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Parish News

Uplyme Church

December 2021



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Worship in Uplyme Church December & early January

December

Sun 5th

10am
6pm

Advent 2 Holy Communion
Evening Worship **"Darkness to Light"**



Sun 12th

10am
4pm
6pm

Advent Praise
Telephone Service
Carol Singing led by the Festival Choir
(around the Christmas Tree in the Church grounds)



Sun 19th

10am
6pm

"Joy to the World" Morning Service
Service of Carols and Readings.

*This popular evening service will be live streamed as numbers will be limited.
Please book your place with Marilyn Kent on 07885 859 946.
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Christmas Eve
Fri 24th

3pm
11pm

Car Park Nativity by The Village Hall
Midnight Carols & Communion



Christmas Day
Sat 25th

10am

Christmas Praise



Boxing Day
Sun 26th

10.30am

AVMC Joint Service of Holy Communion @ The Minster (Axminster)
NO SERVICE IN UPLYME

January

Sun 2nd

10am
6pm

Holy Communion
Evening Worship



Sun 9th

10am

Epiphany Morning Worship

Zoom chats: a chance to reflect and meet together every Sunday at 11.30am -
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81020110380>

4pm Telephone Service – call 0333 011 0616, access code 723 9782#

All the above are subject to the Covid virus remaining 'stable' – (Christmas pun!) We recommend people keep an eye on the websites for updates.

It is recommended that you wear warm clothes and bring a mask with you as the doors may well be open to ensure fresh air is circulated. Hand sanitizer is available and should be used.



Baptisms

Lily Cozens -	15th August 2021
Georgia Hooper -	23rd October 2021
Tallulah Pelaou -	10th October 2021
Jack Edwards -	7th November 2021

Weddings

None

Funerals / Interment of Ashes / Service of Thanksgiving
None



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Please remember the **NEXT** issue of the magazine is for **January** and all articles up to and including things for early **February** should be with us by the **10th December** at the very latest.

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Let us give thanks all the time to God through Jesus Christ.
Our gift to Him is to give thanks. Our lips should always give thanks to His name. Hebrews 13 : 15

As we come into December many of us will be racking our brains to decide what presents to give to people around us. It is a challenge to come up with something new, appropriate, and likely to be appreciated. And perhaps 'appreciated' is key. We want to give people something they will like and appreciate.

One Christmas, a parent stated that she was no longer going to nag her teenage children to write their thank-you notes to those who had given them presents as they were old enough to do it themselves. As a result their grandma never received acknowledgments of the generous cheques she had given to each of them.

The next year things were different, however. Grandma told her friend triumphantly, "This year each of the children came over in person to thank me,"

"How wonderful!" the friend exclaimed. "What do you think caused the change in behaviour?"

"Oh, that's easy," the grandmother replied. "This year I didn't sign the cheques."

One of the key elements of December and Christmas is surely to say thank you – and mean it ! We do put a great deal of thought and resource into gift planning and giving – but I am reminded that the most important thing we can do when we receive gifts is summed up by Brigham Young –

"Love the giver more than the gift."

And surely that is the whole basis of Christmas. The story of the stable and baby is the story of God loving us so much that He allowed His Son to become one of us in order to change and save us.

God's love for us is awesome !

Surely this December/Christmas is the ideal opportunity to talk about 'the giver' and to thank him for all he has done ? Do speak to us, share your thoughts, and come along to our churches as we celebrate Advent and Christmas and all that they mean.

With thoughts and prayers

Clive Sedgewick

From the Editor

Hello and welcome to the December edition of the Parish News.

After a pretty lean time of news and events over the past few months, this month has seen a plethora of items sent into the magazine for consideration and publishing. With so much planned this year, lets hope the dreaded C19 keeps away and things settle down a bit more.

I think the prospect of the Village Shop closing has been a major topic of conversation around the parish during November, and from what I have gleaned the lack of a Postmaster from early January seems to be the catalyst to progress the closing of the shop & petrol station so soon. Postmasters are a disappearing breed, as I understand Lyme Regis is facing the same problem, which could see our nearest Post Office being in Axminster!

The prospect of the new school (it's entrance) is also a major concern to the filing station site owner, but as it seems (I have heard) that there will be at least 2-3 years before anything can be done with the school, lets hope a stay of execution by the SOS (Save-Our-Shop) group can be arranged. Their information and meeting report can be found inside the magazine.

I hope you all have a lovely peaceful Christmas & look forward to hearing from you for the January Magazine!

Happy Christmas

Ed

Jack Thomas

Many of you will have heard about the recent death of Jack Thomas.

I new Jack fairly well as a church member and contributor and critique of the Parish News. He spent a number of years contributing and proof reading it for me and would be the first person to ring me and chide me if I got something wrong, but equally ring and tell me how good something was or how much he'd enjoyed something.

He wrote about the church and articles about the stained windows and other elements in the building. He helped catalogue and organise the graveyard register and spent many hours helping to repair and re-erect the fallen grave stones.

Jack was involved with all aspects of Church life and even acted and directed with the youth group when they were putting on drama.

He was a kind, giving man, and I am grateful to have known him.

Robin

(during 2022 I will repeat some of Jack's articles in the mag as a tribute to him)





A Christmas message from Revd Nicky.

I wanted to write to thank all those people who offered support, dropped off food and other goodies, sent lovely photos, cards and other messages and who prayed for me as I was unwell during November with the Coronavirus.

