

Beer Parish News

2025 February

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Calendar for FEBRUARY 2025

Sun 2nd Feb	8:00am Holy Communion <i>Presentation of Christ in the Temple</i> 9:30am Morning Praise
Tues 4th	6:00pm Choir Practice
Wed 5th	8:30am Open the Book at School 10:00am Prayer Group
Fri 7th	10:00am Mickey's Music Makers
Sun 9th	9:30am Holy Communion <i>4th Sunday before Lent</i>
Mon 10th	7 for 7:30pm QUIZ Night at St Gregory's in aid of Anna's Place
Tues 11th	10:00am Altar Guild Meeting 2:00pm Play Reading group 6:00pm Choir Practice
Wed 12th	10:00am Holy Communion at BEER
Fri 14th	10:00am Mickey's Music Makers 3:30~5:30pm Messy Church
Sun 16th	9:30am Morning Praise <i>3rd Sunday before Lent</i>
Tues 18th	6:00pm Choir Practice
Wed 19th	2:00pm Anna's Place <i>Café style worship with Communion and refreshments</i>
Fri 21st	NO Mickey's Music Makers (half-term)
Sat 22nd	10:00am~12 noon Seriously Occasional Singers
Sun 23rd	9:30am Family Communion <i>2nd Sunday before Lent</i>
Tues 25th	6:00pm Choir Practice
Wed 26th	8:30am Open the Book at School 10:00am Communion service at SEATON
Fri 28th	10:00am Mickey's Music Makers
Sun 2nd March	8:00am Holy Communion <i>Sunday next before Lent</i> 9:30am Morning Praise

Sunday services in Beer are often on Facebook. If you can't come to church, you can watch and hear them there, either live or later at a time convenient to you!

From Justin...

Rev's Ramblings -

It might seem a little strange for me to open my thoughts today talking about 'Christmas' again (well, specifically Christmas Television) with it now being February! However, since I wrote this in early January, perhaps you will give me grace? I was intrigued to find out that the festive viewing figures last year were topped by 'Gavin and Stacey' (12.32m.), followed by 'Wallace & Gromit' (9.38m.) and the Kings Speech (6.82m.). I wonder what your favourite Christmas viewing included.

With On-Demand television available 24/7, we can of course choose almost anything, at any time to amuse and entertain us. For Melissa and I, we watched two of the latest Jurassic Park films that we didn't even realise existed. But one of our absolute favourites during 'Twix-mas' period is the World's Strongest Man Competition, with the final on New Years Day. Ironically, the final is held in hot Myrtle Beach, South Carolina some 7mths earlier in May, so many months are spent avoiding any mention on the internet so that the result remains a surprise for our viewing on January 1st. We were delighted to see Scotland's Tom 'the Albatross' Stoltman win his third title in an exciting finale.

Now memories of Christmas and the World's Strongest Man competition fade and (hopefully not with our new year's resolutions!), I find myself reflecting on what it truly means to be strong. Watching the incredible feats of physical power—pulling trucks, lifting stones, and enduring gruelling challenges, I was inspired not just by the athlete's physical strength, but by their discipline, determination and resilience. I recognise these traits that were required in my previous career as a Royal Marine, as well as my ultra-marathon running endeavours.

As a Christian, this inspired me to think about another kind of strength—spiritual strength. The Bible speaks often of strength, not in terms of what we can lift or endure physically, but in terms of faith, perseverance and reliance on God.

Just as the world's strongest people spend years training their bodies, we must also commit to training our spirits. Paul writes in 1 Timothy 4:8, "For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come." Here are a few ways we can cultivate spiritual strength in 2025:



1. Start with the Word

The Bible is our ultimate training manual. Psalm 119:28 says, "My soul is weary with sorrow; strengthen me according to your word." Spending time daily reading Scripture, not just to check off a task, but to let God's truths sink deeply into our hearts. Like a daily workout, consistency is key.

2. Prayer: 'Your Spiritual Cardio'

Prayer connects us to the source of all strength—God Himself. Philippians 4:13 reminds us, "I can do all this through him who gives me strength." Making prayer a priority, whether it's through quiet moments in the morning, quick conversations throughout the day, or intentional times of intercession builds spiritual resilience and keeps us connected to the source of our strength.

3. Build Endurance Through Trials

Just as weightlifters push their limits to grow stronger, spiritual strength often grows through challenges. James 1:2- encourages us: "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance."

