

# Lydeard St Lawrence & Tolland Village Newsletter

## March 2019

Available via email, or in the Church or from the Village Hall Mondays & Thursdays 10:00 am to 12:45 pm  
**Deadline for items – 25<sup>th</sup> of each month – to Liz ([liz.mcconnell50@gmail.com](mailto:liz.mcconnell50@gmail.com) or 667375)**

Date		Morning	Afternoon / Evening
Fri	1 <sup>st</sup>	The Dance Club Workout LSL Village Hall 9.00 – 10.00 am	
Sat	2 <sup>nd</sup>		
Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup>	LSL Morning Prayer at 11.15am	Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm
Mon	4 <sup>th</sup>	Pilates LSL Village Hall 9.30 am – 10.30 am Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm Beat Surgery, LSL VH, 10.30 to 11.30 am	Parish Council Meeting, LSL Village Hall. 7.30 pm Bell ringing, LSL Church tower, 7.30 - 9.00 pm
Tue	5 <sup>th</sup>	Garden Waste (Green) and Recycling Collection	
Wed	6 <sup>th</sup>		
Thu	7 <sup>th</sup>	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	Table tennis, LSL Village Hall, 8.00 - 10.30 pm
Fri	8 <sup>th</sup>	The Dance Club Workout LSL Village Hall 9.00 – 10.00 am	
Sat	9 <sup>th</sup>		
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup>	CF Holy Communion at 9.30 am	Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm
Mon	11 <sup>th</sup>	Pilates LSL Village Hall 9.30 am – 10.30 am Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	Bell ringing, LSL Church tower, 7.30 - 9.00 pm
Tue	12 <sup>th</sup>	Household Waste (Black) & Recycling Collection	
Wed	13 <sup>th</sup>		
Thu	14 <sup>th</sup>	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	W.I., LSL Village Hall, Meeting Room. 7.30 – 10.00 pm Table tennis, LSL Village Hall, 8.00 - 10.30 pm
Fri	15 <sup>th</sup>	The Dance Club Workout LSL Village Hall 9.00 – 10.00 am	
Sat	16 <sup>th</sup>		
Sun	17 <sup>th</sup>	LSL Holy Communion at 11.15am	Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm
Mon	18 <sup>th</sup>	Pilates LSL Village Hall 9.30 am – 10.30 am Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	Bell ringing, LSL Church tower, 7.30 - 9.00 pm
Tue	19 <sup>th</sup>	Garden Waste (Green) and Recycling Collection Mobile Library - LSL Old Post Office (TA4 3SB) 11.30 – 11.45	
Wed	20 <sup>th</sup>		
Thu	21 <sup>st</sup>	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	Table tennis, LSL Village Hall, 8.00 - 10.30 pm
Fri	22 <sup>nd</sup>	The Dance Club Workout LSL Village Hall 9.00 – 10.00 am	
Sat	23 <sup>rd</sup>	LSL Churchyard Spring Clean 10:00 am	
Sun	24 <sup>th</sup>	CF Morning Prayer at 9.30 am	Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm
Mon	25 <sup>th</sup>	Pilates LSL Village Hall 9.30 am – 10.30 am Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	Bell ringing, LSL Church tower, 7.30 - 9.00 pm
Tue	26 <sup>th</sup>	Household Waste (Black) & Recycling Collection	Over 60s Lunch, LSL Village Hall, 12.30 pm
Wed	27 <sup>th</sup>		
Thu	28 <sup>th</sup>	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	Table tennis, LSL Village Hall, 8.00 - 10.30 pm
Fri	29 <sup>th</sup>	The Dance Club Workout LSL Village Hall 9.00 – 10.00 am	
Sat	30 <sup>th</sup>		Messy Church for Mothering Sunday 2:30
Sun	31 <sup>st</sup>	CF Informal Mothering Sunday Service - 9.30 am LSL Informal Mothering Sunday Service – 11:15	Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm

# **CHURCH REPORTS AND NOTICES**

## **MATTHEW'S FAREWELL**

The churches in the Bishops Lydeard Benefice: Bishops Lydeard, Lydeard St Lawrence, Combe Florey, Cothelstone and West Bagborough raised approximately £1,200 towards a leaving gift for Matthew and Antonia Tregenza. On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February, at a Benefice Eucharist in St Mary's at which we said Farewell, they were presented with a cheque, a framed picture and a basket of flowers. After the service, those present enjoyed a shared lunch, at which there was so much food that it was more like a banquet!