It was a challenging and distressing time and gave me insight into how people feel who, for whatever reason, are isolated, alone or living with an illness. I still get very tired and would urge you all to continue to be vigilant.

As we celebrate Christmas, we look to the hope of Jesus coming as a baby - God is with us, Emmanuel. God comes, we are not alone. And as we gather together with family and friends and as church families, we can know we are loved by them and by God: *'God loved the world so much that he sent his only son...'*

I believe feeling 'connected' is so important and I wish you the most joyous of Christmas get-togethers and celebrations. There are many things going on in our churches so do look out on our websites and on noticeboards for details. I hope you will find something that helps you feel connected to God.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas.

Nicky Davies.

Mrs Ethelstons Primary School

In Mrs Ethelston's, we have celebrated the end of WW2 with a 2 minute silence and a worship from Owl's Class.

Coming up, we will be dressing in colour for Children in need.

Using pointillism, Robins have been creating colourful fireworks, lighting up their classroom.

Year 3 and 4 have had a 'wow' day looking at their new topic, Guatemala.

Year 5 and Year 6 are enjoying their topic on WW 2.

All of the children are very much looking forward to the run up to Christmas!

Jacob would like to share his most recent Year 6 narrative:

Once again in the city of Noraholos the sun looks over, protecting the secret there. Moving far west, through the dense pinewoods we go, the snow dropping from the torn branches. We go to a clearing where a crooked house lies in wait to be found. The moss in the house was thick and green and the floorboards creaky and broken. Now a man crosses the clearing towards the crooked house. "Men!", he drew nearer, his breath thickening. He walked into the house not knowing what to expect. The house was thickening. The house was thick with cobwebs and dust lay on the floor like a monstrous rug. "I wonder why the light's on?" he pondered. He crept downstairs, a chill running down his spine.

Jacob and Ingrid



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NEW VOLUNTEERS

We were delighted to receive offers of help from new people during COVID lockdown. They have been amazing, offering practical help and support to those shielding and many are continuing now it has lifted. We are deeply grateful.

During the last 18 months, many of our older volunteers have needed our services and are no longer able to offer help to others. Many are in their 80s and are therefore more vulnerable. So, if YOU feel able to spare some time to help occasionally, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Anne or Marilyn on the above numbers. There is no specific time commitment, just if there is a need and you are available to meet it, we would be most grateful. As we have a pool of volunteers, if you have to say no there will be someone who can say yes so there is no pressure.

A phone call to a lonely person can make their day.



This is especially important in December as Christmas approaches and the feelings of loneliness and isolation are heightened.

As the numbers of Covid infections in our area are worse than at any time throughout the pandemic, we still feel unable to take outings or visit vulnerable people in their homes. The most important life line is the phone.

Please do ring the above numbers if you feel you can do this to help even if you would not be able to commit to anything else.

Wonderful family meetings - Together @ Ten

What is 'Together @ Ten'? Well let me tell you about the one I have just attended.

On Sunday 10th October, we had a wonderful family service led by our lively vicar, Nicky. It was aimed at children with plenty of activities for them, but it engaged us all. The stories were told by Sue Wells with props for the children so that they became an integral part of each story. We adults also joined in with sound effects when required. The wind howled and the sea churned as Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Model people brought on by the children congregated around Jesus next to a sycamore tree, which tiny Zachariah had to climb to see Him. (*Sue should have had a career in television, so captivating is her story telling.*) Eunice and Bruce led the singing, with Eunice leading the children up and down the aisle while marching to one song, with the adults drumming their feet. She is so encouraging to everyone. Instruments were given out to join in with another song. We were all involved. Afterwards there was much chatter and laughter around cups of coffee and biscuits. We all felt so uplifted by the service.



Together at Ten is a new initiative for Uplyme Church so keep a look out for dates in the New Year. You may see many people you know but I'm sure will also make new friends. If your family is new to the area, what a great chance to meet up with other families too.

So looking forward to seeing you there!

Jo Cursley.



Uplyme Bell Ringing

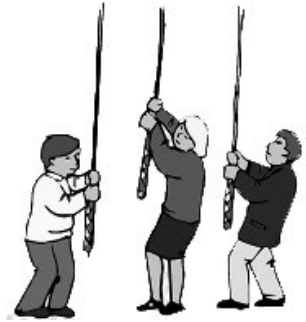
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Please do come along and join in.



Back by popular demand: **UPLYME CHURCH FILM NIGHTS.**

These will now be on **FRIDAY** evenings, once a
month.

Friday December 17th.

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friends.

Doors open at 7.00 pm, film starts at 7.30 sharp.

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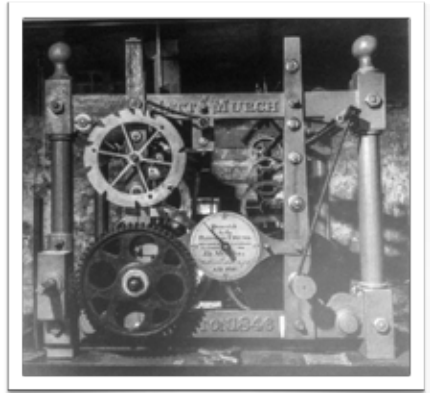
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Uplyme Church Clock Update:-

Good news! The clock is due to be repaired before Christmas!

A gentleman, Paul, will be coming to spend two days taking the clock apart, cleaning it and getting the beautiful Victorian clock working once again. Paul travels to India to maintain similar clocks on Indian Railway Stations, he has also been responsible for making sure the clock at Whitehall strikes at the correct moment for the Trooping of the Colour. So, our clock is in good hands.



