

## The Link

Broadclyst - Clyst Honiton - Clyst Hydon  
Clyst St Lawrence - Cranbrook - Rockbeare  
Sowton - Talaton - Whimble



January 2023

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## PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Our members have been trained and are available to lend a listening ear, offer practical help and support, visit those who are housebound, ill, in hospital or bereaved, and to offer prayer. If you or someone you know would like a visit from a member of the Pastoral Care Team, please contact any of the following

Revd Ruth Heeley (758708)

Margaret Burrough (822257) or

or David Rastall (822486)

<b>Jan 2022</b>	<b>1st Jan</b>	<b>8th Jan</b>	<b>15th Jan</b>	<b>22nd Jan</b>	<b>29th Jan</b>
<b>Broadclyst</b>		10am Morning Worship	10am Holy Communion 3pm Family Service	10am Morning Worship	
<b>Clyst Honiton</b>		10am Holy Communion + Baptism		10am Holy Communion	
<b>Clyst Hydon</b>	10am Morning Worship		10am Morning Worship + Baptism		
<b>Clyst St Lawrence</b>		10am BCP Holy Communion		6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer	
<b>Cranbrook</b>		10.30 Sunday Gathering	10.30 Messy Church	10.30 Sunday Gathering	11am Mission Community service
<b>Rockbeare</b>			8.30am BCP Holy Communion 10am Morning Worship		
<b>Sowton</b>			6.30pm Holy Communion		
<b>Talaton</b>		10am Morning Worship	10am Holy Communion	10am BCP Morning Prayer	
<b>Whimble</b>		10am Morning Worship	9am BCP Holy Communion 6.30pm Space	10am Holy Communion	

# Bernard's Leaving Service

29th January, 11am,

St. Martin's School, Cranbrook

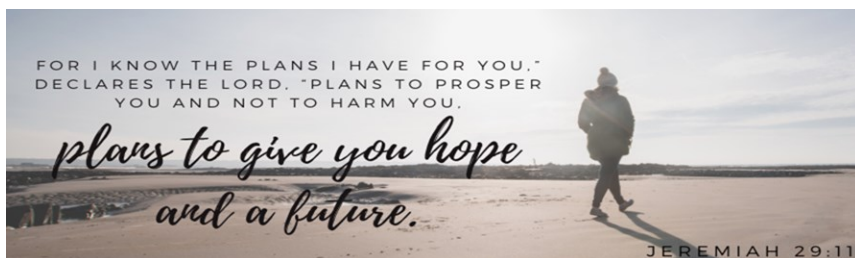
This 5th Sunday service will be dedicated to Reverend Bernard Lane to thank him for his service to our Mission Community for the last couple of years and within the Clyst Valley Mission Community prior to that.

Rev. Bernard Lane and his wife Catherine, will be leaving us on Jan 31st and retiring to Tiverton. He has made strong links with Rockbeare School and its children and helped many of us through troubled times, as well as leading worship in our churches and supporting parish events.

If anyone would like to contribute to a leaving gift for him, please use the BACS details below or post/drop in a cheque to PCC of Rockbeare via Heather May, Homefield, Rewe Lane, Whimble, EX5 2PL (near Percy Wakely Woods).

I would welcome your comments about his time with us to [aitchmay@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:aitchmay@yahoo.co.uk).

PCC of Rockbeare, Sort code: 30 94 36, Account No.  
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It's a new year and may I wish you all a very happy year.

What would make for a happy year for you? What are your dreams and aspirations for 2023?

Perhaps you want things like Exeter Chiefs to win every game, or your grand children to do well at whatever stage of education they are at; maybe you want to keep well, have good holidays and meet new friends and old, or to take that delayed holiday.

For others the new year may not hold much hope. Some have already experienced the loss of loved ones or have seen their lives change dramatically.

For the Church, the future looks alarming. Will our parishes survive? Will the church survive the social pressures on it to conform to the constantly changing morality? There are many challenges coming to a parish near you.

So where is our hope in this new year? Where can we find real happiness? What are we looking for?

Hope springs eternal we are told. If so, we need, perhaps, to turn to the Eternal for our hope.

The writer to the Hebrews tells us that 'Jesus is the same yesterday today and forever'.

Jeremiah, prophesying at the time that Judah was under attack by Nebuchadnezzar (around 571 BC) tells us that God has plans for us, plans for good and not harm. It must have seemed like empty

words for them at the time of siege and the eventual destruction of the city and society. The population was taken into exile. Where is hope? What is Jeremiah on about?

The majority of that generation did not see the return to Jerusalem under Ezra and Nehemiah. For 70 years the people felt no hope, that Jeremiah's words were unfulfilled.

We have just celebrated the coming of the Messiah at Christmas, the hope of the years born as a child. From such an unpromising start, hope grew with his life & teaching but was cut short at Calvary – the two on the road to Emmaus expressed that sense of hope dashed (Luke 24:21).