4. Community: 'Your Support System'

Strongmen often rely on coaches and supporters to encourage and push them forward. In the same way, we need a spiritual community to walk alongside us. Hebrews 10:24-25 reminds us to "spur one another on toward love and good deeds" and to "not give up meeting together."

5. Rest and Recovery in God's Presence

No athlete can train 24/7 without rest. Likewise, our spiritual growth requires moments of stillness. Jesus Himself often withdrew to quiet places to pray (Luke 5:16). Taking time to rest in God's presence, allowing Him to refresh and restore your soul.

A New Year - A New Strength

Building the kind of strength that doesn't fade with time but grows eternal is something any of us can look to regardless of age, ability or physicality. The world's strongest man may hold his title for a year, but the spiritual strength we cultivate in Jesus will sustain us for a lifetime—and beyond.

This year, let's lift the weight of forgiveness, carry the burdens of others in prayer, and stand firm in the face of trials. Let's be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power (Ephesians 6:10), knowing that our strength comes not from ourselves but from the God who created us.

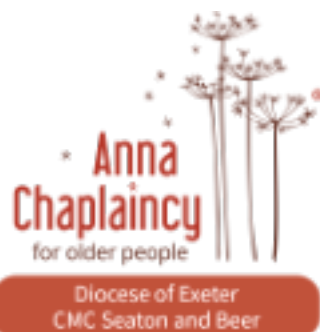
May the rest of 2025 be filled with a deepening faith and the unshakable strength that only comes from walking closely with Jesus Christ.

Grace and peace - *Revd Justin*

ANNA CHAPLAINCY

ANNA CHAPLAINCY – FEBRUARY

worship and events – If you have a loved one or friend you visit in one of the Seaton care homes, you might like to join us for our monthly activity and worship? Please check with the care home prior to your visit in case anything has to be changed.



Monday 3 February – THORNFIELD 11.00 a.m.

Tuesday 4 February – THE MANOR 11.00 a.m.

Wednesday 5 February – CHECK HOUSE 11.00 a.m.

Monday 10 February – QUIZ NIGHT CHURCH CENTRE SEATON 7 for 7.30pm teams of 2-6 people £3 per person entry, raffle. Cash Only event. Money raised going towards Anna Chaplaincy ministry and St Gregory's church. All details on posters or contact the church office 01297 23656 Email: caseymary119@gmail.com

Tuesday 11 February – MEMORY CHURCH 2-4 p.m. Church centre St Gregory's SEATON – For older people who find it difficult to worship in our church buildings. Worship, afternoon tea and making new friends. Interested? Phone 01297 23656

Thursday 13 February - THE SEATON 11.00 a.m.

Monday 17 February – NETHERHAYES 10.45 a.m.

Tuesday 18 February – LYME BAY VIEW 10.45 a.m.

Wednesday 19 February - ANNA'S PLACE 2.00 p.m. St Michael's Church BEER. Reflective café style worship with Holy Communion followed by refreshments.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. We really appreciate your prayers and support.

**Anna Chaplain Mary, Anna Chaplain Sue –
CONTACT 01297 23656**

Coastal Mission Community
St Gregory's, Seaton & St Michael's, Beer

QUIZ NIGHT

& RAFFLE!

MON 10TH FEB

7PM FOR 7.30PM START

Anna Chaplaincy
for older people
Diocese of Exeter
CMC Seaton and Beer

- £3pp, teams of 2, 4 or 6
- BYO drinks/nibbles
- Tea/Coffee available
- CASH ONLY event

St Gregory's Church Centre, Colyford Rd Seaton
(opp. the Cricket Ground)
Raising funds for Anna Chaplaincy ministry to the elderly in Seaton, and for St Gregory's Church, charity no. 1127403

www.coastalchurch.org.uk Office: 01297 236565

Memory Church

For Older People and their Carers:
A Place to Meet, Relax & Worship
together.

**Tuesday 11th
February**

2nd Tues of
the month
2-4pm

St Gregory's
Church Centre,
Colyford Rd
Seaton EX12 2DF

**Dementia Supportive
Disabled Facilities**

**Anna
Chaplaincy**
for older people
Diocese of Exeter
CMC Seaton and Beer

Contact: Mary Casey caseymary119@gmail.com
Anna Chaplain or
to book your place Church office: 01297 23856
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BEER
INVITES YOU TO
MESSY CHURCH**

**JOIN US FOR CRAFTS, MUSIC, WORSHIP
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FRIDAY FEBRUARY 14th 3:30-5:30pm

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ALTAR GUILD

Next meeting: Tuesday 11th February, 10 am.