We have begun to raise money to be able to afford the initial repairs, £1797, but in order to have it strike the hour, we have to raise even more - another £2000.

The Ridiculously Easy Quiz Night raised nearly £500 and we have received some generous donations. So we are on the way.....but could you help? Any ideas gratefully received.

Sue Wells

Churchwarden
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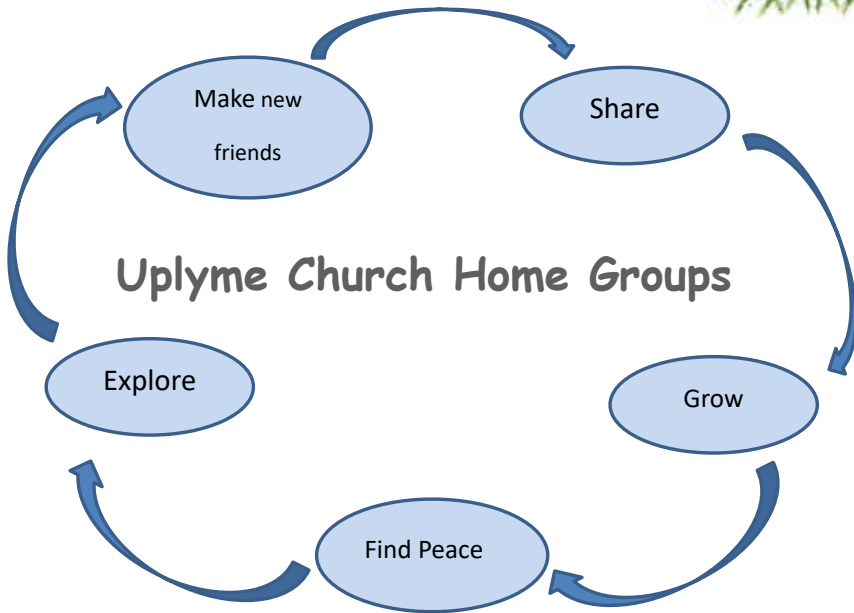
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Jesus said "I leave you with the gift of peace. It is My peace that I give to you, the kind of peace the world can never give "

Belonging to a Home Group is an opportunity to explore your spirituality & life issues in a relaxed, supportive environment and make new friends. It involves meeting together on a weekly or fortnightly basis for an hour or two. There are a number of different Home Groups meeting in Uplyme and the surrounding areas, during week days and evenings. If you would be interested in finding out more please contact

Andrea Sheargold on 07837 798964 who will be able to give you more information and put you in touch with the right group for you.

COP-26 Report

It was a great privilege to be able to attend the second week of the COP-26 conference, in support of the re-forestation charity “The Word Forest Organisation”. Cop-26 was split into two zones – the Blue where the politicians were meeting and the Green which had tickets for the public with exhibits, talks and panel discussions. All over Glasgow were also fringe events held by many organisations.

Being able to attend a variety of sessions with a mixture of scientists, corporate business and NGO's - we certainly learned a lot – although it was sometimes emotionally tough. The details of the destruction of the environment and climate are hard to hear, especially against the backdrop of past and possible future political inactions.

However key messages kept occurring

- We are all in this together, we cannot stand around and do nothing and the best way to change the world is by making changes and to keep talking about it sharing our concerns and our actions.
- Social justice and climate justice is intertwined. A memorable talk from a Fairtrade coffee producer in Uganda (who was using agroforestry to protect her crops from the torrential rains hailstorms) brought home graphically how Fairtrade made a huge difference to her livelihood.

Of the many people we met, Val Wood-Gaiger was particularly memorable. Having “died” at 74 years of age, she decided to set up an organisation called “Learn with Grandma”. If you are on Facebook do look her up. She’s a real inspiration – talking with her we were really taken with one of her phrases. “When God opens a door, it is best to go through it”.

By a happy chain of co-incidences, on Monday evening we found ourselves at the Christian Aid event in Glasgow Cathedral. We heard from a broad range of speakers – from visitors from Uganda, Youth Christian Climate Network and even Rowan Williams. Uplyme Church’s paper boats were among 30,000 others on display and used during the event. All the speakers addressed Climate Justice. You can watch the event at <https://youtu.be/xHq5W6QS2CY>. We particularly recommend the Pentecostal preacher at 35 minutes in.

Heading around the talks and events you hear of so much new technology and stories where huge corporations are making a change. If you focus on the politicians, it all seems too little too late.

It feels the task is too great – like trying to turn an oil tanker. But instead consider how a flock of starlings turn – once a few start, suddenly a profound movement takes place.

So, we do not get disheartened or disconnected by the inaction of politicians. We seek out the optimistic stories that people report, www.wordforest.org/cop26 has many blogs taken from the conference that tell of these great positive movements taking place. And lastly, we talk, talk, talk to everyone we meet, sharing the concern but also the solutions; there are things that we can all do to make the changes that need to happen.



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Hello Villagers

Another year coming to an end, and what a year it has been. It is with grateful thanks to the most amazing young people who work with us, that we have managed to get through all the challenges we faced since being allowed to re-open in April, and here we are now, hopefully looking forward to a much better Christmas than last year.

