

Last month I started the forward by thanking Fr. David Savoury for leading our Lent day of recollection. This month I confirm the announcement made in Minehead, Dulverton and Taunton over the weekend of 23/24 April, that Fr. David Savoury will be moving to Minehead in the Autumn (September) to take over as parish priest for the West Somerset Catholic Parishes of Dulverton and Minehead. I am, with the agreement of Bishop Declan retiring as parish priest (and Dean) and going to live in my flat in Bristol. Please note that I shall not cease to be a priest or to exercise my ministerial priestly functions, what I will give up is parish paper work and meetings and some of the endless travel. I shall, please God, be available to my brother priests to provide supply cover when they are on holiday etc.

So, I am now immersed in the process of a major move, the last one was in 1996 when I moved to my flat in Clifton after selling my house in Horfield. Since then I have moved to and from Rome for my four years at the Beda and then to Wincanton, Taunton and Minehead for my parish appointments. I arrived in the parish of Minehead on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2006 and have been here now for 16 years. In that time, we gather an awful lot of things around us. So, I have started the process of clearing. We have a book sale on 7 May in the hall so I suspect a few 'who done its' will end up looking for new readers.

Anyway, please keep Fr David and I in your prayers. The only way we survive is because of your prayers and we are both going to need them in the coming months. I am going to invite Fr. David to write something about himself by way of introduction in the July issue of the magazine. Another thank you to everybody who contributed to the preparation of both churches for the Easter services, the choir, cleaners and polishers, the altar servers and Deacon Vincent. As we return to being ordinary again, it was wonderful to see all contributing to our celebrations. Thank you again.

In the coming issues we are going to hear more about the synod, the

*(continued overleaf)*

various special collections coming up this year and something about modern slavery.

May is Mary's month and an opportunity to say and use the rosary in our pursuit of peace and the other needs of our communities.

God Bless you all.

Michael J Thomas (Parish Priest)

Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist

PARISH BOOK SALE WITH BRIC A BRAC  
ON SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY AT 10AM  
IN THE SACRED HEART PARISH HALL.



## CAFOD UPDATE

The Ukraine crisis is still occupying our thoughts on a daily basis and CAFOD is playing its part in relief programmes.

One of the strongest messages of the

Resurrection is that of hope. At a time when it is easy to feel despair, we can be encouraged by all the acts of kindness around the world towards the people of Ukraine, and the work of CAFOD, via our Caritas partners, is made possible by your generous donations - a truly heartfelt 'THANK YOU'. Recent events in Ukraine have reminded us of how much we need to love and support our brothers and sisters.

### **Understanding the needs of the people**

The local experts we work with understand people's specific needs: from

water and food; to shelter and clothing; to medicine and psychological support. No one is the same; no crisis is the same.

### **Providing food**

Father Vyacheslav Grynevych, Director of Caritas-Spes in Ukraine, and his team are helping to ensure people who are preparing to leave Ukraine have something to eat.

### **Providing shelter**

Caritas Moldova has set up refugee centres, where staff and volunteers are providing shelter, food and medical support to those fleeing across the border. Nearly 90% of refugees that have crossed into Moldova are women and children.

### **Providing therapy**

Maria is a social worker from Caritas Boryslav in Ukraine. She has been helping children to come to terms with what has happened to them through therapy.

“At Caritas Boryslav we try to play with them, paint together, just create a safe space and make contact,” Maria says. “Many children start painting with black paint - really scary things. But then they start to add other colours.”

### **Providing hope**

Caritas Poland has set up tents near the Ukraine border, which serve as a meeting point and a place to contact relatives and friends. Refugees receive a warm meal here. A warm meal, after days on the run, often helps people to regain some hope. This is why Caritas Poland staff have called the tents, ‘tents of hope’.

### **Global repercussions of the invasion of Ukraine**

The conflict risks having a ripple effect around the world, particularly on wheat and grain supply, which is especially troubling in countries already struggling with hunger and at risk of famine. Our partners are already working with communities to stave off the worst effects of this. Your Lent gifts and support for Walk Against Hunger will make sure vulnerable

families in many countries know where their next meal is coming from and it will help them flourish in the long term.

At this time of conflict in Ukraine, we pray that we will act with compassion and be a sign of Christ's love for all those who are suffering.

Many thanks for all your support.