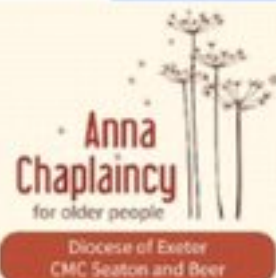
ANNA'S PLACE

Special 30 minute
worship for
Older People

Followed by Refreshments
Music and Memories,
Wednesdays from 2pm
at St Michael's, Beer:

February 19th

All are welcome!
Dementia Supportive
Come, receive
God's Grace



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- Understanding fuel poverty
- The energy market and energy costs
- How to use energy at home
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- Smart meters
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For advice contact:

01392 248919

 anderson.jones@devoncommunities.org.uk

 www.devoncommunities.org.uk/projects/energy-outreach-project

 citizens advice

2025 has started with a raft of low pressure weather systems which have produced some very wet and windy conditions which have been interspersed with a series of gloomy grey days. The latter are not conditions which inspire one to work in the garden or start on new projects. However, hopefully most New Year's resolutions to keep fit, lose weight etc. are still being kept!

There are some signs that change is on the way. The days have lengthened perceptible since December 21st. That additional couple of minutes each day does make a difference. Our neighbour's snowdrop patch has been a picture since the turn of the year, and other bulbs are pushing through. The winter box (Sarcococca) is in bloom and the perfume is delight in the evenings. The winter jasmine and mahonia are full of bright yellow flowers – and we still have a couple of nasturtium flowers giving a splash of colour. Keep an eye open for frog spawn and, if possible, report your sighting via the PondNet Spawn survey. Frogs and other amphibians have been in decline and these annual reports help scientists understand what is happening.

Beer Village Heritage has marked the new year by making a start on re-styling the fishtanks. The end of the room has been cleared and we are in the process of remodelling the display area. Our plan is to open in time for Easter as usual. You can enjoy the outside displays at any time of the year. We know that these are popular with youngsters and are very grateful to one of our volunteers who keeps an eye on the dynamos, ensuring that the handles are working, thus enabling children to appreciate alternative ways of creating a light source.

The forecast for New Year's Day was for 50 mph winds and heavy rain, so we were not surprised to find ourselves on a deserted beach at 1100, with no beach cleaners in sight! Eventually a lady from Walsall and her daughter appeared, saying that they were staying in the area and wanted to come and join us. Between us we collected a reasonable haul of bits of plastic, rope ends, fishing line and sweet papers. The visitors told us that their local council encourages residents to keep their immediate vicinity litter-free by giving them gloves and litter-pickers as well as a transparent rubbish bag. The latter is placed next to their rubbish bin for collection, which enables the council to gauge how much litter has been collected. We don't have a similar system here, but every day various local residents collect litter from the beach. Thank you all. You make such a difference to our village.

The Beer Art Groups' History Group is continuing to research the population trends in the village, starting with the 28 households – reckoned to be 113 people – recorded in 1086. It is suggested that one indication of population growth is the record of the original church – a chapel of ease – being extended.

Beer Village Heritage was saddened to learn that the Beer Virtual Museum website has been taken down. Our thanks go to Chris Pickles for all of the energy which he put into the project.

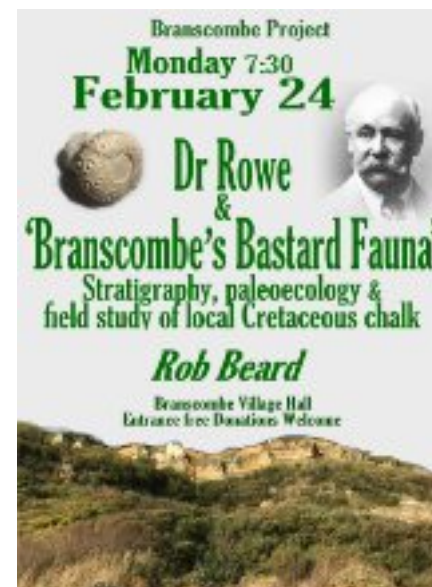
February's Branscombe Project talk is on Monday 24th and will be given by Rob Beard. He will talk about Dr. Rowe and "Branscombe's Bastard Fauna", looking at the fossils and fossil record in the chalk between Branscombe and Salcombe Regis.