## **BUSINESS AS USUAL**

The service schedule will not change across the Benefice churches during the time of Vacancy – which is what the time is called while we await a new Rector. A service rota has been put together to cover the whole of 2019, right up to the last Sunday in the year, and retired clergy will cover those services where Maureen is not able to be. As Maureen is a House for Duty Priest, which means that she is provided with Lydeard St Lawrence Rectory to live in in return for her ministry, she is only expected to offer her ministry on Sundays plus two week days. However, during the Vacancy she will revert to arranging the two week-days as four half-days in order to spread her availability across as much of the week as possible. Please note that Maureen's day off is a Thursday.

For any information about services, Baptisms (Christenings), Weddings or Funerals – Maureen is the person to contact. A message can always be left on her answerphone, or an email sent. She will get back to you as soon as possible. In the event of her not being around, then the Churchwardens are the people to contact – Pat Coles, or David Young.

## **RECTOR RECRUITMENT PROCESS**

The process of finding a replacement for Matthew is a lengthy one. First of all, the Archdeacon will meet with the Churchwardens of each of the five parishes in the Benefice. Then each parish church will need to put together a parish profile, which will be sent out with application forms in due course. An advertisement will be placed in Church Times – perhaps after Easter - after which, if there are any applicants, they will be invited to attend an interview process which will take place over two days later in the Spring. If an applicant is interested in accepting the post of Rector, they may need to give three months' notice wherever they are at present, which could bring us very close to Christmas and it may be unlikely that anyone will wish to move at that particular time of year. It may be that we will not have a Rector until early in 2020.

## **MESSY CHURCH FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

We will be holding a messy church in the village hall on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 2:30 pm for Mothering Sunday. We shall be making posies and cards, and various other activities. If you would like to join in, please let Maureen know so that we have an idea of numbers for materials and refreshments. This has been a hugely successful event in the past, let's make it even more popular this year.

## **LYDEARD ST LAWRENCE CHURCH SPRING CLEAN**

On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, the church and churchyard will be having their usual Spring Clean Up, starting at 10:00 am. There will be the usual scrummy refreshments available at lunch time. Please do join us, and bring as many tools and cleaning materials as you can. Like the Lent Lunches - it's a great way to catch up with people, meet new people, eat together and have some fun!

## **CHURCH FETE**

This year's church fete will be on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August.

## LENT LUNCHESES

The ever-popular Lent Lunches are taking place again this year. As before all the lunches are held in the St Mary's Church Centre in Bishops Lydeard and each church will host one of the lunches in aid of their particular charity.

The lunches run from 12 noon to 1:30 pm. Do go along and support these lunches, they are good fun and exceedingly social affairs.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March Hosted by Lydeard St Lawrence in aid of Shelter Box.  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March Hosted by West Bagborough.  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March Hosted by Bishops Lydeard.  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April Hosted by Cothelstone.  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April Hosted by Combe Florey in aid of the Children's Hospice South West.

## ABSEILING

Only **9** slots remain. If you want to take part, please get in touch with Maureen as soon as possible. And see the article further down the newsletter for more information.

## THE CHURCH COCKEREL

By popular demand, it has been decided that the Church Cockerel will be reinstated in his rightful place at the top of the tower. The PCC are currently seeking advice from the insurers and architects as to how best to replace him at a reasonable cost but fear not, he will be back.

