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# Parish News

April 2021



For God so loved  
the world that he <sup>save</sup>  
his one and only Son,  
that whoever believes  
in him shall not perish  
but have eternal life

## Live Church is Back:

Following the closure of Uplyme Church due to lockdown, we are delighted to say that we will be returning to live worship in church on:

### **Easter Sunday Morning at 10am.**

We will however, have to continue to follow safety regulations and numbers will be limited. We then anticipate a phased return to a pattern of services.

Please keep an eye on the website: <https://www.uplymechurch.org.uk/> and check the noticeboard for further details.



## Easter Activities

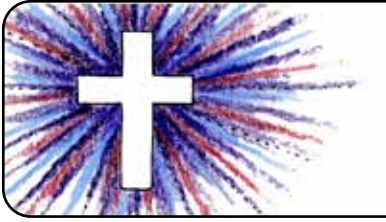
All ages are invited to **‘Come to the Cross’ on Easter Saturday** and take part in the activities set up there. The activities will be fun and help you to think about what Easter is all about? **A giant cross will be set-up in the new school field and activities left there so you can visit anytime that day.**

On the same day we’d also like your help to decorate the church for Easter and are asking people to bring decorated egg-shaped stones (**like these in the photo**) to the church where we will swap your stone egg for a real Easter Egg!

People with chocolate eggs will be at the church between 10am and 3pm on Easter Saturday. Don’t forget your masks and we will ensure everyone is socially distanced.

Any queries call **Rev Nicky on 07931 413629.**





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### Parish News Copy Deadlines

Please remember the **NEXT** issue of the magazine is for **May** and all articles up to and including things for early **June** should be with us by the **10th April**

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

# Reflections from the Rectory.....

Rev Nicky Davies



Spring is finally here and, along with the signs of ‘new life’ in the earth, comes the hope of ‘new life’ for all of us as we celebrate Easter recalling Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross for us – his dying and resurrection to ‘new life.’

We are all also looking forward to ‘new life’ as we welcome the long-awaited easing of restrictions. All being well, we will soon be able to see and hug family and friends that we haven’t for a long time! What a precious moment that will be.

I am sure there will also be moments of sadness for those no longer with us, mixed in with the happiness of this new beginning. It will be good to take time to reflect and move into this new season. We cannot put back time and all that has happened.

For those of us with faith, the Easter story is the pivotal moment. Even though it has been hard to see God in all that has happened, we have prayed and felt Christ with us, especially at the toughest times.

When we think about the cross, we may think of dead wood? In the Church of San Clemente in Rome, there is a glittering 12th-century mosaic showing Jesus on a cross that turns into a living tree. The cross is alive sprouting branches and shoots – a tree of life between earth and heaven. What a lovely image and describes the hope that is there, if we only open our hearts to it.

This Easter, as we eat our Easter eggs and prepare for this post-pandemic ‘new life,’ may we know how precious we are and know ourselves to be loved with a love that is beyond ourselves.

Do check the Axe Valley Mission Community website for details of all our Easter services, [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

Hello and welcome to the April and Easter edition of our magazine.

The good news is that we will go back to printing the magazine from the next issue (May) so you can look forward to either picking one up in the usual places or having it drop through your door.

So to clarify, all articles, notices, event schedules, reports and changes in adverts will need to be with me by **10th of April**. I know we have all been out of action for a whole year now, and it will take some time to get back into the swing of things, but I really look forward to hearing from you.

Once we are back to producing a paper magazine I will be re-printing some of the articles that have appeared in lockdown, so keep reading and writing!

#Keep Well & keep Safe

*Ed*



We now have an **Easter Bunny Craft Pack**, available on request, as well as our usual selection.

They are aimed at the under 5's but are also available for older children who would enjoy a simple craft



To get your **Craft Pack(s)** just email [shiningstars@uplymechurch.org.uk](mailto:shiningstars@uplymechurch.org.uk) with your address and it will be dropped off at your door free of charge!

For more information please see :-  
Facebook page - Shining Stars Playgroup  
web page - [www.uplymechurch.org.uk/worship-3-2/shining-stars/](http://www.uplymechurch.org.uk/worship-3-2/shining-stars/)





On **Maundy Thursday** a large wooden cross will be erected on the School Field next to the Village Hall. At the base will be a box with luggage labels and pens to write a prayer on and then to hang them on the nails on the cross. The cross will stay up for the duration of the school holiday.