Yet unexpectedly and miraculously hope was fulfilled at the glorious resurrection. The very thing that robbed all hope from humanity and creation had been overcome and dealt with. Paul has an exultant passage in his letter to the church in Corinth (1 Corinthians 15:53-57) filled with hope fulfilled: death has been overcome because sin has been overcome.

The world continues on its course; sin continues its rampant way; our year may be happy or difficult, but the Christian hope, fulfilled in Jesus, continues into eternity. Hope is in him alone. I pray that this year you will find true happiness in the only place it can be found, whatever this year may bring to you.

Bernard



## Broadclyst

A very busy and fulfilling December!

On the 1st and 2nd of December, well known local florist Sarah Pepper held three very popular fund raising wreath making workshops in the church. The church had been decorated in advance and looked wonderful. The workshops resonated with folk coming together, having a good time with the sound of chatter and laughter while working.

On Saturday 3rd December, local choir, Cantilena held a concert to raise funds for the very good local cause..Elf.

On Sunday 4th, the annual Christingle service took place.

Between 7th and 15th., we hosted Pinhoe school, West Clyst school, Clyst Vale and Broadclyst Primary school while they held their Christmas concerts and Nativities. We opened the church on 12 occasions to accommodate rehearsals and the concerts. The front of the church was packed with an average of 100 children at a time, and many parents and relatives to watch. On several of these occasions we opened the kitchen serving mulled wine and refreshments to raise funds. It has been a opportunity to build relationships with local schools and the feedback has been all very positive.

On Sunday 11th December we held our own Candlelight carols and readings. Cantilena and a choir of 50 primary school children took part. The church was lit with hundreds of candles and the service was led by Archdeacon Rev. Andrew Beane. This was very very popular with over 220 in the congregation, and seats were reserved early in advance, resulting in a waiting list with folk queuing to come in on the night.

On Christmas Eve there was an excellent attendance for the popular Crib Service, numbers swelled by the hard work of the Family service team this year.

Lots in the planning stage for Broadclyst in 2023...Watch this space.

## **News from Clyst Hydon**

Happy New Year – the cycle starts all over again... Resolutions.... Diets.... Planning...

Looking back, we loved to see so many [record number] at this year's Carols by Candlelight Service. And so many children too! The Christmas message of Hope, Peace, Love and Joy was not only reflected in the readings but also in the hymns and carols and Rev. Rob's message on Joy. So maybe the New Year will be an interesting one. We will do our best to deliver services and care for the community so if you know of anyone who is struggling in the New Year and could do with our prayers, a visit, a phone call or anything else please let us know. Our current PCC – Michael Moore, Chris Jones, Sue Clegg, Jenny Duck, Carol Wall, Emma Gibbins, Amelia Millman, Sarah Jones.

Thank you to all who gave generously on carol singing evening and who came along to boost the singing. We raised £225 which we have donated to St Petroc's in Exeter.

On the third Sunday 15th we welcome Delilah Durkin and family as she is Baptised. Meanwhile Puddleducks on Tuesdays 9.30am at the village Hall [always cake] and coffee morning 17<sup>th</sup>, 10am at Ennore, Sheila and John Maynard's [always cake] are planned, so don't start those diets too quickly!

Best wishes

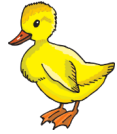
Sarah Jones

PCC Secretary

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Clyst Hydon Puddleducks  
Toddlers, Babies and Bumps



ALL WELCOME

Clyst Hydon Village Hall

Tuesdays

9.30-11.30

Coffee, tea and cake

Come along with your little ones for a warm welcome and to join in fun and games.

Quiet area for Mums and little ones as well as a variety of toys and games for ages 0-5.

We're a mainly rural group, expanding and evolving but a friendly bunch with little ones currently ranging from just a few days old to just gone 4. Our sessions are very relaxed with little ones able to join in as much or as little as they want. If you'd like any more information or have any questions please contact Sarah on 01884 277471.

## **Talaton Toddlers**

### **Parents and Babies Get Together**

Either within the Church in the North Aisle Room  
or if weather permits OUTSIDE on the Church Green



bring your own chair and drink but  
wherever we are

cake is provided

**Fridays 6th and 20th January 2023**

10.30am – 12noon

Join us in friendship

RSVP 01404 822482 email: peppi-  
ashaw@gmail.com

## **Midweek Coffee**

**11th january , 10.30-Noon**

Come for a chat, a laugh and some crackers.

Everyone is welcome, in the North Aisle room

## **Carol Singing 2nd December**

Many thanks to everyone who joined the happy throng and sang so heartily outside the Talaton Inn, making it such a lovely, if chilly evening. Special thanks go to Ottery Silver Band's Brass Class who led us and to Maria and Co. who opened the pub early. A total of £118.69 was raised for the Devon Blood Bike Service.

