

The Talaton Calendar

Issue No 306 July '21



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Next Deadline 10th July 2021

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Editorial

Blazing June, where are you?!? We keep lighting our wood burner, to keep warm, even on the longest day today, as this is written, ridiculous! Here we are nearly in July and the year is rushing past again....

The Covid situation is beginning to ease with a potential delayed unlocking in later July. Looking forward to it and the ending of all things COVID, as are we all I am sure!

The Parish Hall is beginning to reopen and we may even have events there too soon, but if we do, the right level of attendance will be vital to balance costs so no losses are incurred. The Committee are to meet soon to discuss this.

ROBOTs is looking to get together again soon and that will be good to see everyone again, for a chinwag.

The road through the village has at last been repaired, and hopefully will not break up again, but it is subject to a lot of heavy traffic in both directions there. We also have bad potholes just beyond Rydon House which are still unrepaired, and a few elsewhere in the area.

The white MG 5 is brilliant. Happy to talk to anyone looking to go electric!

Keep right onto the end of the Road Map, stay safe.

Editor - Simon Spencer



Next Deadline is 10th July
October issue is 10th Sept 2021

St James the Great

**St James the Great
Services**

4 th July	Morning Worship	10.30am
18 th June	Holy Communion	10.30 am
25 th June	Morning Prayer (BCP)	9.30am

Please let the churchwarden know if you intend to attend a particular service so that he is able to plan the seating.

While it is such good news that we are again able to join in worship here it is still very understandable that some members of the congregation feel it is too risky, the extra good news is that Rev. Marc is continuing his services on Youtube - From the Curate's Study, plus Wondering Wednesday, and for children, Kid's Club.



We will ring for all services in Talaton Church but if restrictions are still in place it will be just the two bells

rung by Chris and Emily Trimmer

Please contact either Chris Trimmer 01404 850831
or Peppi Shaw 01404 822482



**Talaton Toddlers
Get Together
10.30am -12noon**

First and Third Fridays of the Month

The aim of the Get Together is to offer Parents with Babies and Toddlers a chance to meet in friendship, no hidden agenda.

The Get Together meets down in the Church of St James the Great, Talaton EX5 2RL

when weather permits outside on the Church Green.

Please bring your own drink but Cake is provided. There is no charge.

FRIDAYS 2ND and 16TH JULY 2021

Invitations are given out each month to those families known to the Church; details are displayed in The Community Shop and in issues of The Link and Talaton Calendar.

The contact for Talaton Toddlers is Peppi Shaw 01404 822482.

Email: peppiashaw@gmail.com

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Parson's Page

The show must go on?

Few people in the UK can have missed the recent gathering of world leaders down in Cornwall for the G7 summit, it wasn't just a political gathering it was a full-on performance, with carefully staged photo opportunities and shows of national pride and strength. From posing as a happy group on the beach, to the fly past by the red arrows, president Bidens armoured motorcade of a dozen vehicles to warships in the bay it was carefully staged. Now of course some of these details are about the security of the world leaders attending but most of it is also quite deliberate theatre, designed to show power and success. 'We are the big boys and girls of politics come here to sort out the worlds problems, we have got this!' And with the show comes the big announcements on Covid, on the global economy and the environment, grand plans and even more grandiose statements individually delivered by countries leaders principally for a home audience to show those voters 'look I am one of the big hitters and I have come here and got stuff done on your behalf'.

As I have watched the show from afar I have been giving some thought to the kingdom of God, to be fair I give quite a lot of thought to that most of the time as you might expect, but this week I have been considering it through the lens of some of Jesus' parables, specifically those involving seeds and planting (the parable of the sower, the seed growing and the mustard see, all in Mark's gospel for example)

I am conscious that across our enlarged mission community I have recently spent a considerable amount of time recently talking about challenges and change including the probability that some churches will close and other might see radical changes in the number or types of services. I am conscious that, as crucial as it is I initiate this conversation, many folks, already anxious because of the last eighteen months of Covid will find the idea of changes in their church or worse the possibility of closure deeply upsetting. It might surprise you to know I find many of these conversations equally difficult and am challenged by the idea of being the priest 'in charge of closing churches'.

What has this got to do with the G7?

Well, Jesus uses parable a lot as a teaching tool, these simple stories use the familiar and relatable to force the listener to think. It strikes me that Jesus is big on that, on us thinking things through and the position many of our churches find themselves in requires a lot of thinking through which is why I want us to talk about them.

The parables which involve seeds, planting, and growth hint at some powerful truths for both individual Christians and for our churches.

The pressure to look like we are successful and achieving by worldly standards can make us tempted to be a bit like the G7. Church can often feel like a bit of a competition, is your church congregation bigger than mine? Is our church doing as well as the one down

the road? The diocese may often assure us the success of a church is not measured by 'bums on seats' but it is the owners of those 'bums' or more importantly their money and their time which keeps the church open and pays our common fund (the money we have to pay to the diocese every month). This is why small rural churches are disproportionately disadvantaged in the current race for sustainability, we do not 'look' like we are successful', so much of what we do simply cannot be measured or assessed, but here is something we can learn from the parables Jesus tells of seeds and sowers. Unlike the world in which we live where those who have wealth and power or aspire to get it are keen on big shows of their status or influence, where successful lives are carefully choreographed and staged for the media God's business often goes on unseen, often hidden and sometimes indirect. Seeds sown in the dirt and muck of the world, covered, underground, take root and grow where no one can see them through a force none of us can detect or control. Small things, insignificant things grow into significant and life-giving things at God's hand.