On **Easter Saturday** there will be egg shaped stones and paints to decorate them at the cross - Take them up to the church to exchange for an Easter egg. Between 10.00am - 3.00pm

An Easter Garden will be in the porch and the church will be manned during those times to keep everyone safe.

# Parish News Appeal

Many of you will know that the Parish News is funded by advertising and donations to the Church. It just about breaks even, and on some occasions has made a small loss, that the church covers.

This year has been particularly difficult for the church as our regular offerings at services have not happened and income to the church is much reduced. We have not been able to print the magazine as normal over the past 12 months, and our revenue for the magazine will reflect that.

Times have been hard for everybody, and many businesses have suffered and will struggle to get back on top in the future.

***We know the magazine is valued and widely supported in the parish, so we are asking you for two things.***

- 1 Please use the advertisers in the magazine. they are local and offer facilities many of us need. They would welcome a call or enquiry about their services.
- 2 If you can, we'd ask you to make a donation to the magazine to help cover it's production. The cost of a years magazines is around £7 per house and it's delivered! That's cheaper than most national newspapers charge for a week!..... and I think the Parish News is a better read!

Our bank details are available upon request. You can contact our church treasurer Sharyn Walker (01297 444811) or Nicky Davies (Vicar) on 07931 413629

You can give one-off donations simply by writing a cheque made payable to: **'UPLYME PCC'** and sending it:

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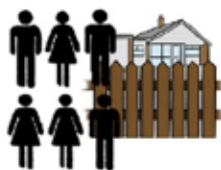
The following 3 pages show the “Lockdown Easing” in very simple terms from March through April

Please adhere to the rules and the guidance.



## From Monday, 29 March

From Monday, 29 March you will be able to:



- meet in groups of 6 people outside, including in a private garden



- meet in groups of 2 households.



Outdoor sports places will open up again, like tennis or basketball courts, and open air swimming pools.



You should still stay at home as much as you can.

You should work from home if you can. You won't be able to travel abroad.



You should still keep 2 metres away from people.



## Step 2



If things go well, step 2 will start on Monday, 12 April.



Shops will open, including:

- hairdressers and nail salons



- libraries and community centres



- zoos and theme parks



- drive-in cinemas



- campsites and holiday cottages.



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Indoor gyms will open up - but you have to go on your own or with people in your household.



Restaurants, cafés and pubs will be able to serve people sitting at a table outside. You should keep to your household group or bubble.



You can have up to 30 people at a funeral and up to 15 people at a wedding, or an event to remember someone.



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## Thorts from Nigel Ball

### The Lane

Lane walked down ,frost hangs like hair  
You would like to have and share  
Delight of morning, dawn excite  
That frost full of delight.

Arching branches birch, ash, and spindle  
frost soon gone, with moon doth dwindle  
Walking on, sun rising to meet me.  
Light shining glinting through trees.

Onward trod hard boots to ground  
crunch, snag the lace and tearing sound  
Coming out from the lane open to fields bare  
The sound, the look, no wind in my hair.

So what do we owe for this wonderful place  
Time, freshness of breath, on smooth face  
Gods kingdom and beauty to stare in your eye  
from frost and high blue sky.

Home is looking closer, sun streaming down.  
In my eyes squint, give a frown  
My gate I rest on and lean, to gaze the path I trod  
Thank you for the morning and being with me GOD.

Nigel Ball.

### A view from.....

The view through the arches you know where I am. And yet you could be miles away with hills rolling under me, peace and stillness fills the air. New shoots appear being nibbled by rabbits and higher up can be viewed bramble tips with blunt ends and bleeding stems, the deer hath eaten breakfast. I get closer the arches get bigger. 'OH this monster of engineering' towers over me. What a beautiful site. The train rides must have been magical back then. Over the valley with the coal smoke being sniffed on the wind, the Cannington Viaduct lives on to tell many a tale.



# 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 take-aways (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

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

Apologies for missing last month's edition of Parish News, time just seems to fly by. Luckily (or unluckily depending how you view it) we didn't have much to say about last month. Though we do now have a website at last! [www.lymvalleyscouts.org.uk](http://www.lymvalleyscouts.org.uk) launched without much fanfare last month, but the adult volunteers in the group were delighted with it – it's great to share what we get up to with a wider audience and to shout about Scouting locally. Given a new website was the highlight of March, here's to making sure April is a bit more exciting!

With restrictions lifting, things are looking up once again. Having done a survey of the Scouts, it appears their biggest wish is to do the simpler things in life that they've been missing so much – cooking on fire, whittling wood, having fun on our grass sledges. Of course, this summer we want to put together a bumper programme for all the sections to make up for lack of Scouting over the past year, our leaders are currently coming up with some brilliant ideas, and I think the young people have a lot to look forward to.

