

Merton Monthly

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SATURDAY 1ST JULY

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All Saints Church



Team Rector: Revd Martin Warren, tel: 01409-281424

Methodist Minister: Rev Chris Jackson, tel: 01837-5230



Dear Friends,

This coming month we celebrate the saints of Devon – well two of them in particular. June 4th is the Feast Day of St. Petroc – some with long memories will remember the Revel around then at Petrockstowe – and then June 5th is St Boniface, of Crediton fame. They have become the joint patron saints of Devon, and it's great that their special days are one after the other. (Time for another bank holiday, don't you think – or have we had enough by now?)

They are great together because they match each other up: Petroc was a Celt, Boniface English; Petroc brought Christian faith here, Boniface took it on elsewhere – he went as a missionary to Germany. It says so much about needing all sorts. God makes us different. Isn't that a relief!

So what makes saints 'saints'? Well, essentially those who know themselves specially called by God to particular work. In theory that is all Christians – we believe that God has a role for everyone. But we reserve 'saint' for those who seem to have a special role. It's not that they get it all right – they certainly don't – but they know they have been called, and have responded. But celebrating two of them points to us celebrating all of them – and potentially all of us.

One, we are hoping to add to the list of saints in Devon, is our new curate. Some of you will have been aware that we have had an empty clergy house at Petrockstowe. Others may have heard talk of the possibility of a new clergy amongst us. Finally now, we are in a position where we do indeed have someone to join our communities and share in our churches' ministry.

We are delighted that Catherine Duff is now coming to join us here. Catherine is coming from having been training near Oxford. This first responsibility is a continuation of that training and is due to last for 3 years. This is obviously a very different situation from previous clergy residents in Petrockstowe Rectory. It is a time of learning the trade, so to speak – others came fully fledged. Having said that, Catherine will, of course, come with her own unique God-given gifts and talents. We look forward to being blessed by them through her. She begins with a service in Exeter Cathedral on July 1st, but she will be around in Petrockstowe before that, settling into her new home.

I am sure she will feel at home here, and that you will welcome her in, as you get the opportunity. However, as I have said it is a training post, so can I ask that where you would have contacted me about pastoral or other concerns, you continue to do so, rather than Catherine – at least initially. She will probably only have to pass it on to me anyway.

Together we will help shape another saint of Devon – and no doubt, Catherine will help shape us.

Happy Devon Day.

Martin Warren.

Services at All Saints' Church & around

Services at All Saints' Church

4 th June	11.00am	Petrockstowe Chapel (local-led)
11 th June	11.00am	Petrockstowe (Methodist led)
18 th June	9.30am	Communion (Merton)
25 th June	9.30am	Communion (Huish)

From the Registers

Funeral: *Our prayers for all bereaved*

17th May Ian Walls

Service by Phone

Sundays at 4pm

Ring 0330-606-0403.

You will be asked for an access code: (251417)

The Clinton Hall, Merton Devon. Registered Charity No. 1002372

PUBLIC MEETING - AGM

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting of The Clinton Hall will be held.

At: The Clinton Hall, Merton

On: Wednesday 14th June 2023

At 7.00pm

Election of Trustees will be on the agenda.

Nominations are invited from any persons wishing to become a Trustee. Those to be considered must be over the age of 18 years and live within the parish of Merton and Huish.

Those wishing to apply for nomination should email:

info@clintonhallmerton.co.uk for an application form and information pack relating to responsibilities, guidelines for suitability to becoming a Trustee and roles within the management committee.

All nominations must be received by Midnight on Wednesday 31st May 2023.

Should more nominations be received than required, a Ballot will take place prior to the Annual General Meeting; at which the results will be available to anyone attending. Trustee voting papers must be submitted by the close of the vote at midnight on Tuesday 13th June 2023

Agenda For AGM

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Minutes of the previous AGM**
- 3. Chairs Report**
- 4. Treasurers report**
- 5. Trustee Election results**
- 6. Date and time of next meeting for Election of Officers and general business.**

The Clinton Hall Management Committee.