To show our appreciation to our wonderful team, we went on a bus trip to Wales (of course!) They all braved a ride on the new longest, highest Zip Wire in Wales which just happens to be located on the top of the exact Mountain of my beloved Rhondda Valley where I was born, and still visit regularly. We then jumped back on the bus to where else but.... 'I won't Lie To You'.. Barry Island ... 'Its lush,

Loves it I do'... (if you know you know!) We had a great time and ate fish and chips under that famous shelter. We appreciate every single shift each of them has worked since April, they really are a wonderful group of young people, and we feel privileged that they continue to want to work at The Talbot. Thank You so much members of Team Talbot xxx

Our grateful thanks also, for the support of our loyal bunch of locals who help keep us going, we really do appreciate your all year round friendship and support. Thank You xx
Thank You xx

My own very personal reflection of Our Lovely Village

Steve and I have been part of our lovely Village for over 30 years. We have sat on various committees over these years doing our bit for our school, village hall and community gatherings. There have been many happy occasions, and some difficult occasions, when as Villagers, we showed how much we cared about each other, we pulled together, supported what needed to be achieved, all with great kindness, fun, and consideration, I have recently been thinking about the fun of our great annual boundary walks, I am sure lots of you will recall this event. As a parent, and many of our local friends agree, our own children have grown into respectful young adults because of their happy childhood experiences and wonderful teachers, at Mother and Toddlers, Pre School, Mrs E's, Church and the security of our Uplyme Village life.

Whilst now, our Village is going through a little time of discussions and pulling together time, please be considerate to the all the people who are working hard to ensure our Village continues to be the appealing place in which we love to live. They all have our best interests at the centre of their endeavours.

I love the following quote:

'The Axe Forgets what the Tree Remembers' ... (be thoughtful!)

This past year we have sadly said our 'Goodbyes' to a few friends in the Village who have passed away, but happily, we have welcomed some beautiful new born babies into the Village. Talking of babies.... Steve and I are beyond thrilled to share that our son Jonathan and his lovely wife Nia are expecting another baby. They are of course still in New Zealand, but we are really hoping to see them with our granddaughter Martha and their new baby, in June 2022.

We are so pleased that some of our local groups and businesses have chosen The Pub have their Christmas Lunches/Dinners, please let us know if you would like us to host your Christmas gathering this year

We have pencilled in the day, or should I say days! to decorate inside the pub, and by the time this magazine comes out we will all be enjoying the Christmas Lights around the Village... We may have seen you at the grand switch on, and so hope your homes are helping light up the Village.

Don't forget the ROLL OVER from last years Christmas Draw on Christmas Eve. If you bought tickets from the board last year, they have been kept safe and are of course valid this year. As always lots of great prizes.

The Pub will be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day as we will be spending this time with our own family. As I write this, we are still finalising opening hours for the rest of Christmas period. An opening hour notice will be up in the Pub, please pop in and have a look.

Just a little reminder, alterations to the inside of the pub will be resuming in January, and our kitchen will be closed from the 10th of January for about a week.

So, That is it for 2021.



Please look after each other and keep well.

It just leaves me then to wish each and every one of you and your family

A Very Merry Christmas and A Healthy and Happy New Year.

Gyda dymuniadau gorau ar gyfer Y Nadolig a'r Fflwyddyn Newydd.

Llawer O Gariad

Wendy x

The Story of Mince Pies

Did you know that mince pies have been traditional English Christmas fare since the Middle Ages, when meat was a key ingredient? The addition of spices, suet and alcohol to meat came about because it was an alternative to salting and smoking in order to preserve the food. Mince pies used to be a different shape - cradle-shaped with a pastry baby Jesus on top. www.parishpump.co.uk

Mrs Ethelston's - New School Project

School funding update

When we last wrote back in June we talked about the development of a fundraising plan for the New School Project and the Bestic Trust has progressed that to a stage now where the extent of the challenge is more fully understood

Having taken soundings from a number of independent sources of funding we are encouraged to believe that it will attract significant sums to be dedicated to bring the project to reality, however it has also brought more sharply into focus that those will only become available to us if significant seed funding is obtained from Central or Local Government.



Post COVID the economic picture is very unpredictable, and the Exchequer will, as the situation begins to stabilise, come under increasing pressure to revert to a more fiscally conservative strategy. In the last Budget the Government pledged to increase spending on Education, so we must be patient and see

whether any of that pledge will be dedicated to improving the school estates. We are hopeful that the greening of school developments may be a driver for that following outcomes of the negotiations at COP26.

That said, The Bestic Trust does not qualify to bid for public moneys to replace a school building, but fortunately the Acorn Multi Academy Trust does, and with our support they will make applications to that end.

The first opportunity to make an application is upon us, it is known as CIF (Capital Investment Fund) and requires a complete business case to be submitted for the project. Submissions are made during December, and awards are given in the Spring, usually late March or early April. AMAT

has been relatively successful in recent years using this process but we do know that this fund is not necessarily designed to finance projects of this scale. The Bestic Trust will appoint an agent to work with AMAT on the submission.

A further source of Government funding more suited to the project is the School Rebuilding Programme (SRP) which has been dedicated to improve 100 schools each year until 2031, however this is not open for application but relies upon referral from by



Local Authorities based on their priority of needs for local schools. We are currently advised that lobbying for referral to this scheme would be premature until an application to CIF has been made. So our priority is to achieve a very high scoring bid in that process even if it does not result in the award of funds. Our stated ambition to open the new school remains Autumn 2023, but we realise that may be very ambitious in current climbs. We will update you again in the New Year.

Late Edit

The Bestic Trust shares concern held in the community about the future of the shop, post office and petrol filling station and will work as best it can to make a positive contribution to alleviate the situation.

The Bestic Trust

Why does Christmas begin at midnight with Holy Communion?