The Axe Valley Heritage Association hosts the first of their 2025 talks on Thursday 27th February when Tom Cadbury will talk about the Seaton Hoard. The talk, in the United Reform Church, Cross Street, Seaton, starts at 1400 and you can book a seat via their FaceBook page.

Dr. Sam Bridgewater gave an update on The Lower Otter Restoration Project to the Devonshire Association. This area which is now covered at high water has rapidly become a haven for a variety of birds as well as fish such as mullet, with the mud being rich in invertebrates.

Beer Village Heritage is a registered charity, and we rely on donations in order to run the Fine Foundation Centre and the Bomb Shelter. You'll find the Beer Village Heritage walks and I-Spy online via our website: <http://www.beervillageheritage.org.uk>. We apologise that some of the links on the site are not working.

If you would like to be involved with running the Fine Foundation Centre and our other activities, please talk to our Chairman, David Morling on 01297 625045.



Beer Film Society

★★★★★
"One of the sweetest, most touching confections of the year"
CINESTOCK

"Irresistibly charming"
ARIELLE L'EGLEY

★★★★★
"Magnificent"
THE GUARDIAN

"Pure joy to watch"
FEATHERSTONE

MY FAVOURITE CAKE
کیک محبوب من

Card payment preferred

Bring your own cushions!

Thursday February 13th
Mariners' Hall

Doors open 6.30pm **New start time - 7.00 pm**

Members £5.00 non members £7.00

numbers limited - to book tickets email beerfilmsociety@gmail.com

BEER FILM SOCIETY

WHEN we looked at our schedule for February, Thursday the 13th jumped out as an ideal date for a movie night.

I mean, what better than an Eve-of-Valentine's Day film to get into the romantic mood?! No prizes for answering that but we have come up with a wonderful and romantic Persian film – **'My Favourite Cake' (2024, 97mins, sub-titles, 12)** - that should set the tone for any further celebrations.

And even if you're not a romantic this is a wonderful comedy/drama that earned some terrific reviews and was a winner at the prestigious Berlin International Film Festival last year.

In this gentle comedy/drama widower Mahin (70) lives alone in Tehran since her husband's death and her daughter's departure for Europe, until an afternoon tea with friends leads her to break her solitary routine and revitalize her love life.

But as Mahin opens herself up to new romance, what begins as an unexpected encounter quickly evolves into an unpredictable, unforgettable evening.

So please come and join us – and maybe treat someone special to a Baboo ice cream as well!

What the critics said:

Plans have a way of going awry in this lovely, intimate, tragicomic take of late-blooming love in the shadow of Iran's repressive regime. In its gentle way, this is a subversive piece of film-making.

Wendy Ide. Observer. 4*

A lovely and bittersweet comedy of moments seized in the autumn of life.

Danny Leigh. Financial Times. 5*

As well as everything else, this wonderfully sweet and funny film will contribute to the debate about whether repressive regimes are the nursery of artistic greatness.

Peter Bradshaw. The Guardian. 5*

A moving tale of nascent romance between two kindly septuagenarians has been enough, apparently, to send the Iranian government into a tailspin.

Kevin Maher. The Times. 4*

A reminder that the Mariners' Hall doors will open at 6.30pm for a **7pm start**.

Tickets on the door cost £5 for members (a rolling £15 annual membership includes the discount each month and a free film in December) and £7 for guests and the bar will be open upstairs, along with Baboo ice creams available downstairs.



At the time of writing my report we were looking forward to having a Coffee Morning at Beer Sailing Club from 10am to noon on Wednesday 22nd January. We were also looking forward to hearing information from our special guest for the morning Steve Postle of the Lyme Regis Fishing College, Lyme Regis Fisherman and Marine Health and Safety



Provider to the South Coast. We extend a huge thank you to Beer Sailing for their support and for inviting us to host the event.

We were also preparing for our RNLI SOS Table Top Sale on Saturday 25th January at the Mariners Hall. We have been doing this event since the first SOS Day in 2011 and it is usually a great morning. Our report of both events will be in the next issue of Beer Parish News. At the present time we don't have any events planned for February but people can see details on posters and information on Facebook. Reports are also in the Midweek Herald.