Nora Maw

*Peace is not the absence of trouble,  
but the presence of Christ.*

[Thanks to Jean Gibson for sending this thought in for the magazine.]

## The Sparrows Project – Restore Hope West Somerset

I am writing as the coordinator of Sparrows which is a small organisation running under the auspices of the charity Restore Hope West Somerset whose aims are to combat the fact of Modern Day Slavery in this area both by raising awareness of its existence and providing support for those who have been freed from trafficking.

I think we all agree that we live in a beautiful part of the country but I want to discuss an evil which is hidden in plain sight in the countryside and towns of this area - and that evil is slavery. The very beauty of the area may have blinded us to the fact but the sad truth today is that 200 years after it was abolished, slavery is alive and well in this country, this county and this area, and the challenge we have is firstly to recognise this and then decide on our response. It may be helpful if I set out some terms and detail the extent of the problem.

Modern slavery is a term that includes any form of human trafficking, slavery, servitude or forced labour, as set out in the Modern Slavery Act 2015. Potential victims of modern slavery in the UK that come to the attention of what are known as First Responder Organisations may be referred to the National Referral Mechanism (NRM). Trafficking involves the recruitment, harbouring or transporting of people into a situation of exploitation through the use of violence, deception or coercion and forced to work against their will in such slavery. People can be enslaved for many different forms of forced exploitation such as prostitution, labour including agricultural, labour, begging, criminality, marriage, domestic servitude and organ removal.

The NRM provides support for those who are assessed as being potential survivors released from slavery and they may be supported for up to 45 days - a period that can be extended. The individuals so referred come from many nationalities but the United Kingdom tops the league.

This is all very dry but the reality is that slavery affects real people in real time. Looking at national figures for the year ending 2020, 4922 children were referred into the NRM as victims of slavery. On a local basis youth workers at Minehead Eye have been supporting children drawn into county lines drug dealing. It is a sad fact that despite the many referrals, this very probably represents only a small minority of children in such situations. However uncomfortable the thought may be, statistically it is possible that such a figure may, or may in the future include friends of your children or grandchildren or indeed those children or grandchildren themselves.

On a county wide basis in the year to March 2020, 62 women in the Somerset area (excluding Bristol) applied to go into the NRM. Those working in supporting charities believe that 90% of women who are released from slavery do not go into the NRM and may well have slipped through the safety net so the number of those involved is potential huge. Since the start of the Hinkley development both the county safety officer and the police report that there has been a concerning and inevitable growth in the level of prostitution in the area both on the street and in brothels including pop up brothels particularly short term holiday rentals

ideal for this purpose.

I am sure that many will have noticed the recent statement from the Secretary of State for Health that the NHS will seek to ensure that it no longer purchases items that are likely to be the product of slave labour – a statement that raises the question why corrective action was not taken earlier, but reflects the widespread incidence of slavery in supply chains.

Likewise In the hymn “Restore oh Lord” one of the lines is “evil crouches here”. That is no more than the truth and the question for us as Christians and as a society is why should we confront that evil and secondly how do we do so.

As to the why, as Christians the bible is full of commands to free the oppressed e.g. Isaiah 58 6-10,

6. “Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:  
to loose the chains of injustice  
and untie the cords of the yoke,  
to set the oppressed free  
and break every yoke?
7. Is it not to share your food with the hungry  
and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—  
when you see the naked, to clothe them,  
and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?
8. Then your light will break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing will quickly appear;  
then your righteousness [a] will go before you,  
and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard.

How do we engage? Well leaving aside the issue of our direct involvement with long term support clearly we all pray, we speak out against it and we seek to inform our own knowledge and inform others of the situation recognizing signs such as individuals

- showing signs of physical or psychological abuse and untreated injuries
- appearing malnourished or unkempt or withdrawn and neglected
- wearing the same clothes every day
- working with no safety equipment even if their work requires it

- young girls accompanied by an older man to a pharmacy seeking “morning after” contraception
- living in dirty, cramped or overcrowded accommodation
- living and working at the same address
- appearing unfamiliar with their neighbourhood or where they work
- rarely allowed to travel on their own
- collected and dropped off on a regular basis early in the morning or late at night often in a crowded minibus with other workers
- have no control of their identification document such as their passport
- reluctant to seek help and avoid eye contact
- appear frightened or hesitant to talk to strangers
- fearing the police and don’t know who to trust or where to get help
- afraid of deportation and of the risk of violence to themselves or their family

Clearly not all individuals will show these indicators, but if you do notice such signs then please phone either Crime Stoppers or 101 – calls which can be made anonymously.