As normality returns, it seems that parents have sprung alive again, realising that the skills for life we offer are just on their family's doorstep. It might not come as much surprise to most people therefore, the level of demand we're seeing for places at the moment, far outweighs the places we have in the group across all sections; except Explorers where there's always room for a few more.

The hardest part of my role, is having to put children on the waiting list to join the group. Waiting lists are not seen as badges of honour in Scouting, for the very simple reason that we would much rather see these kids being involved with the group, than having to wait, not learning skills for life. The biggest cause of the waiting list within our group, is a shortage of volunteers. Whilst we have an amazing, enthusiastic leadership team, there's simply not enough of them to accommodate all the young people involved. I'm having to actively go through the waiting list forms to find adults willing to join our adventure, and then prioritise their families to help get more volunteers involved.

My best advice for those wanting to get stuck in is just go for it! It really is a brilliant thing to do. As ever, if your family wants to get involved, do get in touch. It's always best to get your families names down early since it helps us plan and provide spaces in the long run. Stay safe, and have an amazing April!

Yours in Scouting

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## Uplyme Help at Hand - cares

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It is sad not to be able to write lots of good news about Help at Hand activities. Like everyone else, for the last year we have not been able to function normally. Hopefully there might be some better news in the May edition. Meanwhile, just a reminder of our “state of play” now and before March 2020 when we were an integrated part of our very special village.

### Some facts about Help at Hand

- Started September 2014 with an initial planning meeting
- Currently we have over 55 volunteers
- 45 villagers were being helped before Covid hit
- Around 20 volunteers were doing regular visits, which have been replaced by phone calls
- Many people were helped with transport – also not possible at the moment
- We have run training sessions for volunteers and local people with more hoped for:
  - Dementia Training;
  - Helping Those Who Are Grieving;
  - Mental Health Awareness;
  - Drink Wise- Age Well (alcohol awareness)
  - First Aid
- Regular small group cookery classes were fun
- Larger group outings for teas, coffees and lunches are our most popular activity, sadly missed. Venues included:
  - The Black Dog,
  - Old Dairy Kitchen at Trill Farm,
  - Blackbury Honey Farm,
  - The Dower House Hotel,
  - Annie’s Tea Room,
  - The Ivy House (Groves Garden Centre),
  - Furzeleigh Farm Dairy,
  - Old Lyme Guest House
- Younger new volunteers are currently doing invaluable work shopping and generally supporting the shielded group - a big, big thank you to them all.
- Many donations have made our work possible for which we are deeply grateful:
  - Uplyme United Charities,
  - Parish Council,
  - Uplyme Horticultural Society
  - Uplyme Village Fete

## **Mrs Ethelstons School**



Hello from all at Mrs Ethelston's Primary School. We have now been able to welcome all children back to school and I am pleased to report there have been lots of smiles and happy children. Everyone has settled back into the new routines of school and we are enjoying seeing all the other classes during our zooms for Worships and Storytime.

Three of our Year 6 ambassadors have written a little bit about what life is like in Year 6 since returning to school.

*In Year 6, the children are continuing with their topic of 'Great British Bake Off'. They have been learning about plotting, moving and reflecting quadrilateral shapes across four quadrants. As part of their topic, they are finding out about famous bakers.*

*Year 6 have been doing extra PSHE (Personal, social and health education). We do a check in, check up and check out, where we hear about how everyone is feeling and what they have been doing. Another thing is that we have created a star jar. We write positive comments on paper and add it to the jar.*

*All classes are having an extra afternoon break. During this break we play team games with our teacher.*

All the children have returned with big smiles and ready to continue with their learning. We have been very fortunate that our parents have fully supported the children with home learning so that the transition back to classroom teaching has been smooth.

We are looking forward to the summer term where we hope to be able to enjoy some of our traditional events.

**Miss Lyons**



## AXE VALLEY CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY

We are offering a free debt management service, to people in the Axe Valley.

The centre opens on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April and initially, the Centre Manager, Ali, will be reaching out to contact Clients. We welcome Befrienders, from April onwards. Ali will contact them to offer training and support. Please can we ask for your help with :

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We warmly welcome your help.