The hour was first chosen at Rome in the fifth century to symbolise the idea that Christ was born at midnight – a mystical idea in no way hindered by historical evidence! No one knows the hour of His birth.

Certainly in recent times, Holy Communion at midnight on Christmas morning has proved popular with modern families. One British writer pointed out its “domestic convenience” in 1947: “for where there are children and no servants, husband and wife may be unable to communicate at any other time.” (So things don’t change, then!)

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SOS – Save Our Shop

On November 7th, it was standing room only at the community meeting to “Save Our Shop” in the village hall. Concerned local residents heard from the organiser, Will Thomson, that unless the approved plans for the new school site can be changed to lessen the traffic impact of the access opposite the filling station entrance, the owner of the shop and filling station site will be closing everything on 14th January next year. This will obviously have serious repercussions for all the residents who rely on the shop and can’t easily shop elsewhere locally.

By the time you read this, we hope that you will already have signed the petition asking Devon Highways department to reconsider the traffic arrangements for the school site. The Bestic Trust, which is responsible for the planning of the new school building, is already investigating a change of plans. Although there hasn’t been a Parish Council meeting at the time of writing, the PC has been fully supportive of the need for better access arrangements in the past, and we can reasonably expect this to continue.

As it will take a long time to get the plans fully changed if we are successful, the group is writing to the site owner asking him to consider delaying the closure until we know the outcome of our efforts.

What else can you do?

If you value this important local amenity, you can write a general letter to the SOS group explaining how the closure will have an impact on you. Simply pop it in the Village Hall postbox in an envelope marked SOS.

You can also write to these people explaining why it’s important to you and what it would mean if it closed, but please make sure you post a copy to the Village Hall so we can keep track and compile everyones feedback.

- Neil Parish MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA
email: neil.parish.mp@parliament.uk
- County Councillor Ian Hall, 1 Cawley Avenue, Axminster, EX13 5EP email: ian.hall@devon.gov.uk. The County Council is responsible for Highways.
- District Councillor Ian Thomas, Ware Barn, Ware Lane, Ware, Lyme Regis DT7 3RH
email: ithomas@eastdevon.gov.uk. The District Council is responsible for Planning.

If you want to mention the planning application references, these are 12/2399/MOUT, 15/2424/MOUT and 19/2197/MRES.

So, please support the group if you can – anyone wanting to volunteer practical help can leave a letter at the Village Hall and if you use Facebook, you can keep abreast of developments and ask questions by searching for “SOS Save our shop” .

Will & Miranda Thompson

Hello from your Curate,

I thought it was about time I introduced myself to you all, well to those who don't know me anyway.

I'm Revd Tracey and I was ordained priest on 26th September this year – after serving a year as Deacon in our Mission Community. It was a great occasion and then some of you came to my first communion service the following Sunday at the Minster.



I have lived in the Axe Valley all my life, and for the last 28 years in the parish of All Saints. It was here that the lovely people of the church, encouraged us as a family to come, and made us all feel welcome. Over the years the calling to serve God got stronger and stronger, but it was never to ordination..... I wasn't going to have the last word there!

So, a little about me. I am married to Edward, we have four children and two very scrumptious grandchildren. They are a joy! And we love spending time with our growing family as they expand.

I am a self-supporting Minister, and that means I use my admin and finance skills to support another group of churches as their administrator.

So, what I am passionate about? Belonging is really important to me, and I believe the Church has a unique take on this. With a presence in nearly every community the Church belongs to everyone, not those who just go every Sunday. However, it is our responsibility to 'be with' those in our community in whatever way we find God working and join in!

I also passionate about 'silence' – for many years now I have been practising the art of Contemplative Prayer. For me it brings an inner peace and strength to my life that I can't manage without now.

I am very much looking forward to coming over to Uplyme to take one of your services in due course, but in the meantime, I am always up for a ministry of 'Coffee and chat' if fancy it.

Many Blessings

Revd Tracey



1st Lym Valley Scout Group (Uplyme and Lyme Regis)

Wow, is this the end of term already? I feel like I've only just started but we have done so much. Some of the older Scouts have had an opportunity to camp 3 times this term with Archery and Shooting and many more activities.

At the end of October, we had a group of 6 Scouts and Explorers go forward for selection to attend the next World Scout Jamboree in Korea in 2023. It was a wet and muddy affair, but they all seemed to enjoy themselves and were all fired up when they came back to the next meeting. At the time of printing, we don't know who is going yet but will let you know as soon as we do.

Last month we had our first Executive Committee meeting with our new members. A big thank you for those who volunteered to take the pressure off the Leaders, who could now concentrate on giving the Young People an exciting programme.

We now also have a new Group Scout Leader, Josh Yelland has agreed to take it on while he is still here in Lyme Regis. This takes the stress off me from having to sort out the administration side of the Group but still leaves me to run the Beavers, Scouts, Training and DBS processing.



Cub Section Assistant, Giles Bristow, who works for an Environmental Charity, went to the COP26 last month and bumped into our Chief Scout Bear Grylls, what a great day and occasion.

All the sections have been busy over the last month, taking part in the Remembrance Parade, Beavers have been swimming at Wood Farm, the Cubs looking at wellbeing and making Christmas Decorations and the Scouts making snow globes. The Powder Monkeys Explorers have finished their First Aid, thank you to

Mick Upton and are taking part in a District Bowling Competition.