If you would like to discuss these issues further or if you feel called to become involved in this ministry please contact [john.dickinson@outlook.com](mailto:john.dickinson@outlook.com) or ring 07964697772.

Finally some years ago one of the television channels showed a semi documentary based on true events about a young Romanian woman snatched off the streets in the United Kingdom. One of the most awful lines she spoke was to describe the total fear and absolute loneliness she felt when she realised in her own words that “nobody was coming for me”. Jesus certainly was and surely we should join Christ and be there for her and the many others.

**100+ Club April 2022 Winners:**

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Prizes , Erl Plomgren;  
3<sup>rd</sup> prize Ann Knott

## **West Somerset Food Cupboard April 2022**

Dear friends and supporters of the West Somerset Food Cupboard  
This month we have lots of 'thank you' messages to bring and some good news to share!

Food donations have continued to pour in, along with helpful funds too; we don't always know who all our donors are, so we hope you are reading this and will accept this as our grateful thanks. Your generosity makes a real difference in the hardest of times.

Our volunteer team has continued to grow. Nine members of the team recently successfully passed their Level 2 Food Safety and Hygiene course and completed Allergens training. As we continue to work with the Charity Commission on the establishment of a new charity, we've been very happy to welcome even more volunteers to future trustee roles. We are grateful to them all for the experience, time and energy that they are generously sharing with us.

And to all the collection point hosts (shops, churches, community venues), thank you for enabling people to give and in many cases for delivering the donations to us in Alcombe. That is a great help.

Another thank you must go to the 1st Minehead Girl's Brigade who have been collecting food for us. They have been learning about 'generosity' for their badges and wanted to find out more about how the generosity of local people helps those in need in the community. We had a lovely evening together, with the girls sharing great ideas about how to be generous and packing a food box ready for delivery.

**ANY NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS ARE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.**

We are delighted to tell you that plans for the Local Pantry are progressing well and we have just received notification of funds

being awarded, so we can now progress this project. We look forward to sharing the details with you in next month's newsletter.

90 food parcels have been distributed during March, some for large households and some for individuals, many of whom have no cooking facilities. It won't be any surprise to know that household and individual budgets are under great strain at the moment. A single parent in receipt of a food box this week told us that he wanted to say thank you to each donor for each item in his box as it meant so much to know that people cared enough to help his family through a difficult time without even knowing them.

If you want to find out more about giving or getting help, or are interested in the Minehead Area Food Resilience Forum, please get in touch.

Happy Easter

From Ali and the Food Cupboard team

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**May 2022 items most needed for the Food Cupboard please:**

- **UHT milk (1pt and 2pt)**
- **Tinned custard or rice pudding**
- **Granulated sugar**

**Tinned ham**

**MORE THOUGHTS FROM MY DESK ON NORTH HILL MINEHEAD**

It is April and Spring is here so they tell me, but the easterly wind makes me doubt it. The ground is yellow with primroses and daffodils, what a show this year. A few butterflies make a tentative foray, red

admirals, peacocks and tortoiseshells that have just woken up from their winter shelters and few others holly blues for one. Life is coming back to a sleeping moor, just waiting for some warm weather to waken it up. When you read this, cuckoo will be here looking for pipit nests to lay their eggs and deceive their hosts. But of other things.

As I look down at the sweep of the beach in front of Butlins I think of this as the sea of Galilee where those famous fishermen plied their trade. The beach would be solid with people. Crowds of many thousands had come to hear Jesus speak, teaching the word of God in parables and curing many that had faith, Not for an hour or two, but days. He then felt sorry for them, for they were fainting from hunger. We hear how he fed them all with just few fishes and few loaves and there were baskets of leftovers. No one ever mentions what is also a miracle. He spoke to them and they all heard his words. Think of the noise of the thousands of men, the women and children the cacophony and they still heard his words. No microphones in those days. It really is quite remarkable. Yes another miracle. The question is : Would we have listened and believed in the words we heard or just shrugged it off as some crazy man, even if he had found food for us. A carpenter's son, so they say, what does he know. Again I come back to belief. Believe what He is saying. This was only the beginning, there were other stories that came about that Man, who befriended fishermen, sinners, Samaritans and tax collectors. He must be somebody who is not just a carpenter's son. For three years He went teaching and proclaiming the word of the Lord. Until the days that we just have all been witnessing in the Eastertide, Good Friday, Saturday and Easter Sunday, when He rose. Quite a lot to take in and believe.