# Uplyme & Lyme Regis Horticultural Society

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



*Our Zoom meeting this month looks at the conservation of British owls (complete with a live owl); meanwhile our Summer Show plans continue apace.*

*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 – 'British Owls'**

**April 28th (Wednesday) – join at 7pm for a 7.15pm start**

Chris Sperring MBE, Conservation Officer for the Hawk and Owl Trust, will look at the natural history and practical conservation of the UK's owl population. He will discuss everything from basic biology to ecology and practical measures to conserve owls. By way of a spin he will also look at the recent decrease of nature throughout the UK and the world by using the owls as predators and indicators of the health and wealth of nature that they live amongst.

This year Chris celebrates 30 years in his post and brings a lifetime of knowledge and passion for the natural world. He received the MBE in 2001 for services to nature conservation and dedicates a lot of time towards helping local wildlife community groups. In his spare time Chris writes and records his own music.

The invitation and link for this session will be issued closer to the date.

## **Summer Flower and Produce Fair set to go ahead on 10<sup>th</sup> July**

We're pleased to report that the 2021 Summer Flower and Produce Fair is to be held on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July 1-5pm** at the King George V Playing Fields – so nice to look forward to one of the main village events of the year. The Show Schedule with full details of classes and how to enter will be available from local shops in the next few weeks.

As usual, the show will feature a wide range of flower, fruit and vegetable classes with some classes for children and crafts. There will also be charity, commercial and demonstration stands for people to enjoy and a fun dog show. In addition, the Society will be organising a plant stall as it is unable to hold its regular Plant Sale in May. The scope of entertainments is yet to be determined, depending upon Covid-19 restrictions at the time.

To make the show Covid safe, all competition entries will be housed in the show marquee this year, to leave the Village Hall free for cream teas and catering. There will be a one-way system in the marquee, which will have some open sides to ensure a good airflow. Stalls will be well spaced around the playing fields to allow plenty of room for visitors and hand sanitisers will be in place in the Village Hall, show marquee and on stands.

Society members have already claimed their potatoes for the Potato in a Bucket competition and fuchsia plug plants to grow on for the show. Lavender plug plants (lavender is this year's theme) will be distributed at the end of April. We thank Groves Nurseries for supplying the plugs.

Please keep an eye on the website (address above) for the latest information on the show.

**Tricia Boyd**



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## **News from King George's Field.**

It has been pleasing to see the field used during lockdown for individual and some family group exercise. As restrictions are lifted there will be increased activity by members of the Cricket Club in preparing the field for a busy season. A new battery operated digital scoreboard will be installed for the summer months next to the old pavilion, which will help us all keep track of each game's progress. Improvements to the new pavilion will continue - lets hope we can all benefit from the improved facilities.

We understand it has been difficult for some sport participants, while different facilities have been closed according to government regulations but the trustees don't feel the field is appropriate for golf practice as this is a potential danger to other field users - so no golf on the field please.

The members of the Croquet club will soon be starting work on their lawn and also an extra playing area in front of the old pavilion. The members are looking forward to getting in some practice and playing games in the months ahead. The club are a very friendly group who are always looking for new members. If you are interested their website can be found at:

**[www.lymvalleycroquetclub.org.uk](http://www.lymvalleycroquetclub.org.uk)**

or contact the club secretary, John Marjoribanks, tel: 01297 33742.

Pleasingly the tennis court has now reopened after its enforced closure so why not book yourself a court and enjoy this excellent facility as the days get longer and the weather warmer. Booking and payment is easy and can be accessed via the Lawn Tennis Association website at <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/rally/> or just put Uplyme Tennis into an internet search engine such as google. The gate is now secured with a combination lock and the code is sent each time the court is booked. The current cost is £7 per hour to use the court, which is excellent value for money and does provide the trustees with their only regular income to pay for field and court maintenance. For any tennis related matters please contact our trustee Jason Martin at: [jas@jasonmartinsports.com](mailto:jas@jasonmartinsports.com) tel:07931743168.

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## Bullying claims at East Devon District Council ...

Reporting pretty much the most disturbing headline I have shared since my first election.

On 4<sup>th</sup> March, East Devon District Council Scrutiny Committee received a report from Chief Executive Mark Williams. The report included claims that new councillors and/or the new political leadership are “seriously mistreating Officers”, “unnecessarily micro-managing” and “causing extra workload” for staff.

EDDC has traditionally been an organisation where staff morale has been high. In September 2019, the council was described as an organisation with a ‘strong track record of successful delivery’; ‘strong financial management’; ‘high quality services’ and a ‘hardworking and committed workforce.’ In a ‘Peer Review’ conducted by the Local Government Association.