## A day in the life of Licenced Lay Minister

I have been asked to write about a day in the life of a Reader or Licensed Lay Minister (LLM) to give us our preferred title. Perhaps before I go any further it might be helpful to explain how the role of Reader / LLM came about.

The Victorian times experienced a period of rapid industrialisation. As parishes grew, the clergy could not keep pace with demand. Literacy was low so Readers were appointed - men who could lead morning and evening prayer. And ever since the role has been evolving. The role is voluntary – we are not paid, and we are vital to the church's ministry. Of the 27,000 licensed clergy in the UK, 10,000 are LLMs.

Today as LLMs, we are licensed to preach, teach, lead worship and evangelise. We cannot do anything sacramental – communion, baptisms or weddings, but other than that, the sky's the limit. My role is part time and I continue to be a churchwarden at St Mary's Whimble.

Since I was only licensed in October I have yet to fully establish a routine. I have been asked on several occasions if I will be seen more often leading a Sunday service, and I will be doing that about twice a month. But this will not be my focus. Part of the reason for this is that I that I have come to realise that Sunday, with its services and routines is my safe zone, my comfort zone. God does not call us to be comfortable, but to step out in faith. There is a mission field out there, and church life exists from Mondays to Saturdays as well.

These are some of the specific things that I feel called to get involved with.

As a church we are always seeking to build bridges into our community. One of our most precious and important links is that with Whimble Primary School. Since covid restrictions were lifted we have been re-building those links and one way we do this is through Open the

Book. What is Open the Book? It is taking our treasury of wonderful Bible stories and telling them to school children - by simply acting them out. It is coordinated and run by The Bible Society. I currently head up a team of six volunteers and we go into Whimble School once a fortnight to take their assemblies. We perform on a Thursday and rehearse on the Tuesday before. I am learning the ropes at the moment but I would like to establish more teams so we can take Open The Book to other schools in our Mission Community.

We are always greatly encouraged by the response of the children. As I was leaving the school the other day one of the children came up to me unprompted and said

“Thank you for your stories. I really like them”

During Advent I led “Advent Quiet Space” on Tuesday evenings, and I am planning to hold a similar series of Compline services (evening prayer) during Lent. This will also be on a weekday evening. All these services allow for times of quiet reflection, and this is something I would like to develop further. In a world that seems to be increasingly noisy and dominated by social media I would like the church to be an oasis. A place where those who would not normally step through the doors of a church can find peace and experience the presence of God.

Not everything I do is church related. Jesus calls us to be salt and light to those around us. I go into Whimble School on a Friday morning to hear children read and occasionally teach origami on their craft afternoons. Once a fortnight I help out at the Cranbrook Food Bank. We are all carriers of Jesus’ joy and peace, and as we share our lives and interests with those we meet, we act as witnesses to him.

Ian Spicer



COMMUNITY THEATRE 4ALL PRESENTS

Tom Stoppard's

# **THE REAL INSPECTOR HOUND**

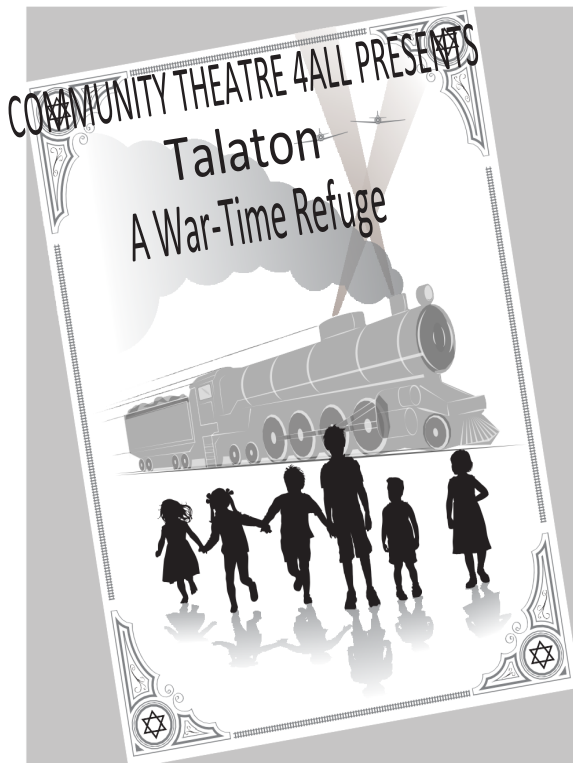
A COMIC ONE ACT PLAY

Talaton Parish Hall 16th, 17th & 18th February at  
8.00pm Doors & Bar from 7.30

Tickets £6 from Whimble Stores & Talaton  
Community Shop

# A Video Screening of the Monday evening performance

to mark Holocaust Memorial Day



Another  
opportunity to  
watch the true  
story of the  
Jewish  
Kindertransport  
children taken in  
by the Talaton  
community