On Sunday 9th March it is Grizzly Race Day and we will be at Beer Head Caravan Park with Beer Village Heritage doing the drink station. We will be there from 9am until the last runner passes through at approximately 4pm.

It is a great day and additional helpers are very welcome and invited to stay for as long or short time as they would like. Please wear suitable

clothing for the weather and bring some refreshments with you although in most years Beer Village Heritage have supplied hot Bacon Baps.

On Tuesday 11th March our Annual General Meeting is to be held at the Congregational Hall. The meeting starts at 7.30pm. Our Community Fundraising Manager Jason Luff will be attending with news from Exmouth Lifeboat Station where he is a crew member on the D Class Lifeboat George Bearman II. He will also be bringing the latest news from the RNLI. We will be reviewing a brilliant 2024 and looking forward through 2025. There will also be a raffle and refreshments at the meeting. Additional Volunteers are needed and welcome for our Shop at Jubilee Gardens that will be re-opening in the Spring and our Shop Manager Richard Hare can be contacted on (01404) 871445. Additional fundraising volunteers are needed too and details are available from me on wac500@hotmail.co.uk

As the year progresses will be taking part in the RNLI Mayday Appeal and our Beer Lifeboat Weekend is on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th July and we will be at events in our area.

Best wishes to everyone.

Wendy Cummins,
Secretary Seaton Beer and District Branch RNLI



Beer Parish Council Newsletter January, 2025

Sadly Beer news got off to a sad start in 2025, with the announcement that Brian Potter had died on the 3rd January. Brian was a former Parish Councillor and served for many years on various Committees. He was also an active member of the community and gave his time to promote other organisations in the village. His towering upright stature will be missed around the village. The Council extends its sincere sympathies to his wife Deirdre and to his family.

In other happier news, the Council is pleased to be able to report that another survey of the state of repair and functionality of the watercourses throughout the village is underway, in the hope that flooding of parts of the village can be prevented during periods of heavy rainfall. Alongside this, the newly reformed Beer Emergency response Team Committee has already had several meetings to establish an action plan and a network of support if any unforeseen event occurs in the village putting lives and homes at risk. A financial grant has enabled the purchase of emergency radios and other equipment such as the **“message in a bottle scheme”** created by the Lions organisation. The plastic bottles in which the details of a person’s prescription medicines and details of their next of kin etc. can be recorded, are then placed in the fridges of vulnerable people. In the event of the emergency services being called to a person’s home, they will look for these details in the owner’s fridge. This is the recommended place to put the bottle, as it will be the first area the emergency services will look. These plastic bottles are available free of charge to anyone in the village who feels they would like to have one. Family members are also encouraged to consider their elderly relatives and to set up a “message in a bottle” as well. Details of the whereabouts of these supplies can be obtained via the Clerk to the Council, or by visiting <https://How it Works - Message in a Bottle , Lions Clubs International British Isles> .

Regrettably, we are not able to report any progress being made in the Transfer of Assets plan with EDDC. We submitted the required expression of interest form to EDDC in 2024 and we have supplied details of the areas which the Parish Council would be prepared to consider taking over. Only assets which are proven to be totally financially viable within the Council’s annual budget will be considered. A large amount of time and effort has been expended by the members of the asset transfer committee (many of whom are non-councillors-to ensure total democracy and scrutiny). Beer Parish Council has now given a deadline for EDDC to respond. We will await the District Council’s response with interest. It is thought that the possibility of EDDC being made part of a Unitary Group, is the reason for the delay in it responding to Beer. Further details will be given in forthcoming editions of this newsletter.

The Parish Council has identified the need for a restructure of the running of the Mariners’ Hall. The present schemes, under which the hall is run, were created in

the 1950’s and they no longer meet the strict government requirements for the running of public spaces and areas. Fortunately, there are representatives from all the organisations in the village who regularly use the hall, on the management committee and they are keen to embrace the changes which are needed. It is hoped that the Mariners’ Hall website will soon be updated and made more user friendly for both the village residents and for potential bookings for social events and gatherings. Further details will be given as progress is made.

