

Merton Monthly

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QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 25th November

£2.50 per person

Team max - 6 persons

Bar Open



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To book your place

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Weekend (8am Friday—12pm Sunday or 12pm Friday—8pm Sunday) £500-00

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Full Day £120-00

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1/2 Day £65-00

£11-00 hr

Kitchen

Full Day £50-00

1/2 Day £30-00

1/4 Day £15-00

Meeting Room

Full Day £80-00

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£8-00 hr

Skittle Alley

Full day £55-00

1/2 Day £35-00

£8-00 hr

Sports Facilities

MUGA £10-00 hr

Tennis Court £6-00 hr

Sports Field

Full Day £50-00

1/2 Day £30-00

Children's Parties (ending before 6pm)

Up to 4 hrs Main Hall & Kitchen (no cooking) £45-00

Up to 4 hrs Main Hall & Kitchen (with cooking) £55-00

For a combination of rooms or specific times/requirements, please contact the Hall for a quote.

E-mail info@clintonhallmerton.co.uk

Telephone 01805 603300 if no answer please leave a message on our answering machine, which will be dealt with as soon as possible.

Advertising Rates for the Merton Monthly

Within parish boundary

1/8 page – Business Card £25-00

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1/8-page Business card £30-00

¼ page £40-00

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These rates are for 11 issues, from May to April. Local Clubs/Organisations please contact the Editor.

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One off adverts please contact dave.folland@btinternet.com for pricing.

TARKA TREATS PRESENTS ‘The Great Merton Bake Off’



23RD NOVEMBER
11AM - 1PM
CLINTON HALL,
MERTON

Join us for our Macmillan Coffee Morning. This year we are fund raising 'Bake Off' style. Bake a cake, be a judge or come along and support this great cause and buy some lovely homemade bakes. Watch this space for more details!



All Saints Church

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

Curate: Revd Catherine Duff, tel: 07717-209484

Methodist Minister: Rev Chris Jackson, tel: 01837-52302



Dear Friends,

The pictures and stories of these last few weeks have been gruesome to say the least. The massacres in Israel and the bombings in Gaza have been horrendous. Most of us can't even begin to imagine what it must be like to have lost family members and friends in those circumstances. Or those just waiting to hear of those who have been taken hostage. Imagine your children or grandchildren being caught up in such circumstances. It doesn't bear thinking about.

But actually it is even worse than that. For both Jew and Palestinian the events of these last weeks have evoked deep seated memories of terror and fear. For the Jews memories of the Holocaust have surfaced. The massacres on October 7th were the worst daily death toll of Jews since those dark days of the 1940s. And for the Palestinians the call to leave their homes in Gaza evoked the crisis of 1948 when so many became refugees as the state of Israel was formed. The Palestinians call it The Catastrophe, or Al-Nakba in Arabic. It is not surprising the conflict continues!

So how can you cut through such deep-set wounds? How can the traumas of the past be overcome, such that they don't dominate the present and dictate the future? And that is not just about the situations between peoples, but also for us as individuals as well. How much has that determination never to forgive someone set us apart, and determined so much of the type of person we are?

The past can trap us, even enslave us. But it doesn't have to. Jesus says at one point that he has come to set us free, truly free. He goes on to say that the truth will set us free. And that truth is that we are really loved. That God loves us so much that he is willing to give everything for us. But for security, we hang on to the hurts of life. We long to be free of them, but can't believe that it would be safe. As we discover God's love, we discover that it can be safe – it really can be.

Oh, that that would be case for the Middle East, but we can only start where we are. So why not start there?

Every blessing to you,

Martin Warren.

Services at All Saints' Church & around

5 th Nov	11.00am	Petrockstowe (local-led)
12 th Nov	10.30am	Petrockstowe (Remembrance: Baxter Hall)
19 th Nov	9.30am	Communion (Merton)
26 th Nov	9.30am	Communion (Huish)

3rd Dec 6.00pm **Advent Service (Huish)**

Service by Phone

Sundays at 4pm

Ring 0330-606-0403. You will be asked for an access code: (251417)

From the Registers

Funerals: *May God comfort the bereaved.*

25th Sep Cedric Askew (Burial of ashes)



MERTON SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

We had a friendly against Halwill on 28th September, we won on both mats, Mat 1 – Merton 24, Halwill 12 and Mat 2 – Merton 29, Halwill 10. We also start playing our matches in the Merton Charity League, unfortunately, due to a mix-up over Home and Away, the match against Hatherleigh A was postponed until December, we won the match against Winkleigh D 22 to 16. Fixtures for November are listed below.

Date	Time	Event
Wed 1 st Nov	2 pm	North Tawton B
Thu 2 nd Nov	7 pm	Club Night
Wed 8 th Nov	2 pm	Winkleigh B
Thu 9 th Nov	7 pm	Club Night
Wed 15 th Nov	2 pm	Hatherleigh B
Thu 16 th Nov	7 pm	Club Night
Thu 23 rd Nov	7 pm	Club Night
Tue 28 th Nov	2 pm	High Bickington Barn Owls
Thu 30 th Nov	7 pm	Club Night

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. If you want an inexpensive fun evening out, please come and join us, whether you wish to try out the sport, or just come to watch, we think you will be pleasantly surprised.

Contact Jeanie on **01805 601125** or Julie on **01805 603405** for more details.

We look forward to seeing you!



Merton F C



Results

Morwenstow	3	—	Merton	4
Merton	6	—	Holsworthy	1
Merton	8	—	Wessex Rangers	0
Kingsley Park	1	—	Merton	1

Kingsley Park win 3 — 2 on Penalties

Home Fixtures:

December

Saturday 9th Dec Merton V Equalizers H 14-30

The Club would like to say a big thank you to Ron & Marg Down for sponsoring some Home games.
Also to the Bull & Dragon for sponsoring the Club's new kit for away games.

The Bar will be open and the Café will be running.

Merton AFC 150 Club Draw

October 2023

£20-00 Theresa Paddon

£10-00 Keith Wharton

Black Bag & Green Waste Collections for November

Black Bag collection: Thursday 9th Nov & 30th Nov

Green Waste collection: Thursday 2nd Nov, 16th Nov & 30th Nov

Recycling & Food Caddy: every Friday

Check the TDC calendar at: [Torridge District Council](#)

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EVERY
THURSDAY
11-1PM

The Clinton Hall, Merton, EX20 3EQ

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

Join us for a cuppa and some tasty
treats. It's £3.00 for unlimited tea or
coffee and sweet and savoury treats.
There will also be themed Thursdays
throughout the year.

Hope to see you there, Vicki, Julie
and the team.

Tarka treats is a community run event
for the community.



3 pictures from the recent Big Breakfast, I believe everyone enjoyed their breakfasts.



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Act of Remembrance

Friday 10th November

2.00pm

The Square, Merton

including contributions from the school.

Service or Remembrance: Sunday 12th Nov, 10.30am

Petrockstowe War Memorial

Advent Service

Starting the countdown to Christmas

Sunday 3rd December

6.00pm

Huish Church

Refreshments to follow

Freecycle/ For Sale

Any items for sale, or just looking for a new home, just let me know.

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Or drop a note in my letterbox at :

Laburnum Cottage, halfway between the Pub and the Garage.

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Do you have time on your hands? Would you like to help your Community?

Our **Admin Volunteers** staff our office in Bideford **one** morning a week (Mon – Fri between 09:30 and 13:00, excluding public holidays)

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