

BENEFICE OF ASHWATER BULLETIN

ASHWATER * BEAWORTHY * CLAWTON * HALWILL * TETCOTT

Dear Friends,

May 2015

'Spring has sprung and the grass is ris.' It was late coming, but well worth the wait, and what a blossoming of flowers and trees to renew and revive the spirits. This Easter season is all about all things being made new, a time to begin again and put the history of winter away. As a practising Christian, it is vital, as the Collect for the second Sunday of Easter states: "grant us to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you." Holding on to hurts and failure is like picking the scab of an open wound, it will not heal. Giving the injury, the damage and the feeling of injustice to God is a first step to recovery and renewal for he promises transformation for each one of us who believe in the name of Jesus. I know his promises hold true.

Now for more 'good news' ! We have a Youth Chaplain to begin work in Holsworthy Community College in September. Mr. Jonathan Schnarr is at present a trainee Christian Youth worker in Okehampton College. Jonathon has agreed to start off this important work at the Holsworthy College, we hope will be for two years, with the blessing of the Head, Mr. D. Fitzsimmons. Now the work begins to fund (continued on page 2)

Thinking about getting Married??

Make your day very special at your Parish Church

We will offer a very warm welcome to yourselves and the family.

*We will help you plan, prepare & offer advice for the ceremony,
music, bells and flowers for your Wedding Day.*

We are there for you in the months and years ahead after the 'Big Day.'

It may not cost as much as you think.

*Getting married in Church is a very special experience
you will remember forever.*

We have a beautiful heritage Church. Be a part of it!

Jonathan's work, this project is across all the denominations and the wider community. If you feel you or your business would like to contribute/sponsor this amazing work amongst our young people I would be delighted to hear from you. Work to bring a new moral code and to signpost teenagers to the Christian life, so we may have a healthy Christian community in the future.

Yet more good news! Tetcott Church has secured funding for the re-roofing of the Church Tower and the re-pointing of the upper string of the tower. This is just one of the building projects on hand in the Benefice at the moment. The Ashwater Restoration Group are busy working hard to get the 'second-round' application into the Heritage Lottery Fund and raising monies towards our part in that bid. (Thank you all who contributed to the Musical Feast, £800 was raised). Halwill Church is at present putting in a first round bid to HLF for the tower which has severe cracks in it, the Norman tower is the oldest part of the building and we also need to re-floor the vestry which is un-useable at present. Beaworthy Church also has roof problems and will be re-applying for funds in September. Clawton Church is hoping to install a new heating system for next winter. So you see that we really need all our communities to rally round. If you believe that our historic church buildings are worthy, which I do believe they are, for they stand as a witness to God, his love for humanity over many generations in the past and for the future generations to come. It is up to this generation to see that the Churches serve the communities and are cared for properly, they belong to all of the community. This will mean that there will be some modernisation of the facilities will be necessary inside the buildings. If you want to contribute or have a say in these beautiful and historic stories of our villages, again, do get in touch with me.

Show time is back in the calendar. I shall be at the Devon County Show on the Churches Together stand - look out for the big cross - from the evening of 20th May (the Pre-Show Service is at 7.00pm) to Saturday morning the 23rd May. All are welcome for a cup of refreshment and a sit down. I look forward to seeing friends from around our beautiful county there.

Blessings,

Jane

I want to say THANK YOU to everyone who supports the Christian faith in our parishes and beyond. For those who go the extra mile to give, work, move tables and chairs, make coffee, cakes, ring bells, do flowers, fetch and carry people and things, organise events and publicise them, play music and communicate the love for others in whatever you do. Jane

SERVICES

1st Sunday 5th of Easter 3rd May

Ashwater 9-30am Morning Worship

Beaworthy 6-30pm Evensong BCP

Clawton 10-30am Holy Communion

Halwill 11am Morning Worship

Tetcott 5-30pm Tea and worship

2nd Sunday 6th of Easter 10th May

11am Rogation service at Uphill Farm, Ashwater

Followed by a Bring & Share Lunch. Everyone is welcome!

Ascension Day Thursday 14th May

Ashwater 10am Holy Communion

3rd Sunday 7th of Easter 17th May

Ashwater 9-30am said Holy Communion

Beaworthy 6-30pm Holy Communion

Clawton 10-30am Holy Communion

Halwill 11am Morning Worship

4th Sunday **Pentecost** 24th May

Ashwater 9-30am Holy Communion

Beaworth 11am Morning Worship

Clawton 10-30am Let's Get Together

Halwill 11am Holy Communion

5th Sunday Trinity Sunday 31st May

Benefice Service at Tetcott Church

5-30pm Tea and worship

A Prayer for our Parishes

Disturb us Lord, when we are too well

pleased with ourselves,

When our dreams have come true because

we have dreamed too little,

When we arrive safely because we have sailed

too close to the shore.

Disturb us Lord, when with the abundance

of things we possess,

We have lost our thirst for the waters of life;

Having fallen in love with life, we have

ceased to dream of eternity,

And in our efforts to build a new earth,

We have allowed our vision of the new

Heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord to dare more boldly ,

To venture on wider seas, where storms will

show your mastery;

Where losing sight of land, we shall find

the stars.

We ask you to push back the horizons of

our hopes,

And to push us in the future in strength,

courage, hope, and love.

This we ask in the name of our Captain, who

is Jesus Christ.

Amen.

From the Anglican Digest

The St. Peter's Christmas Draw winners were:

no. 36 John Lucas; no.79 Lynne Vallance; no. 34 Rodney Brock; no. 65 Trevor Moon.

March winners: no. 65 Trevor Moon, no. 34 Rodney Brock, no.64 John & Jan Wright. Congratulations!



Some of the Ashwater Tower Restoration Group and your Rector are walking/running the Ruby Run on June the 14th From Hatherleigh to Holsworthy, please sponsor them, sponsor sheets are in Ashwater Church and the Community Shop

Ruby Run



BOOK SALE

There will be a **BOOK SALE**
in Ashwater Church
On Saturday 16 May
From 10.00am to 3.00 pm

BOOKS
PRINTS
CDs and VINYLs

Refreshments Available

**All proceeds to the the Grace Orphan Home
Bhongir, INDIA**

(Run by the church's friend, Rev. John Prasad)

**Gifts of books warmly welcomed. Please leave
in church, or at Yeo Farm (Trevor's house)**

**For details contact Trevor May (211523) or
Jacquie Galton (254656)**