At the meeting of the Council’s Finance a General Purposes Committee in December 2024, recommendations for the setting of the forthcoming precept were agreed and those recommendations were subsequently adopted by the full Council. A request to EDDC in line with all local parishes has been submitted and details are available on the Parish Council website, under the Finance & General Purpose meeting 11th December 2024 minutes. The Parish Council recognises the financial plight of many of its residents in these difficult times and every effort to keep costs down will be taken.

Parish Council meetings take place each month in a relaxed but totally correct atmosphere, under the leadership of our Chairman and our excellent Clerk, Nicky Ingarfield. Public participation is very welcome and as there is a current vacancy on the Council, residents are encouraged to come along and consider joining the team.

Your Village Needs You!

The Parish Council are in the process of producing the village emergency plan. The plan is an extensive document detailing how the Council and Volunteers would respond in the event of an emergency, this could be anything from flooding to a severe road traffic accident.

For the plan to work we need more volunteers, in particular residents with 4-wheel drives, plumbers, electricians as well as residents who could just muck in and lend a hand to support others, we know that the village is very fortunate to have lots of wonderful health care professionals, would any of you be happy to share your details (name and phone number) with us?

We hope that we never have to use the plan, in which case we would never need to call on you, but we do need to have the plan in place, just in case! The emergency services may not always be able to get to the village and Beer has always shown itself to be an amazing community in times of need, for example during Covid, it would be amazing if we could just have details of people who would be willing to help in the unlikely event of an emergency. Please contact the clerk: clerk@beer-pc.gov.uk if this is something you can help your community with.

The future of the Women's Institute (WI) in the UK looks both promising and transformative, as the organization adapts to the changing needs of modern society while remaining true to its founding principles of empowering women and fostering community engagement. As the world grapples with new challenges, the WI is positioned to continue its legacy of education, activism, and social connection.

One key area of growth is the WI's expanding role in environmental and sustainability initiatives. With increasing concern over climate change, many branches are leading the charge on eco-friendly campaigns, such as reducing plastic waste and promoting sustainable food practices. The WI's ability to mobilize local communities for global causes positions it as a powerful advocate for positive environmental change.

Additionally, the WI is embracing digital technologies, reaching out to younger generations through online platforms, virtual events, and social media. This shift not only helps attract a more diverse membership but also allows the WI to stay relevant in an increasingly digital world.

The continued focus on activism, especially around women's rights, healthcare, and mental health, ensures that the WI remains a significant voice in shaping public discourse. With its ability to adapt and innovate, the WI is likely to remain a vibrant force for change and community building well into the future.

**Beer Wi meet next on
Feb 5th in the Congregational Hall, 7.30
You would very welcome**

Tell us how we should respond to automatic fire alarms

**We responded to an average of
16 false alarms every day last
year due to automatic fire alarms.**

Read about our proposed changes and
complete a short survey by visiting
www.dsfire.gov.uk/about-us/AFA-consultation or scanning this code.



The consultation closes at midday on
Wednesday 9 April 2025

Need information in a different format?
Please call us on **01392 261287** or
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Do you want to read this now? Or later?

Have you ever thought about eliminating the ‘laters’? I’ll do it later. I’ll think about it later. We put so many things into ‘later,’ -- as if later is ours anyway?

Later the coffee gets cold. Later priorities change, the charm is broken, the moment has passed. Later parents and friends are gone, promises are forgotten. Often later is too late.

While waiting for later you lose the best moment. The day is today and the moment is now.

Do you want to take this message? Do you want it now? Do you want to share it? Or will you leave it, for later?

With acknowledgements to Caitriona Loughrey

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“Later” actually means “Future”. I am putting something off for later, is another way of saying I am posting this into the future. Except that no one in the history of humanity on earth has ever put a foot in the future, no one has ever touched it. Because it doesn’t exist. It’s a concept. It’s a mental projection. It only exists in the mind.

A concept is a mental image. We construct them because we wish to put a verbal label onto what we do. Jobs and positions have labels and often we identify so strongly with the label that we think of ourselves and others as actually being a president or a fishmonger, a lawyer or a bishop, a bus driver or a success or a failure.

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Our fortieth anniversary programme starts on April 5th 2025 with Haydn's Creation, one of the most popular choral works and one which has been a staple of the ADCS repertoire.

Information about our activities is available on our website, www.axminsterchoral.co.uk. Tickets for our concerts are available through the website, from Archway Books in Axminster and from members of the choir.

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