still open and running as usual. We are considered a low risk environment so are still able to offer our normal sessions to all children, we are still following our strict Covid prevention rules, and a rigours cleaning procedure. We thank the village hall committee for all their support and enabling us to continue to offer our service through this time.

Last term we tried to continue with our Christmas activities as best we could, - we provided parents with our Christmas Nativity performance, through videos and photos. The children still practiced the performance as normal but in their smaller groups. Parents enjoyed a series of 4 plays during the last week of term, these were sent via videos on email. We were not able to have our normal celebrations at the end of term but the staff did a wonderful job making sure the children didn't notice a difference. Father Christmas even made a socially distanced visit during the Christmas week. He left the usual gifts for the children which were quarantined and handed out before the last day of term.

Our theme for the spring 1st half term is Dinosaurs - the children will have lots of opportunities to learn using a variety of media. The main part of the sessions are held outside to keep everyone safe, we ask that all the children are wrapped up warm and wear sensible footwear. The children are really enjoying their time outside, we are taking as many activities outdoors as possible and warm milk is now very popular at snack time! When we are in the hall the windows and doors are left open as this is the safest way for us to remain open.

We are still very well supported at the pre-school, there are lots of children in the village and lots of young families moving to the area, we will be full before the end of the academic year. Most children are still attending during the second school closure, a few families have decided not to bring their children but this is understandable.

We are looking forward to the New Year and some better weather, maybe even a little more normality soon.

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## Love Is...

As we mark Valentines' Day this month, it's good to ask the question: what does real love look like?

The Apostle Paul says: 'Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.' (1 Corinthians 13: 4-8).

Love is unconditional:

At heart, love is not just feelings but action! Paul talks here about unconditional love, using the word agape, which demonstrated in God's love for us: 'We love, because He first loved us.' (1 John 4:19).

Love is forgiving:

According to the film Love Story, 'Love means never having to say you're sorry.' This is rarely true in our experience! According to Paul, love is being ready to forgive others and 'keeping no record of wrongs' (5). We can only forgive others because we know God forgiveness in our own lives.

Love is sacrificial:

Paul says that agape love is not selfish or self-seeking, but selfless and self-sacrificial, putting the needs of other people first. This is modelled by

Jesus giving His life for us on the cross. Take the words from 1 Corinthians and instead of the word love, substitute your own name. Now substitute the word Jesus. This is the Jesus who is available to you to make your love for others grow and flourish.

Someone once compared love being like a group of porcupines huddling together on a cold night. The closer they get, the more they jab and hurt each other. 'To love at all is to be vulnerable.' (C S Lewis).



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*The Revd Peter Crumpler, a Church of England priest in St Albans, Herts, and a former communications director for the CofE, considers romantic love.*

## **Taking a mature look at Valentine's Day**

You do not see many Zimmer frames, wheelchairs or hearing aids on Valentine's Day cards. They mostly seem to be full of young love, hearts and roses.

Young love is wonderful and beautiful, full of optimism, and plans and hopes for the future.

But love in later life is precious too. It is a love that has been forged through years of shared experiences and joy, maybe raising children together, perhaps enjoying grandchildren.

It's a love that's stood the test of time, and deeper, much deeper, than any shop-bought Valentine's Day card can describe.

That long-term love can also be shown by the devoted wife or husband who visits their spouse in a care home each day, gently talking with them when they are, perhaps, deep into dementia. Or sitting for long hours by a hospital bed. Or dutifully caring for them at home.

Love is a marathon, not a sprint. It starts with white lace and promises and grows over the years.

Mature love is about the commitment that spans decades and is seldom shown on the cards on sale in the High Street this Valentine's Day.

As a priest, when I marry a couple and take them through their wedding vows, I hear them make their lifelong commitment "for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part..."

It's so wonderful to see the bride and groom smiling, and enjoying this precious moment, making vows that will, hopefully, span the rest of their lives. I love taking weddings - it's an immense privilege to be part of a couple's special day.

And I find myself pondering what the future will hold for them. I wonder what shape that lifelong commitment will take, as I pray a blessing on their marriage.