2021 has been a stop start year, but we have good feelings for 2022 and looking forward for more exciting activities, camps, and events.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

Yours in Scouting

Karen Yelland

Beaver and Scout Leader

www.lymvalleyscouts.org.uk



Uplyme Pre-school News

We have been enjoying another busy term at pre-school, we are almost full each day and we have lots of new children waiting to join in the fun!

We've been busy with Autumn crafts, lots of outdoor activities and lots of colour themed learning.



It's been great to be able to re-open the Parent & Toddler group on a Tuesday afternoon and we've loved seeing lots of new faces, and welcoming back lots of familiar faces too!

Unfortunately, we haven't been able to do any fundraising activities over the last year but we are hoping to hold our annual Christmas Party and Nativity this December which will be something really fun to look forward to.

Alison

A new Bible for all your Family

In partnership with Youth for Christ and several other family-focussed organisations, the Bible Society has created an edition of the Bible specifically designed for families.

The Good News Bible – Family Edition has plenty of features to help each member of the family engage with the Bible at their own pace.

The Bible Society says: "We know that doing Bible reading as a group can be difficult, so we have designed this new Bible to be a resource that encourages families to respond creatively to the text, whilst supporting individual preferences for engaging.

Based on the five themes of THINK, CHAT, DO, CREATE and WATCH, the Bible contains "plenty of interactions" to suit every member of a family.

The aim is to allow families "to journey through the Bible together", and in the process come closer to God, and to each other.

Find out more at: biblesociety.org.uk/gnbfamily

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Uplyme & Lyme Regis Horticultural Society

www.ulrhs.wordpress.com



To sign up to our newsletter please visit our website www.ulrhs.wordpress.com and scroll down the Welcome page to the link 'Sign up for our monthly email newsletter'.

Create a festive Christmas table, 15th December

If you would like to ring the changes with how you decorate your Christmas table please come along to our talk and demonstration at Uplyme Village Hall on Wednesday 15th December.

Bex Partridge of Botanical Tales, is an Uplyme-based floral artist who grows and dries flowers and seedheads to create wild, natural, long lasting and entirely sustainable designs for everyday use and special occasions.

In this demonstration Bex will be showing how to create a table centre for your dining table at Christmas using all-natural materials. Further details about Bex's workshops and Christmas wreaths can be found at www.botanicaltales.com

Doors open at 7pm when refreshments, including mince pies and mulled wine (plus non-alcoholic version), will be available. All welcome: members free; guests £3. You may also renew your subscription, or join the Society, at the December meeting. The cost remains at £6 for the year which is excellent value for the programme of events laid on for members.

Looking ahead

Also on a festive theme, the Horticultural Society will be participating in the annual Christmas Tree festival at the Baptist Church in Silver Street, Lyme Regis, on 17-18 December.

At the time of writing, we're putting the final touches to an exciting trips and talks programme for 2022. A printed leaflet will be available towards the end of the year so please keep an eye open for Society emails to tell you how to obtain a copy. The full schedule will also be available on the website in due course.

Tricia Boyd





THE TOWN MILL
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The Town mill Lyme Regis is preparing for the Christmas season.

The popular pop up vintage is returning **Sunday 28th November - Monday 3rd January**. Astonishingly! Popping-up for our 10th year! Open every day from 10.00am 'til 4.00pm except for the 25th and the 26th December. They spend all year sourcing lovely items. Then clean, repair, upcycle and beautify them so that you don't have to. A fabulous selection of clothes, toys, textiles, accessories, books and much, much more for a truly sustainable and memorable Christmas.

Christmas at the mill 15th December -3rd January For the third year, Malthouse Gallery is home to those unique gifts. Dorset artists display their artwork .There's a gift for everyone. Take home a little piece of Lyme Regis this Christmas.

Father Christmas at the mill 11th December & 18th December Add a magical visit to Father Christmas at The Town Mill this festive season. Have a chat with the man in red and ask him to make your Christmas wish come true. There will be a Christmas gift with your name on to take home if you've been extra good this year! Santa will be socially distanced on the Meal floor of the Mill. There will be a one way system entering through the shop for the visit. Booking is essential. Hand sanitisers will be available and adults must wear a mask at all times. A ticket purchased is for one child to see Father Christmas with an adult.

Visit our shop on line to purchase tickets.

Tickets are limited so buy now to avoid disappointment.www.townmill.org.uk. Town Mill Tenants will be open during Christmas and the award winning flour mill will be offering inside tours. A complete day to enjoy at the mill for everyone.

Visit our website for full information www.townmill.org.uk

Battle of the Thermostat

If you and your partner have rows about how hot the house should be this Christmas, bear this in mind: women really do need the heat turned up more than men do. Recent research has found that the difference in the sexes also applies to other species, from mammals to birds.

As one scientist at Tel Aviv's University's College of Zoology said, "among many species of birds and mammals, females prefer a warmer environment, and at times these preferences cause segregation between the sexes. In the human realm, this difference in thermal sensation did not come about so that we could argue with our partners over the heating, but rather the opposite: it is meant to make the couple take distance from each other so that each individual can enjoy some peace and quiet."

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2.00-4.00pm

Monday 6th Dec

Monday 20th Dec

Monday 17th Jan

Website - axminsterandlymecancersupport.co.uk

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Please do let us know if you are hoping to join us at a session above via email/call/text.

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Do I need permission

To start a petition

To change the spelling of "Lim"?

When I went to school

It was always the rule

To use Y not i in Lym,

Surely it's better

To use the right letter

I know it doesn't matter a lot,

Nothing irritates me more when seeing "Lym" written

Is that line with a dot at the top.