Michael Hankin.

## NOTES FROM THE CHOIR LOFT

Now that activities are returning to 'normal' the choir will meet in the back room at 5pm on Tuesday, on the dates below. It has been a scramble to learn the psalm fifteen minutes before Sunday Mass but they have coped extremely well.

I have noted in the Parish Magazine for April a suggestion to include modern music. I would like to point out that over the last two months we have sung hymns by the following composers. Michael Brierly, Martin Nystrom, Estelle White, Bernadette Farrell, Walter Greatorex, Christopher Tambling, Christopher Walker, Ernest Sands, Anthony Milner, David Evans.

This has been almost one modern hymn each Sunday. Sung Mass for the next three months will be Mass of the Sacred Heart, composed and arranged by Anthony Menezes for the Year of Mercy (2015)

I would be delighted to receive suggestions for hymns to be included in the period July/ August. Please submit by June 19<sup>th</sup> to be included in the forthcoming selection.

<p>Dates for Choir Practice at 5pm in the practice room. May 3<sup>rd</sup> for Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> June 7<sup>th</sup> for Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup> July 5<sup>th</sup> for Sunday July 10<sup>th</sup></p>
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There will be no practice in August, reconvene September 6<sup>th</sup>  
The choir would be delighted for any member of the parish to join them. We have had two new people but would like more.

Ann Hankin.

**West Somerset Pets:****Letter from Brie**

Greetings, Ginger and Evie, and Everyone,

Small world, Evie, twenty years' ago my human used to live down the road from your church in Highgate. She walked past it regularly on the way to Waterlow Park with her first dog, Otto. He was as touchy-feely with other fidos as his name suggests and so it was mostly solitary strolls and early starts. I've been a bit on edge, myself. My human joined Minehead Street Choir a few months ago, (why couldn't she have chosen a mime troupe?) Mack the Knife week was total torture for both me and her vocal chords if I'm any judge! Covid has brought the classes to a temporary halt and I was just starting to relax again and reclaim the sofa when she discovers 'Anyone Can Sing' on the Sky Arts channel! Her belting out the operatic vocal exercise, '*I am on top of the world*' is my cue to bolt to the bottom of the garden. Do your humans think they can carry a tune, Ginger and Evie? Does it never occur to them how superior and sensitive our hearing is?

I do have some good news to share. I've extended my four legged friendship circle. Gary is another Wire Haired Fox Terrier and an out of townner, and Patch is a Terrier X and a local lad. I think I mentioned in my previous Briemail, that I have a son, Freddy. He lives in London and is on Instagram. I haven't seen him in years, obviously, but by complete chance my favourite human friend met him in the metropolis last summer. She sent me a nice photograph, and I now follow him online. He's obviously inherited my canine charisma, but I like to think that I'm better looking. I do have family in Minehead, my nephew, Percy. He's always getting into scrapes. His latest escapade involved running off on the beach and making a beeline for a bun belonging to a bemused picnicker. Turns out it contained currants so he had to have emergency tummy treatment at the vet's. I'll spare you the gory details, Ginge. Have I mentioned that I'm also the brains of the family?!

I'm brave too. When we travel on the open top bus to Lynmouth I rest my

chin on the guard rail on the top deck. On the Cliff Railway I get an adrenalin rush standing on the viewing platform rather than sitting inside the carriage. However, it's Lynton's dog treats emporium that really gets me in a frenzy of excitement. My human always stocks up on gourmet goodies (currant free of course) and I tuck in on the return trip. It's not pedigree Fox Terrier etiquette to eat on public transport so let's keep this confession between ourselves, eh? Like you, I have an image to maintain. CATch up soon.

Love Brie x



## Letter from Evie

Dear Everyone,

Thank you for all my fan mail. My Carer is concerned that I will get a big head but as I've always been special I don't think it will. London was interesting and I was taken to many places including Portobello Road antiques street market but I resisted temptation and kept my credit card in the pocket of my coat. My Carer and her daughter took me. Into a busy pub where the Staff encouraged me to sit on a bar stool and rest my chin on the Bar where I could watch what was going on and wallow in more attention. I was offered a drink and a doggie treat but as I'm a VIP I refused. They meant well. We eventually went home in a taxi because my Carer was tired. She is very very old and I am only five.

