



Merton Monthly

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The Village Hall Committee would like to wish all our Parishioners. Readers and Advertisers
a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!



Merton Village Social Evening

**Saturday 2nd December
from 7pm**

**Bar open
Snacks
Family Friendly.**

**Pop in and enjoy a casual
social evening with
your neighbours!**

Hire Rates for the Clinton Hall

Whole Hall Hire {Not inc Outside Sports Facilities}

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

Full Day Hire (8am—12am) £250-00

1/2 Day Hire (6hrs) £135-00

Main Hall

Full Day £120-00

3/4 Day £90.00

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

1/2 Day £45-00

£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

¼ page £35-00

½ page £50-00

Full page £100-00

Outside Parish boundary

1/8-page Business card £30-00

¼ page £40-00

½ page £60-00

Full page £110-00

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Lost & Found free. Items for sale usually 2 issues free depending on advert size.

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



GET INVOLVED!

Tuesday 5th December 7pm

Come and join our friendly committee and help the community and village hall to thrive.

Whether you want to join with us now, or just get a bit more information....or maybe you have a few ideas for us, come along to our next meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 5th December to see whats its all about.



FEELING A BIT CRAFTY?

**Fancy joining with a sewing group?
Or having a natter as you knit?
We'd love to hear from you!**

At the Clinton Hall we are planning a friendly informal group that provides somewhere to meet others interested in crafts, or wishing to learn.

So whether you want to bring along your own ongoing project or learn a new skill in a friendly group chatting and exchanging ideas over refreshments, let us know.

Email us at info@clintonhallmerton.co.uk or come to our next Management Committee meeting on 7pm on 5th December and tell us what you want.





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,

It was a delight to arrive at church just recently and be greeted by the sound of the bells. It has been a while since they have rung for a service other than a wedding or occasional funeral.

But that is what they are there for: to call people to the worship of God. When our children were growing up, they made up a simple form of words to sing to the sound of the bells. Like here – and like most churches – there were six bells. So a simple six syllable phrase: ‘Come and worship Jesus.’ And just sing it over and over again to the descending notes of the bells. Give it a go. Says it all.

We especially associate bells with Christmas: they get included in various carols. ‘And all the bells of heaven shall ring on Christmas Day in the morning.’ Which other carols with bells mentioned can you think of? I’m sure there are quite a few. And just like dogs, bells are not just for Christmas! They are there to remind us that we are invited to share in the worship of our God all year round. For just as with a new born baby is not just for its birthday, so Jesus isn’t just for 25th December, but to be part of our lives throughout the months ahead.

So whenever you hear those bells ring, even if you know it is only practice night, hear that call to worship afresh. And whether you come to join in worship together, or remain where you are, honour God afresh and seek his help to live the life he has made us for.

Thank you to the ringers for keeping the bells ringing. They haven’t rung for services much recently due to lack of numbers and not all living in Merton. But more are learning and joining the merry band. Maybe you could this Christmas as well. Just turn up when you hear them, or be in touch with one of the clergy or the ringers. It’s a good work-out – and yes, it feel very public with the sound ringing out across the village, but nobody outside knows which bell you are ringing!

God’s peace and joy to you this Christmas season,

Martin Warren.

Services in Merton and Huish

3 rd Dec	11.00am	Petrockstowe (Christingle - local-led)
	6.00pm	Advent Service (Huish)
10 th Dec	11.00am	Petrockstowe (Methodist led)
17 th Dec	11.00am	Family Carols (Merton)

Christmas

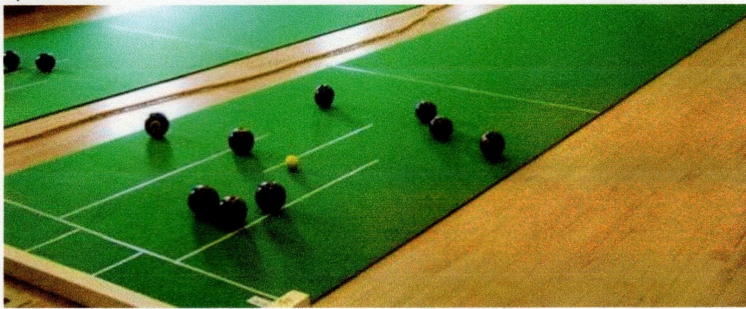
24 th Dec (Merton)	7.00pm	Christmas Communion
25 th Dec (Huish)	9.00am	Christmas Communion