**Friday 27th January 2023 at 7.30pm in Talaton Parish Hall**

Doors and Bar from 7pm

Tickets £5 from Talaton Community Shop and Whimble Stores

Also on the door (if seats remain unsold)

All proceeds, after costs, will be donated to Ukraine



## **Home Groups**

**Cranbrook are about to launch Alpha and other life groups. Please see below for details. If anyone else is involved with any home groups please let me know and I'd be more than happy to publicise them.**

### **Alpha**

Alpha is a series that explores the big questions of life and faith, and gives you space to share your thoughts and opinions with others. Alpha is relaxed and low-pressured, so no question is off the table and everyone is welcome: no matter your background or beliefs.

The Alpha series runs on Monday evenings. We start the evening by eating dinner together (it's free!), and then we watch a 20min talk. Each talk looks at a different topic around faith and is designed to create conversation – you can say anything at all or just listen if you'd prefer. Each session is hosted in a group, and everyone is welcome.

Register your interest here: <https://www.cranbrookchurch.org/alpha>

### **Life Groups**

Cranbrook Church are launching new life groups in 2023. Life groups are a great place where you get to go deeper in faith and do life together with a smaller group of people from church during the week.

Why not consider joining one of our life groups: <https://www.cranbrookchurch.org/lifegroups>

With everything going on in the world at the moment we understand it is a very worrying and stressful time for many, but sometimes talking to someone really can help. Below are some numbers that you may find useful.

**Citizen's Advice Bureaux** (Advice for a whole variety of situations)

[www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk) <http://exetercab.org.uk> 0808 278 7845

**Samaritans** (A listening ear for anyone)

[www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org) 116 123 Text SHOUT to 85258 when you need immediate assistance but don't want to talk to anyone

**NHS Talkworks** (self-referral mental health support)

[www.talkworks.dpt.nhs.uk](http://www.talkworks.dpt.nhs.uk) 0300 555 3344

**Mind** (Mental health charity and signposting)

[www.mind.org.uk](http://www.mind.org.uk)

**Papyrus** (Prevention of young suicide –under 35's)

[www.papyrus-uk.org](http://www.papyrus-uk.org) 0800 068 41 41 Text 07786 209697

**Ottery Help Scheme**; Community transport, bereavement support, memory café etc. 01404 813041

**Alzheimer's Befriending** Home care 07712 301897

We also have the lovely Jude Carter, Chaplain for Cranbrook, who can often be found at Café 143 in Cranbrook, most Tuesdays 10.30-12. Pop along if you'd like a chat, the cakes alone look worth a visit! Jude can also be contacted on [chaplain@eastclystchurches.org](mailto:chaplain@eastclystchurches.org)

If anyone has any other ideas of charities working within our parishes that may be useful then please let me know at [administrator@eastclystchurches.org](mailto:administrator@eastclystchurches.org)

<b>Feb 2023</b>	<b>5th Feb</b>	<b>12th Feb</b>	<b>19th Feb</b>	<b>22nd Feb</b>	<b>26th Feb</b>
<b>Broadclyst</b>	10am Morning Worship 3pm Family Service	10am Morning Worship	10am Holy Communion 3pm Family Service		10am Morning Worship + Baptism
<b>Clyst Honiton</b>		10am Holy Communion			10am Holy Communion
<b>Clyst Hydon</b>	10am Holy Communion		10am Morning Worship		
<b>Clyst St Lawrence</b>		10am BCP Holy Communion			6:30pm BCP Evening Prayer
<b>Cranbrook</b>	10.30 Sunday Gathering	10.30 Sunday Gathering	10.30am Messy Church		10.30 Sunday Gathering
<b>Rockbeare</b>	10am Holy Communion		10am Morning Worship		
<b>Sowton</b>	6.30pm Holy Communion		6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer		
<b>Talaton</b>		10am Morning Worship	10am Holy Communion		10am BCP Morning Prayer
<b>Whimble</b>	9am BCP Morning Prayer	10am Morning Worship + Baptism	9am BCP Holy Communion 6.30pm Space	10am Ash Wednesday Holy Communion	10am Holy Communion



# Talaton

## Community Shop



Local & Homemade Produce  
Newspapers & Magazines to Order

### OPENING HOURS

Monday	9am – 1pm
Tuesday	9am – 3pm
Wednesday	9am – 4pm <b>Post Office 2-4pm</b>
Thursday	9am – 1pm
Friday	9am – 1pm
Saturday	9am – 1pm
Sunday	10am – 12.00 noon

Talaton Community Shop, Talaton, EX5 2RQ    01404 822084

[www.talatonparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.talatonparishcouncil.co.uk)