Diana Hunt

Nigel Ball has decided to take an extended break from writing for the magazine, so I was delighted to receive this poem from Diana. Many thanks, and we hope you will submit something again soon. Ed

U3A

Friday 10th December at 11am: *Poems and monologues for Christmas*

Paul Evans will present via zoom to Lyme Regis u3a a variety of readings on a Christmas theme and with a humorous twist.

To join via zoom, please see the web site lymeregisu3a.org.

Membership at just £12 pa is terrific value, giving access to monthly talks, countless group activities and regular social events.

AVMC Saturday Football

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Short Mat Bowls

Mondays 6.30pm-9.30pm

Parish Council

2nd Wednesday of each month

7.15pm-9.30pm

Horticultural Society

4th Wednesday of each month

7pm-9pm

Mainly Ballroom

Saturdays 8pm-11pm (check dates)

December 11th

Quakers

Sundays 9.30am – midday

Village hall committee meeting

1st Wednesday of each month

7.30pm onwards

Other bookings for December 2021

Sunday 5th Private hire

12.30pm-4.30pm

Friday 10th Xplosion –

6.15pm-8.15pm

Saturday 11th Uplyme church Xmas Fayre

Saturday 18th Private hire TBC

All events are subject to the ongoing Covid Advise and measures which are current on the date of the event.

Please check on

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Calendar/online calendar times are hire times not event times.

Check with the individual organisations for event times.

Our next meeting – Wednesday 1st Dec

Please come and join us, your support is most welcome.

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Parish News - December 2021

Since our last article in September, the last three months has seen a period of change for the Parish Council.

New Parish Councillors/staff

The Parish Council are now back up to full strength, with the co-option of Claire Wiscombe in September. Cllr. Wiscombe joins Jo Rawlins and Pete Hackett as new incumbents to the Parish Council; they are already making a valued contribution to Council business and we welcome and wish them all the best in their new roles serving the Uplyme Community.

The Parish Council also appointed a new Clerk to the Council, Zishan Adamson-Drage, who joins us from neighbouring Axminster Town Council where she worked as Deputy Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer – she is keen to get involved in Parish business and has received a warm welcome from Councillors and residents alike.

Christmas!

We are excited to announce that we have recently invested in new Christmas lights and decorations for the village. Former councillor and volunteer, Becky Turner, has kindly given her time to organise this and she will lead a group of volunteers, including Councillors, to put the decorations up over the next few weeks. With Christmas on the horizon, residents are already full of festive cheer; with COVID-19 still present in the parish, we respectfully remind you to celebrate responsibly and continue to socialise safely whilst numbers of cases continue to rise. Keep an eye out for the lights switch on details!

Post Office Closure

Residents will now be aware that Uplyme village post office will close on the 14th January 2022, when the present lease ends. The Parish Council consider the post office to be an asset of community value and continue to assess the options available to enable the service to continue. There are many difficult issues to be resolved, not least identifying a secure location from which the business could be run and identifying a qualified person, or somebody willing to undertake the training, in order to run it. The Parish Council will leave no stone unturned in the quest to maintain a post office service in the village; however we are unable to guarantee a successful outcome. We will have more news on this in the following months.

Flooding

During October, like much of the surrounding area, the village suffered damage and disruption due to the flooding on the evening of the 20th. However, this could have been much, much worse without the diligence and dedication of the volunteer flood volunteers and residents who worked to clear the drains, stone traps, cleaned up the mud and debris left on roads and paths and did this in an organised and efficient way in extremely trying circumstances. The village is lucky to have such people and the Council would like to take the opportunity to thank them for their commitment and hard work.

This was a one-off, but generally you can help prevent localised flooding by clearing up hedge clippings and cut vegetation, as the cuttings flow into and block the gullies. Thank you to those who already clear up their cuttings.

Dog Mess

We ask that dog owners pick up after their dogs as unfortunately there appears to be an ever increasing amount of dog mess left on footpaths and grass verges especially on the River Lim Walk. The Parish Council has put up new signage. Please help us keep Uplyme clean and tidy.

Avian Flu

Heart of the South West Trading Standards Service have advised us that as of 5pm on the 3 November 2021 an Avian Influenza Prevention Zone was declared across Great Britain. This means that all bird keepers in Great Britain, whether they have pet birds, commercial flocks or just a few birds in a backyard are required by law to take a range of bio-security precautions. To assist all bird keepers in complying with the new rules, the biosecurity guidance and self-assessment checklists have been updated and all the latest information can be found at www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu#biosecurity.

Planning

The Planning Committee has conducted site visits, considered and made representation to East Devon District Council on a number of planning applications and enforcement actions. The outcomes can be found on our website under the Planning Minutes or via East Devon District Council website under Planning.

Thank you to the Planning Committee for their work and dedication.

Full Council Meeting

Dates of future Full Council meetings which are held at Uplyme Village Hall starting at 7.15pm: Wednesday 8th December 2021, Wednesday 12th January 2022 and Wednesday 9th February 2022. If you have access, please check our website or new Facebook page for other committee meeting dates, agendas and minutes. All residents and press are welcome to attend.

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Chairman: Cllr C James

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Cllrs: P. Hackett, P. Oakley, C. Pratt, N. Pullinger, Ms J. Rawlins, W. Trundley, A. Turner, Mrs C. Wiscombe

Seaton Jurassic on the rocks...

Seaton Jurassic is likely to remain empty until next Summer, with EDDC pledging to work toward some commercial activity on the site during 2022, to contribute to the Seaton tourist economy until a long-term future for the property can be secured.