And, the seeds are planted where a harvest has already grown and been reaped, the soil turned and rested and then sown again. Seasons come and go, some for planting, others for growing, others for reaping and some when we just rest and the land rests also. This is exactly what church is like and this is exactly what ministry in our parishes is like.

And these parables tell us something a bit more specific.

We have a job to do. We are called to sow seeds by our words and our deeds, and this will probably involve getting our hands dirty.

We may not always see the results of our labours, but that does not mean there aren't any, we don't get to choose the time scale on which this process takes place, that is God's business.

In our lives there will be time for this, it may well not be every day, but it will always be a task which waits for us as seasons come and go.

And it leaves us with questions to ponder and work through:

Are we ready or frightened of change?

Are we ready for the ground beneath our feet to be turned, shifted, and ploughed anew?

What sort of seeds will we scatter? We are in charge of what we do and how we act, and it matters. We get to choose each day what part we want to play in God's plan for the world.

In our lives and the life of the church not every season is the same over and over again, some will be but also some will require a different sowing. Then there will be times to pause, take stock of previous harvests, and consider what we do next. It may be a time to do nothing, to let the land we have charge of rest or it might be a time to plough up the land, shake things up and get ready for a new and different crop.

Does that all sound a bit metaphysical? Well, that's parables for you.

God bless.
Rev Marc



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(Depending on the Covid situation)**

Wanted - all sizes and types of gardens.

Wanted - new gardens and gardens that have opened before.

**Open your garden and help raise funds for St James the Great
and the Parish Hall.**

**DON'T WANT TO OPEN YOUR GARDEN BUT
WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST IN THE CAR PARK.**

**IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE CONTACT
PAM WESTON ON 822864**

Please put these dates in your diary

Talaton Parish Council

Our new website goes live on 1 July

The site has a fresh new layout and the address remains the same. Please have a look at www.talatonparishcouncil.co.uk

We are legally required to host a website on behalf of the parish and we are very grateful to former Parish Council Chairman Chris Harwood for setting up the original website and for managing its content for many years beyond his role as a Councillor. Thank you Chris for a job well done! The site is now managed by two councillors and the clerk. Full details of how YOU can make contributions are on the website. We hope you enjoy it and welcome your feedback and suggestions.

DOG POO BINS

Here is a reminder of our notice from last month...

Please don't put bags of dog waste collected from
your GARDEN in the bins

AND HERE'S WHY; it carries a fine of £400

Or up to £1000 if prosecuted

We weren't aware of the fines until after the June Calendar was printed but notices were placed on the bins to alert dog owners of the risk of fines.

***We thank our responsible residents who have stopped
bringing dog waste from their garden
and encourage others to follow their lead***

ROAD REPAIRS OUTSIDE THE SHOP/PUB

We are pleased to say that our excellent working relationship with the Highways dept at Devon County Council has produced long-lasting permanent repair work that was completed in early June. Thank you for your patience until it was done.



Summer Concert

Tale Valley Choir invites you to help us celebrate our return to live music and performance in an outdoor concert on the Church lawn.

We've been working hard on Zoom for over a year and would love to share what we've been up to, with our customary mix of musical styles, for you to enjoy.

Wednesday 14th July, 7.30 pm,
Talaton Church.

Free entry, retiring collection.

Please bring a chair and a drink to enjoy on the Church lawn.



**TALATON GARDEN & PRODUCE
ASSOCIATION**



**Annual Produce
and Flower Show
Saturday 7th August 2021**

**at 3.30pm in the
Talatton Parish Hall**

Refreshments and Raffle

**Entry FREE to Members and Children
50p to non-members**

**Come and see what can be produced in our village
All are welcome**



Rainfall at the Cobblers & Parish Hall 100 Club

Rainfall at the Cobblers in Talaton during May 2021.

May began unsettled and cold. By mid-May there were frequent rain/hailstorms and with low pressure in place for many days it became windy as well as wet. The last days of the month were dry and much warmer.

Here in Talaton I measured 6.96 inches of rain, almost as much as the total rainfall of 8.71 inches for the last 4 months! From the 7th to the 25th there was only 1 dry day (24 hours). During the whole month there was 10 days without rain, 6 of which were in the last week of the month.

The UK mean temperature was 1.3C lower than the usual, making this May the coldest since 1996. The South West of England had well over double its usual rain making it the wettest May since 1862!! The highest temperature was recorded on 31st at Kinlochewe in Scotland with 25.1C. The lowest of -6.1C was recorded at St Harmon in Wales on 2nd of May. On the 21st 103mm or 4.12 inches of rain fell at Mickleden in Cumbria in 24 hours!!

The total rain fall for the year in Talaton is 15.67.