We also go to a Coffee Shop after Mass on Sundays at St Joseph's in Highgate with other very nice Parishioners. I am seated on a comfortable arm chair and join in the conversation. Next to the Church there is a very nice Park and from there I can see a remarkable view of the London skyline. There are usually a lot of dogs there running around together, but I walk by with my nose in the air, dressed to kill and ignore them because sometimes they are muddy and I've had my hair washed in Pantene or Head and Shoulders so don't want to spoil my coiffure.

It takes four hours for us to drive back to Dunster. We have a comfort

break near Stonehenge before continuing our journey. I sleep all the way but somehow know when we approach the High Street. I get very excited, stand up and rest my manicured paws on a high spot so that I can wave at locals who wave back at me. I'm happy to return to my medieval village, and then each Sunday I attend Mass at the Sacred Heart Minehead where I am welcomed back with loving attention. I am a very lucky little person.

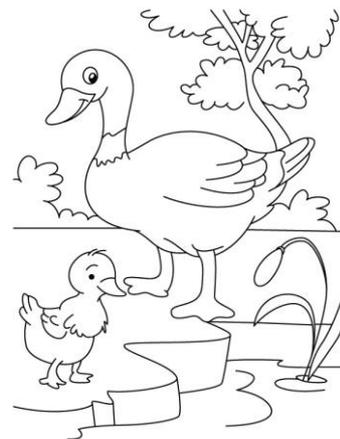
Evie

## HUGE SUPPORT FOR DULVERTON'S DOHLYAD DUCKS FOR UKRAINE

Shuna Bland, a trustee of the Town Hall's charity, summoned the help of 20 volunteers to knit a new version of the famous knitted Dulverton Duck, named Dohlyad Duck, Dulverton Duck's cousin from Ukraine.

Dohlyad means care in Ukrainian and the plan was to knit lots of them, add a chocolate egg and sell as a fund raiser for the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) Ukrainian Humanitarian Appeal in the Thrift Shop in the lead up to Easter. The new duck was knitted in blue and yellow, the symbol of the country.

The knitters produced over 400 duck egg cosies in just five weeks and the total raised was an amazing £1,311. 50p. Following an item featured on BBC Spotlight two weeks ago, volunteers running the shop found a queue of people the next morning wanting to buy the ducks. 'We even had an order for 20 to be sent to Plymouth,' said Shuna. 'It is a cause that has touched everyone's hearts. The knitters and the volunteers have all been fantastic'.



## *A Better Way of Living*

*I wish, hope and pray for peace on earth.  
Whether this is possible I don't know;  
But if this is achievable then the world  
Would be a better place;  
I trust in God and maybe he will intervene  
Making life across the globe acceptable;  
At the moment it is clearly not.*

*Michael Solitarius*

## *Easter*

*The daffodils are at their best  
Beautiful yellow they display;  
This is the time to remember Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection,  
Only then do we feel blessed;  
His birth now long gone is behind us,  
May we remain devout and continue life  
Remembering all before and after.  
May the daffodils live on as may we.*

*Michael Solitarius*



## ST STANISLAUS & SACRED HEART PARISHES



**Please remember the following in your prayers, they are the sick and housebound of the two parishes and those we are asked to pray for:**

*Roisin Lee, Susan Gray, Simon, Sue Young, Maggie Smith, Theresa O'Neill, Bernadette Smart, Gill*

*Standidge, Sophy Thursby, Paula Bennett, Carol Taylor, Bridget Goodridge, Pete Bird.*

*Please remember all expectant mothers, armed forces personnel injured on duty, and members of the parishes who are housebound and/or ill and their families and carers.*

***Please also pray for the clergy of the Diocese especially those who may be sick. Remember Fr. Michael Derrick D'Mello.***

Dulverton Films



At Dulverton Town Hall

**Friday May 13th 7.30pm WEST SIDE STORY (Cert 12A)**

Director: Steven Spielberg

156 mins

Manhattan, Upper West Side, 1957. Against the backdrop of the decaying tenements in the San Juan Hill neighbourhood and the constant threat of the wrecking ball, two warring gangs--tough Riff's Jets and swaggering Bernardo's Puerto Rican Sharks--fight for supremacy. Now, with a once-and-for-all, winner-takes-all rumble on the cards, an unexpected whirlwind romance at the high-school dance between former Jet brawler Tony and Bernardo's delicate little sister María sets the stage for an all-out

turf war. But what's a gang without its territory? Above all, when the future is uncertain, what's hope without love?