How much wealth or poverty will come their way? Will it be sickness or health that will accompany them through the years? How will they support each other as the years go by?

'Love is patient. Love is kind.' These are familiar words from the popular wedding reading in Paul's letter to the Corinthians. That patience, that kindness are qualities that can develop over years of marriage.

Just how much patience will be needed in the years ahead cannot usually be known on the wedding day.

So, this year, as I look at the rows of red or pink Valentine's Day cards on sale in the shops, I shall look out for cards that have a deeper message.

I shall seek out cards that celebrate long-term love. Cards that say something about the joys and challenges of growing older together.

Cards that go beyond hearts and roses to the deeper love that transcends love's first blossoming. I just hope I can find some...

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## How many homes do we need and where should they be built?

...

We are being urged to share our views in a consultation on the new East Devon District Council Local Plan, which will ultimately be a key document used in East Devon decision making.

The plan will outline how the district addresses the climate change emergency, where new jobs should be created, potential support for town centres and protection of our built heritage and natural environment.

Current consultation also seeks our view on the quality of new development and the potential role of self-builders and small local developers.

The full consultation can be viewed online at [www.eastdevon.gov.uk/newlocalplan](http://www.eastdevon.gov.uk/newlocalplan)

## Challenging timetable for plan production...

The new administration has set itself a challenging timetable, with a draft plan and much more detail for comment in just over a years' time. A final version of the plan will be examined in public by a Government appointed planning inspector.

## Call for potential new sites ...

Alongside local plan consultation, the council is also offering a 'call for sites' for people to identify land areas they think may be suitable for development.

Each site submitted will be considered and a list produce on those thought suitable for inclusion within the local plan for further consultation.

## Grants for East Devon Businesses ...

A new grant scheme has just been launched by East Devon District Council, aimed at local businesses affected by local restrictions between early December and January.

Businesses which could remain open, but have been severely affected by Tier 2 and 3 restrictions, can apply for '**Local Restrictions Support Grants (Open) V2**'.

Sectors being supported under this scheme include

Hospitality, leisure & sport facilities, entertainment and accommodation, together with the supply chain to these sectors, where more than half trade is with that sector. Also included are non-essential retail (shops) which depend on providing in-person services, personal care facilities, community centres and halls.

Full details of the grant system together with an application form, are on the council website at [www.eastdevon.gov.uk](http://www.eastdevon.gov.uk)

There is no question that the multiplicity of national and local grant schemes together with the different periods to which they apply, could present a confusing picture for hard hit businesses.

The council has therefore tried to streamline the business grant application process. Businesses which received a grant for the national restrictions, from 5th November to 1st December, will automatically receive an access code to use when completing a single short form for the two January schemes. Codes will be sent when the new system is live.

## More than £80k given to struggling East Devon residents ...

The authority has paid out more than £80,000 in the last three months, supporting 169 residents who have been told to self-isolate through '**Test and Trace**'. A further £96,500 has supported hundreds of people through the Covid-19 Hardship Fund, helping residents with utility bills and food vouchers.

The authority has awarded more than £40,000 to 26 community groups, through its Coronavirus Community Food Fund and Covid-19 Fund – a joint scheme with Devon County Colleagues, which has re-opened for applications and provides small grants of between £300 and £700 in support of community-led schemes which carry out the small, but important things which can safely address some of the issues arising from current Coronavirus restrictions, including support for those who are Clinically Extremely Vulnerable.

More details are again on the council website at;

**<https://eastdevon.gov.uk/news/2021/01/more-than-80k-given-to-struggling-east-devon-residents-heres-a-list-of-grants-that-could-help-you/>**

## COVID Pandemic Support remains an EDDC top priority in 2021...

East Devon District Council publishes comprehensive, regularly updated guidance on its website at **<https://eastdevon.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/>**

Trinity residents and businesses can follow the rapidly changing pandemic together with local and government response.

The section includes links to the latest sections for.

Business, employers and employees, Wellbeing, Community Support, Benefits and Council Tax, Test and Trace Support Payment & information for Holiday makers.

The council website also other details on Council Services and links to an enormous range of other valuable resources for school closures, critical workers, business support, domestic abuse victims and disabled people.

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