ANNE BOLES

**TALATON PARISH HALL
100 CLUB**

The draw for June was made on the 5th by Clare Melbourne

The winners were:

1st	No 53.	Pam Weston	£50
2nd	No 06.	Mike Courtney	£25
3rd	No 36.	Martin Mitchell	£10

There are currently TWO numbers available at present should anyone be interested in joining. Should anyone be interested in joining please phone Steve Spratt on 01404 822461 or e-mail stevespratt@btinternet.com Annual Subscription is still £12.

**FUNDRAISING FOR CARE BAGS FOR
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A heartfelt huge thank you to everyone who has bought Cream teas, cakes, plants etc to raise funds for me to purchase the care bags. Together a grand total of £378 has been raised so far.

Cream teas & cakes delivered to your door are still available. Please give a minimum of 2 or 3 days notice.

All are £5 each & the cream/ savoury teas include tea bags & paper napkins.

* Cream tea (Two scones, cream & jam)

* Savoury tea (Two cheese scones, cheddar cheese, chutney & grapes)

* Cakes choose from: Tea bread, Victoria sponge, lemon drizzle, 8 fruity flapjacks, 8 chocolate cupcakes or coffee sponge.

Thank you again.

Lyndsey

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Water veg such as lettuces and cabbages to help prevent bolting or at least delay it.

Net peas, brassicas and soft fruit against birds.

Pinch out the tops of climbing beans when they reach the tops of their supports, so that they don't grow too long and become tangled and top heavy.

Feed tomatoes and peppers and don't forget to keep picking out tomato side shoots.

Dry out garlic, onions and shallots by gently loosening the soil around the roots eventually lift the bulbs and lay them on the ground to dry. Weather permitting!

Keep dead heading flowers to prolong their flowering period.

Then sit back enjoy the fruits of your labour and think about what to enter in the show. Don't forget it is on 7th August. Remember it is free to enter, if you paid in 2019. Show schedules will be delivered mid July, to all paid up members. Anyone new to the village who would like to enter then £2 will secure you a schedule and enable the whole family to take part. Get in touch with Pam Weston on 822864 Membership runs from the AGM in November to the following AGM. Help to make this year's show the best yet by entering as many exhibits as you can.

If you still have some gaps to fill in your garden, do come along to our

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TALATON GARDEN & PRODUCE
ASSOCIATION

**Annual Produce and Flower Show
Saturday 7th August 2021**

Children's Entries

**Open to residents and non-residents up to 16 years of age
Resident young people over 16 are eligible to enter the Adult classes**

Age Groups: (a) 7 years and under (b) 8 years to 16 years

Classes:

1. A paper chain caterpillar
2. Three decorated biscuits
3. A vegetable animal or person
4. Potato grown in a bucket. All entries will be turned out at the show and the crop weighed. The heaviest crop wins
5. A finger print picture
6. Six flowers arranged in a jam jar

Children's Entry Form

**To be handed in with your entry
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Useful Phone Numbers

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The Coleridge Medical Centre	01404 814447
Ottery St. Mary Hospital	01404 816000
Hall Booking Secretary (Phil Deacon)	01404 822300
Police (to report a crime – non urgent)	101
Talaton Inn	01404 822214
Talaton Community Shop & Post Office	01404 822084
Parish Priest (Marc Kerslake)	01404 822525
Talaton Calendar Editor (Simon Spencer)	01404 822778
Talaton Calendar Production (Arnie James)	01404 47566
Clerk to the Parish Council (Denise Main)	01884 277356 or 07714 442289

**Talaton Community Shop
& Post Office Opening Times**

	Shop			Post Office	
	OPEN		CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE
Mon	9.00	-	1.00		
Tues	9.00	-	1.00		
Wed	9.00	-	4.00	2.00	4.00
Thurs	9.00	-	1.00		
Fri	9.00	-	1.00		
Sat	9.00	-	1.00		
Sun	10.00		12.00		

News from Talaton Community Shop

Lovely home-made jam, marmalade & honey
from the village



Plus a new Lemon Curd!

Aquapax Mineral Water



SPECIAL OFFER

500ml

75p each or 2 for £1.00

A case of 12 for £5

An amazing 42p each!

Eco friendly Non plastic packaging



Talaton Community Shop



Local & Homemade Produce

Meat | Bacon | Sausages | Eggs | Cheese
Milk | Deli & Dairy Produce | Fruit & Veg
Bread | Pastries | Pies | Pasties
Preserves | Honey | Chutney | Savoury Pickles
Logs | Kindling | Charcoal
Plants | Gardening Products | Grow Bags
Art Gallery | Gifts

Other Services Include

Newspapers & Magazines to order
Photocopying | Laminating
Postage Stamps | Foodbank drop-off

Post Office

2 – 4pm Wednesday

Shop Opening Hours

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, Sat: 9am – 1pm

Wednesday 9am – 4pm

Sunday 10am – 12 noon

Local Delivery Service on Saturday

For housebound customers only or minimum order £20

Phone the shop between 11am - 12.30pm

Talaton Community Shop, Talaton, Exeter, EX5 2RQ

Telephone 01404 822084

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