**Friday May 27th 7.30pm**

**BELFAST (Cert 12A)**

Director: Kenneth Branagh

98 mins

Belfast, 15 August 1969. Surrounded by sporadic violence and growing danger, nine-year-old Buddy finds himself confronted with the ugly reality of sectarian conflict. And, as the suffocating stranglehold of increasing turmoil tightens around his once-peaceful working-class neighbourhood, Buddy tries his best to understand The Troubles--after all, someone must be responsible for forcing people to flee their homes. Now, Buddy's family must come face to face with a nearly impossible, life-altering decision: stay or start packing?

Dulverton Films members £3, non-members £4.50, students, accompanied by an adult, £2.50. Book in advance at Dulverton Post Office (Tel: 01398 323474) or email: [janaross2003@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:janaross2003@yahoo.co.uk). Bar open from 7pm.

## **News from the Exmoor Pony Centre, Ashwick, Dulverton TA22 9QE**

The daffodils are blooming, and the warmer weather has been a blessing as it has dried up all the mud! The ponies are rapidly shedding their winter coats and WE ARE OPENING TO THE PUBLIC ON APRIL 1st . The riding ponies are all back from their holidays getting ready to greet visitors and go out for rides.

If you would like to visit, there is no need to book this year. Visits are free and we are open from 10am-4pm on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Sunday. Those of you who wish to ride, can choose from our variety of sessions. We can

accommodate all abilities as long as you are 4yrs old or over and weigh less than 12 stone. All rides must be booked in advance so please either call or email the office to check our availability.

Our popular Activity Afternoons are back after a 2-year absence.

We will be holding them on April 14 th and 21 st from 12-3pm.

There is no need to book, just come to enjoy the ponies and activities on offer for a small charge. You can have a pony ride, groom, try crafts and enjoy the refreshments.

Our volunteers have been a tremendous help over the winter with all the regular pony jobs as well as revamping and giving our shop a facelift. There are lots of new items to tempt our visitors too. If you think you would like to help volunteer either at The Centre or with any fundraising ideas, please do get in touch.

With Spring arriving, many of the foals have now headed off to their new homes. Tyrell, Pringle, Disco and McCoy journeyed to a delightful private farm in Dorset, whereas the four ponies from the Haddon herd have stayed closer to home on the Quantocks in a wonderful partnership project between Quantock AONB, Exmoor National Park Authority and MMT.

We know that many homes who bought ponies from the Autumn sales will be looking to get out and about this Spring, if any extra training or guidance is needed, please do get in touch with us - we are here to help.

We look forward to seeing some of our friends and supporters soon, the ponies are ready and waiting. Please keep up to date with us via our website and online platforms.

In advance of the Exmoor Pony Festival which is running throughout August, there will be a Beetle Drive held on Saturday 14 th May at Moorland Hall, Wheddon Cross, we hope to see lots of people there to support the ponies.

Website: [www.exmoorponycentre.org.uk](http://www.exmoorponycentre.org.uk)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/TheExmoorPonyCentre](http://www.facebook.com/TheExmoorPonyCentre)

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Tel : 01398 323093



Friday 13th May, Celebrate planning meeting 2.00pm, Oak Room

Sunday 22nd May, Celebrate Service, 10.30am, St Dubricius,

Thursday 26th May, Dawn Service for Ascension Day, Stoke Pero Chapel, 6.00am.

This is usually followed by optional group breakfast at The Castle, Porlock 8.00am, TBC.

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**Mobile : 07743513319, or 07902 987623**

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After the magazine has been read the Prayer for Peace can be cut out and kept, at home, or brought to Mass :

PRAYER FOR PEACE

God of peace, bearer of hope,  
We seek your help for troubled parts of the world.

Quiet the clamour of war  
And guide us towards peace.

Where there is hatred and division  
Sow seeds of calm and openness.

Where there is destruction,  
Help us to rebuild.

Where children are crying,  
Bring an end to their tears.

Shelter your people and protect them.  
Guide them and keep them from harm.

Show us how to break down  
the barriers of history and fear,  
And breathe in the whispers of hope.

Amen.

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