More details on page 7

Service by Phone

Sundays at 4pm

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



MERTON SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

As at the end of October we were at the top of Division 2, unfortunately we did suffer a loss against Winkleigh B 12-24 but won against Hatherleigh B 19-12 so hopefully not too much damage! Fixtures for December/January are listed below.

Date		Time	Home	Away
Wed	01-Nov	02:00	North Tawton B	
Wed	08-Nov	02:00	Winkleigh B	
Wed	15-Nov	02:00	Hatherleigh B	
Tue	28-Nov	02:00	High Bickington Barn Owls	
Thu	14-Dec	02:00		Hatherleigh A
Tue	09-Jan	02:00	Hatherleigh A	
Tue	23-Jan	02:00		Hatherleigh B
Tue	30-Jan	02:00		Winkleigh B

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!



Tony and Linda Hunt would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Wring House

Margaret and Ron wish all their friends a Happy, Healthy Christmas and New Year, & many thanks for all the help we've received.

So very grateful.

**Merry
Christmas
& HAPPY NEW YEAR**

I would like to wish the whole parish, not least my dear friends, Every Blessing for the coming Christmas season.

Despite these painful days in our World, we have so much to Praise and Thank God for in our own Country.

Let us not take it for granted.

Christine Wright

Services in Merton and Huish

31 st Dec	11.00am	Petrockstowe (local-led)
	11.00am	Buckland Filleigh (Service for the new year)
7 th Jan	11.00am	Petrockstowe (local-led)
14 th Jan	11.00am	Petrockstowe (Methodist led)
21 st Jan	9.30am	Communion (Merton)
28 th Jan	9.30am	Communion (Huish)

Service by Phone Sundays at 4pm

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



Advent Carol Service

The way to start the run-up to Christmas

Sunday 3rd December

6.00pm

Huish Church

Refreshments to follow.

Carols in the Square

Tuesday 19th December

6.00pm

Merton Square

Carols, food, friendship.





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Results

Merton 13 — Morwenstow 0

Merton 4 — Ex Dons {Exmouth} 0

Home Fixtures:

December

Saturday 9th Dec

Merton V Equalizers H 14-30

The Club are top of North Devon league Two and in the last 16 of the Devon County Cup

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



Merton AFC 150 Club Draw

November 2023

£20-00 Danny Jenkins

£10-00 Richard Bright



Black Bag & Green Waste Collections for December

Black Bag collection: Thursday 7th Dec & 21st Dec

Green Waste collection: Thursday 14th Dec

Recycling & Food Caddy: every Friday

Check the TDC calendar at: [Torridge District Council](https://www.torridge.gov.uk/)

Black Bag & Green Waste Collections for January

Black Bag collection: Thursday / Fri 5th Jan & 18th Jan

Green Waste collection: Thursday 11th Jan & 25th Jan

Recycling & Food Caddy: every Friday except Sat 6th Jan

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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.

For Sale

Black Glass TV Stand. 3 levels.

Actifry 1.2ltr cooker. Little use.

Both very good order.

£25-00 each, or £45-00 for both

Call Andy 01805 603194 after 6-00pm

For Sale

Electric powered hydraulic log splitter.

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01805 603137 for more details, or to have a
look.



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Future Events

Watch out for update e-mails and notices on our Facebook page for events as they are arranged.



From the Editor.

I would like to wish all our Readers and advertisers a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

I would also like to thank all of you that has taken the time to send in articles for the newsletter, long may it continue.

I look forward to receiving any articles, large or small for us in OUR Village newsletter.

Your Editor, Dave

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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