News from Clinton Hall

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MERTON SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

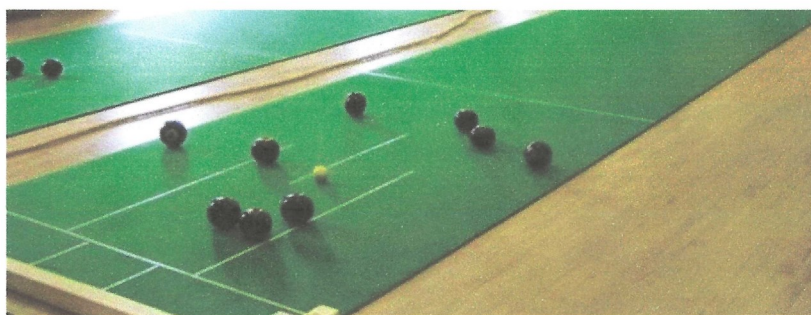
We have now received the final results of the Winter Merton Charity League Afternoon Triples Division 3.

CLUB	PLAYED	WON	DRAWN	LOST	POINTS	SHOTS
HATHERLEIGH B	12	8	0	4	16	103
MERTON	12	8	0	4	16	46
HIGH BICK LITTLE OWLS	12	7	0	5	14	27
COLEBROOKE B	12	6	0	6	12	4
CHULMLEIGH	12	6	0	6	12	-21
OKEHAMPTON	12	5	0	7	10	-69
NORTH TAWTON A	12	2	0	10	4	-90

Although we tied with Hatherleigh B having won 8 matches out of 12, we lost out to them on shots so came second overall.

We will continue to hold our fortnightly roll-ups during the summer with the intention of entering the Winter League again next season. If you wish to try out the sport, or just come to watch, you will be given a warm welcome. Please come to the Clinton Hall on any club night for an introductory session. We will supply equipment, just bring yourself! If you prefer, contact Jeanie on **01805 601125** or Julie on **01805 603405** for more details.

Short Mat Bowls is one of the few sports that can be actively participated in by both men and women of all ages from the very young to those of an advanced age.





Merton F C



Results:

Merton	1	Bideford	1
South Molton	3	Merton	2

A full report from the Club will follow in next month's issue.

Merton AFC 150 Club Draw

May 2023

£20-00 Richard Gooding

£10-00 Ian Windsor

Black Bag & Green Waste Collections for June

Black Bag collection Thursday 8th June & Thurs 22nd June

Green Waste collection Friday 2nd June, Thurs 15th June & Thurs 29th June

Recycling & Food Caddy: Saturday 3rd June &, then as normal

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On May 6th, 2021, King Charles III was crowned. Ahead of the ceremony, a campaign was launched by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, called “Ring for the King” to try and get as many Church bells possible rung to celebrate the coronation.

So, as you may have heard, the bell ringers of Merton gathered at 9:15 on the day of the coronation, and rang our bells. Here is a picture of the team.



Bell Ringers at Merton

We thoroughly enjoyed it – we hope you did too.

The coronation is over, but bell ringing will continue in Merton, and we are always looking for additional ringers. Everyone is welcome, and it is a very social pastime.

FOR SALE

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£60 o.n.o.

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Ring for the King

Ring for the King - a tour of 8 towers was organised by The Torridge Team Ringers, 'Ring Off' was on Bank Holiday 8th May 9.15am our first tower Langtree, followed by Shebbear, Sheepwash, Black Torrington, Petrockstowe, Merton, Huish, Meeth and finally Petrockstowe and Ruby Ringers handbells joined to close the tour.

We all had a great day ringing, dodging rain in-between towers so thank you to those who came out to hear us. Our thanks go to the various tower captains and key holders, also the hospitality of St.Mary's Black Torrington.

Might you be interested in ringing, you can give it a try, contact your local tower captain or David French, Petrockstowe Tower Captain.



Ringers at Merton



Ringers at Huish

**EVERY
THURSDAY**



TARKA TREATS

The Clinton Hall, Merton

**Come and join us every
Thursday 11am -1pm (ish)**

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Remember the deadline. 15th June to be included in the July edition.