In January 2020, the Council was awarded Platinum ‘Investors in People’ status - the highest level achievable, following six years at Gold level (the previous highest status). The report was extremely complimentary “..effective people management and development...”, “...high levels of engagement” has “...delivered higher levels of performance” enabling “...an outstanding and well run council, which provides great services and outstanding opportunities for East Devon”

Spring 2020 brought us not only the COVID pandemic, but also a change in administration.

You may recall that, as Portfolio Holder for Finance, I was part of an Independent Administration until May 2020, when this administration was replaced by the ‘Democratic Alliance’ made up of Councillors from the East Devon Alliance, Liberal Democrat and Green political parties, together with a small number of Independents. EDDC is now led by Cllr Paul Arnott, with Council Chair Cllr Cathy Gardner. The two are also Leader and Chair respectively of the East Devon Alliance political party.

The Chief Executive reported in June 2020 an optimistic feeling within the council, at the end of the first period of lockdown. However, the latest February 2021 staff report, noted optimism no longer so apparent, with the Chief Executive highlighting several issues, including allegations of bullying.

In the Scrutiny meeting the Chief Executive confirmed that he himself felt bullied at work. Cllr Arnott replied that he was “certain my Cabinet are innocent of any bullying.”

My colleague in ‘The Independents’\*, Cllr Geoff Pook, (Beer and Branscombe), shared concerns that the most upsetting and serious claims from staff did stem from last year’s change in administration by asking Cllr Arnott a series of direct questions.

1. Does the Leader accept the outcome of the report and that 18 of our staff state the new political leadership are seriously mistreating our officers, which is very stressful? This includes seven members *[of staff]* who say they feel bullied, intimidated and are being harassed.
2. Does the Leader agree that this is totally unacceptable?

3. Does the Leader agree that, as Leader, he is totally responsible for the deplorable actions of his administration?
4. Does the Leader agree that those responsible must consider their positions and, as Leader, he should address this?
5. Does the Leader agree he holds ultimate responsibility for the actions and behaviour of his team and should perhaps consider his own position?

The Council Leader, Cllr Arnott surprisingly responded by offering a “blanket no” to all of Cllr Pook’s questions. He added the phrase ‘new councillors/new political leadership could refer to new councillors from all political parties’, and that there was no proof or indication from where problems are coming.

Our County Councillor, Ian Hall (also a District Councillor representing Axminster) asked the Chief Executive whether he felt bullying was still going on, and whether he personally had ever felt bullied?

The Chief executive responded ‘Yes’ to both questions.

Since the meeting I have used my Facebook page to make quite clear the current situation at East Devon District Council is unacceptable, further the Leader’s responses to Cllr Pook’s questions were “dismissive and disturbing”.

\* For avoidance of doubt, I am not part of the Democratic Alliance, the current administration, rather enjoy an informal association of true independent councillors.

‘The Independents’ are Cllrs, Jess Bailey (West Hill & Aylesbeare), Susie Bond (Feniton), Paul Jarvis (Budleigh & Raleigh), Geoff Pook (Beer & Branscombe), Chris Wright (Exmouth Littleham) and I. None is a member of any political party.

We do not accept any form of bullying, under any circumstances and have called upon Leader Cllr Arnott to review his answers to questions raised by Cllr Pook - We await his response....

*(Cllr Pook’s questions and response from the Leader of the Council can be found approx. 1hr 27min into the YouTube recording of the meeting <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gWH4XOqUxOo>*

*A full version of the relevant report under discussion is available online at <https://democracy.eastdevon.gov.uk/documents/s11420/040321%20Scrutiny%20REPORT%20re%20staff%20morale.pdf>*

*Staff Morale Report is Item 8 on Agenda, from pages 12 to 40.)*

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## **GOOD FRIDAY**

11.00 am.

## **SUNDAY 4th. April 2021**

Holy Communion Live streamed

– Zoom coffee & catch-up

– Uplyme Telephone Service

## **EASTER SUNDAY**

10.00am

11.30am

4.00 pm

## **SUNDAY 11th. April 2021**

Morning Worship

## **Easter 2 – Low Sunday**

10.00 am.

–AVMC Zoom Service.

4.00 pm

## **SUNDAY 18th. April 2021**

-Holy Communion Live streamed

– Zoom coffee & catch-up

–Telephone Service

## **Easter 3.**

10.00am

11.30am

4.00 pm

## **SUNDAY 25th. April 2021**

Morning Worship

## **Easter 4**

10.00 am.

– AVMC Zoom Service

4.00 pm

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