The council became responsible for the building on 17th September. This brought immediate financial responsibilities including rates and insurance. This financial situation is further complicated by the requirement to follow funding agreements when the centre was built and investment to address design defects which have come to light.

What happened since 2016?...

Seaton Jurassic opened in March 2016, at a capital cost of £4.2mill. Funders included Heritage Lottery Fund, Devon County Council and Coastal Communities fund.

Devon Wildlife Trust secured a 35-year lease in a shared profit arrangement with EDDC. No profit came to the council, with DWT serving notice to terminate the lease effective 17th September 2021.

How popular has Seaton Jurassic been?

Since opening, promising visitor numbers, including the café and Tourist Information Centre, have not been maintained by the operator.

Business Year	Paying Visitors	Total Visitors	Notes
3/2016 – 3/2017	41,000	78,000	13 months
4/2017 – 3/2018	22,000	50,000	
4/2018 – 3/2019	18,500	44,000	
4/2019 – 3/2020	19,000	48,000	
4/2020 – 3/2021	7,000	13,000	COVID Operation
04/2021 – 05/09/21	8,500	18,000	Re-opened 27/05

Building defects?

Significant building defects have been discovered. These need to be rectified before the building can be used further. Subject to timely appointment of appropriate consultants and dependant on works and their approval by council, a recent report to Cabinet envisaged remedial works could start in early 2022 and would take three months.

The future is challenging...

Negotiations with the three principal funders are starting, with the aim of protecting the Council's position against a potential requirement to repay development funding. If not secured, this may expose the council to commercial restrictions on the future potential opportunity for the facility.

Cabinet also recommended, supported by Full Council, that £45,000 be allocated from the 2021/22 revenue budget toward the liabilities of the Council in the current financial year.

The original report to Cabinet envisaged that this would rise to £81,000 in 2022/23, representing the cost of running an empty building. Running costs would be even higher, if the building is used.

Moving forward...

It must be established whether there is a viable future use for the building which would satisfy funders, attract an operator, and justify the expense to rectify the design defect identified in the building.

Options under consideration include.

1. A new operator, still running Seaton Jurassic as an Interpretation Centre focussing on the Jurassic Coast. (the EDDC Countryside Team has set out a vision on how this might be delivered in association with the nearby Seaton Wetlands).
2. A new use as an Interpretation Centre or more general attraction, not focussed on the Jurassic Coast.
3. Marketing the Freehold/Leasehold of the building to the highest bidder, to secure best financial value for the site.

Cabinet has recommended that the possibility of a café type operation trading from the building be explored for 2022 as an interim measure.

A personal view...

As one who devoted an enormous amount of energy working toward getting Seaton Jurassic established, its decay and ultimate demise is a great disappointment. Seaton and our wider area need support for our tourist economy.

I'm pleased that the Seaton Jurassic project has been referred to the Audit and Governance Committee for examination. I support the further inclusion of the project on the workplan for Southwest Audit Partnership (the Council Auditors) for professional attention. In this context, I am particularly concerned by the discovery of underlying design and build defects in such a young building, and how these were not discovered before acceptance of the building?

I would also support a critical analysis of the performance of the operator, Devon Wildlife Trust, to understand key reasons why a proposition attracting 77,000 visitors in its first period of operation was not able to develop that achievement into a successful long term business.

On a happier note...

As both our Ward Member for Trinity and Chair of East Devon District Council, I should like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year in 2022.

Ian

Cllr Ian Thomas

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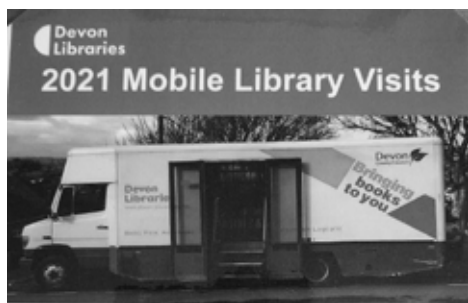
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Why not come along and try your hand and join us for a cuppa. No experience is required and it's an opportunity to make new friends.

Please contact: Pauline McCarter.
Tel No: 01297 442682



UPLYME CHURCH FAYRE

Saturday 11th December

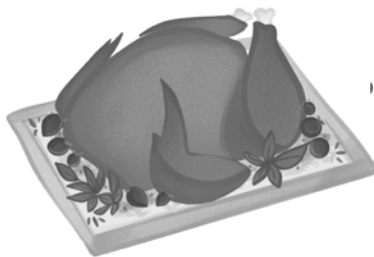
12pm to 2.30pm

in Uplyme Village Hall

'Back at long last our renowned'

"Christmas Lunch in a Bun"

Turkey and all the trimmings



and something for our vegetarian friends too!

STALLS:

Mulled Wine, Tea & Coffee, Cakes, Bottle Tombola,
Crafts, Games, Raffle, Children's Activities
and lots more fun!

Lunch in a bun
served from 12.15pm



Raffle & prizes
drawn at 2.25pm

DO COME & JOIN US

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part of the Axe Valley Mission Community
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Happy Christmas

May the joy of the angels
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ child
be yours this Christmas.

From all at
Uplyme Church

Please see our website:

www.uplymechurch.org.uk



Facebook page:

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Do Join us for our **“CAR PARK NATIVITY”** at the Village Hall car park on **Christmas Eve @ 3pm.**

Come dressed as a Shepherd, Angel or Wise man & take part!