## VILLAGE REPORTS AND NOTICES

### **The West Country Fabrics and Textiles Weekend**

Saturday and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019

10 am to 3 pm

Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall,  
near Taunton. TA4 3SE

A grand rummage with Antique and Vintage textiles and fabrics including dress fabrics, florals, linens, French toile, upholstery fabrics, haberdashery, trimmings, scrap-bags and buttons, together with a collection of Vintage costume including 1930s and Wartime dresses.

Free admission and ample parking.  
Sorry, no dogs are allowed in the hall.

Further details on [The Washerwoman](#) or email [jltg40@aol.com](mailto:jltg40@aol.com)

# LYDEARD ST. LAWRENCE HORTICULTURAL SHOW



**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

The list of Horticultural Show Classes  
for 2019 are available [here](#)

## **CRICKET REPORT**

Thoughts start to turn to warmer days and cricket when the weather is perking up like it has for the last two weeks.

The Cricket club is busy preparing for the new season. There is a ground force day on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 10am at the club to catch up on the spring jobs such as strimming and redecoration of the clubhouse and all are welcome to come and assist.

Net practices have been scheduled in at Taunton School on the following dates

9<sup>th</sup> April 7.30 - 8.30pm

16<sup>th</sup> April 8.30 – 9.30pm

23<sup>rd</sup> April 7.30 - 8.30pm

Looking forward to seeing as many as possible to limber up those stiff joints.

Phil Greenway, Chairman

## **CRICKET CLUB OPEN MEETING**

The cricket club is hoping to hold an open meeting for the whole village, hopefully in the village hall on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at p.m. to discuss the setting up of a new social club at the cricket club. Everyone in the village is welcome to attend. The informal get together is intended to gather village views on the setting up a club to run the pavilion and make it available to all the village for a variety of uses and social gatherings. Watch this space.

# EXCITING OPPORTUNITY

## Church Abseiling Day Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019

As part of our ongoing fundraising efforts for the church of St Lawrence, we will be holding an abseiling event. Guided by an experienced team of commercially-insured abseilers this is a chance for anyone to try abseiling down the church's 75 foot high tower. Regardless of previous experience, everyone is welcome to come and give it a try.

The day will run from 9-5. Participants will be scheduled into a fifteen-minute timeslot on the day and will be provided with all necessary safety equipment. There will be toilet facilities and refreshments available. We are hoping to have stalls offering fresh produce, plants, cakes, etc.

### Taking Part

We only have **9** of our 30 abseiling descent slots still available so if you want to take part, please get in touch now. The event is open to anyone over 13 and there is no upper age limit. Previous events have seen an 89-year-old take part, can we top that?

Those wishing to take part **MUST** register their intention with Revd. Maureen, who will then provide you with a sponsorship form. Maureen can be contacted by phone, 01984 667472, on Facebook, by email, [reverendmaureenyoung@gmail.com](mailto:reverendmaureenyoung@gmail.com), at the Rectory or on the village Web site. Once you have registered, if you wish to set up an online sponsorship page you could do so through sites such as [My Donate](#) or [Just Giving](#).

The suggested minimum amount of sponsorship each abseiler should raise is £30, but sponsorship above this amount would be gratefully received. Perhaps you could get people to sponsor you per foot for the 75 foot trip down the tower. If the thought of descending from a tower fills you with dread, then you can still join in the fundraising effort by being sponsored **NOT** to take part in the event. If you are a taxpayer, Gift Aiding your sponsorship increases the amount of money raised.

Our fundraising efforts are geared towards reordering the church of St Lawrence to make it more user-friendly and accessible to everyone within the community. With the funds from events like this, we can apply for matching funding to help realise the church's plans. Your sponsorship will go a long way towards helping us develop the church and increase its use for the wider community.

We are already looking forward to 18th May being a fun day for everyone, participants and spectators alike. See you there, and for those abseiling, remember to take in the view and don't look down!



# News from your Village Agent



## **This month sees a focus on finances.**

We are all aware that there is an increasing strain on our finances both individually and for the county and country as a whole. Universal Credit has again been in the media recently. Martin Lewis Money saving Expert.com Jan 2019 discusses how universal credit causes debt through changing payments from advance to arrears forcing people to find a month's rent and childcare ahead, reduced payments for disabled people and a 6 week wait before your first payment. In Somerset, the Trussell Trust's food bank gave 658,048 people emergency supplies between April and September 2018, a 13% increase on 2017. (TrussellTrust.org). All this alongside the continued cuts to central government and Somerset County Council services leads more people into reduced circumstances.

If you are struggling with finances, it is important to seek help and not try to ignore it. Advise your utilities and rent providers to let them know your circumstances and to find out if they can support you with this. It is vital that rent and council tax are paid but repayment plans for other debts may be available. Do look at web information such as Money advice service [www.moneyadvice.org.uk](http://www.moneyadvice.org.uk) and Martin Lewis Money Saving Expert [www.moneysavingexpert.com](http://www.moneysavingexpert.com) for ways to trim your budget with savvy buys and money saving schemes. Also take a look at a benefits calculator such as [www.turn2us.org.uk](http://www.turn2us.org.uk) to see if you are eligible for more financial support. The [Citizen's advice](http://www.citizenadvice.org.uk) also hold drop in's and are able to support with benefit claims and debt advice. They are able to give food bank vouchers. There are many drop in centres across Somerset. There are also some special tailored courses for those struggling with finances due to mental health conditions.

Check what discounts are available to you if you are on benefits such as the warmer homes discount on electricity and gas bills, BT basic and reduced water bills. You may still be able to save money on bills such as car and home insurance and utilities or by changing from an expensive TV and broadband package to free view and finding alternative exercise plans such as a jogging group or local facilities over a gym membership. Remember to check your contract in-case there are exit fees.

If you have debt problems, do talk to [Christian's Against Poverty](http://www.christiansagainstpoverty.org.uk) who have coverage over lots of Somerset. They will support you in finding a repayment solution. [03003280006](tel:03003280006)

Cheap and safe loans are available through credit unions [www.findyourcreditunion.co.uk](http://www.findyourcreditunion.co.uk) . There are several across Somerset.

If you need support in regaining skills to get back into work, do ask us about the [Positive People Program](http://www.positivepeople.org.uk) where you will work alongside a navigator who will help you overcome obstacles to finding work.

Visit one of our Talking Cafés where one of our agents will be available to direct you to support suitable for your circumstances. Come along on Monday mornings from 10am in St Mary Magdalene Church in Taunton, Tuesday from 10 at Williton Pavillion in Williton or Wednesday from 10.30 at the Silver Street centre in Wiveliscombe. Remember it is always better to talk and get ideas and support from others, rather than keeping it to yourself.



**Surviving Winter** grants are available for older people living in Somerset, who are unable to adequately heat their homes. If you are struggling to afford to heat your home this winter contact your Village Agent for more information.

**07746340546**

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As your local Village Agent, I am here to help bridge the gap between isolated, excluded, vulnerable and lonely individuals and statutory and/or voluntary organisations which offer specific solutions to identified needs. We can offer advice and support to find local groups and activities available in your community. Please visit [www.somersetccc.org.uk](http://www.somersetccc.org.uk) and [www.somersetcarers.org](http://www.somersetcarers.org) or call me to find out who can advise you.

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<b>Lydeard St Lawrence Primary School</b>	<a href="http://www.lydeardstlawrenceprimary.co.uk">www.lydeardstlawrenceprimary.co.uk</a>
<b>LSL Village Web Page</b>	<a href="http://www.lydeard-st-l.co.uk">www.lydeard-st-l.co.uk</a>
<b>Benefice Churches</b>	<a href="http://www.bishopslydeardbenefice.org">www.bishopslydeardbenefice.org</a>

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