

Beer Parish News

July 2026



and **summer**
St Michael's... *1...and* **Village**

CHURCH DIRECTORY

www.coastalchurch.org.uk

VICAR Rev Justin Montague coastalvicar@hotmail.com 07308 264614

Parish Administrator Helen Knight seatonchurch@hotmail.co.uk 23656

Parish Finance Officer Helen Moulding cmctreasurer@hotmail.com

Local Pioneer Minister Rev Shuna George Pritchard shuna.art@gmail.com

ST MICHAEL'S ...

Churchwarden: Penny Grant pennygrant@hotmail.co.uk 24008

Secretary: Mrs Jean Smith 07412 010245



Altar Guild: Mrs P. Bewick 21954

Mrs Y. Hawker 22191

Choir: Dr G. Butler (Practice Tuesday 5-6pm) 21375

Organist: Dr G. Butler 21375

Children's Society: Ann Stott seatonchurch@hotmail.co.uk 23656

Children's Ministry: Rev Shuna George Pritchard shuna.art@gmail.com

Children's Team: Gayle Chapple, Amy Dare, Jenny Ross

Worship Team: Gayle Chapple, Lynne Bees, Penny Grant, Yvonne Hawker, Angela Ould, Jenny Ross

Pastoral Team: Mrs G. Chapple (sec) 07794 838219

Mrs Y. Hawker, Mrs P. Bewick,

Mrs E. Singleton,

Mrs S. Anderson



ANNA CHAPLAINS: Mary Casey email caseymary119@gmail.com

Phone: 23656 or 07805 655335

& Sue Craker Mobile 07802 649155 email: susanawhelan@icloud.com

Parish Safeguarding Representative: Sue Craker 01297 23656

Local Safeguarding Officer: Mrs G. Chapple

Beer Parish News: Dr Henry Jagers, Green Bank, 9 Clinton Rise, Beer

Editor: Email: henryjagers@btinternet.com Tel: 20858

Area code for all phone numbers above is 01297 unless shown otherwise

In an emergency, parishioners should contact the Churchwarden (see above for phone number).

The P.C.C. of St Michael's Church, Beer, holds the copyright to articles written by its members. Please ask for permission before you use them. Other than articles written by church members, we do not own the copyright to any of the materials herein. Publication of items herein, including advertisements, does not imply endorsement by the P.C.C.

www.coastalchurch.org.uk



St MICHAEL'S CHURCH

www.coastalchurch.org.uk [St Michael's Church, Beer](https://www.facebook.com/StMichaelChurchBeer)

Calendar for JULY 2026

Sun 28th June	9:30am Family Communion	<i>4th Sunday after Trinity</i>
Tues 30th June	2:00pm Play reading group 5:00pm Choir Practice	
Wed 1st July	8:20am Open the Book at Beer Primary School 10:00am Reflective Prayer 11:00am Anna Chaplaincy Activity & Worship at CHECK HOUSE 1:00pm PSR Training	
Fri 3rd	10:00am Mickey's Music Makers	
Sun 5th	NO 8:00am Communion 9:30am Morning Praise	<i>5th Sunday after Trinity</i>
Mon 6th	10:45am Anna Chaplaincy Activity & Worship at THORNFIELD	
Tues 7th	10:00am Altar Guild Meeting 5:00pm Choir Practice	
Thurs 9th	6:00pm ~ 9:00pm Safeguarding Meeting – Exeter	
Fri 10th	10:00am Mickey's Music Makers	
Sun 12th	9:30am Holy Communion	<i>6th Sunday after Trinity</i>
Mon 13th	7:30pm Licensing of Rev Tracey Voysey at St Paul's, Honiton	
Tues 14th	5:00pm Choir Practice	
Wed 15th	8:20am Open the Book at Beer Primary School 10:00am Holy Communion at BEER 2:00pm Anna's Place	
Fri 17th	10:00am Mickey's Music Makers (end of term party)	
Sat 18th	10~12noon Coffee Morning+stalls in church celebrating "The Four Seasons"	
Sun 19th	9:30am Morning Praise 3:00pm Cream Teas in church with music by The Hubcaps <i>followed at 4:30pm by "Songs of Praise" service</i>	<i>7th Sunday after Trinity</i>
Mon 20th	2:30pm Beer School Year 6 Leavers' Service 7pm for 7:30pm start QUIZ Night (<i>bring your own drink & nibbles</i>)	
Tues 21st	5:00pm Choir Practice	
Wed 22nd	8:20am Open the Book TBC 10:00am Holy Communion at SEATON 12:30pm Worship Team Meeting 1:00pm PCC Meeting	
Sun 26th	9:30am Holy Communion	<i>8th Sunday after Trinity</i>
Tues 28th	5:00pm Choir Practice	
Sun 2nd Aug	8:0am Holy Communion 9:30am Morning Praise	<i>9th Sunday after Trinity</i>

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

Over the last few weeks, the increase in traffic along the quiet lanes around our communities is noticeable. I offer a frequent wave of greeting and hello to our hard-working farmers moving from field to field in their tractors, as they prepare to spread their slurry to provide vital nutrients to the soil to maximise crop and grass growth. Amongst many inspiring qualities of the farming community, I can imagine patience, resilience and adaptability are required in abundance too.

Also, at this time of year our gardens seem full of life. Flowers open, vegetables and fruits might quietly begin to appear, hedges thicken and in places, usually when we were not looking, things have begun to grow. We have pear, apple and fig trees in the vicarage garden and after what seems a visibly quiet winter, the unseen work beneath the soil, in the roots and the branches has begun to bear fruit, offering a foretaste of what is to come. It always amazes me, because unlike our diligent farmers and many of you keen gardeners, I confess the abundant crop of fruits to come in our garden are not the result of any of my seasonal preparation or labours. I simply gather them in to be made into pies, cakes, crumbles and fruit salads to share or to savour solely on their own as a refreshingly tasty snack.

It can be easy for us to forget how slow most growth really is.

No one plants a seed and expects tomatoes by Tuesday. Gardeners and farmers understand something the rest of us can often struggle to accept, growth takes time. It happens unseen, quietly, patiently, beneath the surface long before we can see the results. Yet we are not always that patient with ourselves or others.

We live in a culture of quick results. We want faster broadband and swift service. Next-day delivery and rapid replies to our WhatsApp's, emails and texts. We want instant success. I was amazed to hear the average tenure for a Premier League manager last season was just 0.87 years, a season which saw 9 sackings!

In our lives we like improvements we can measure and progress we can see. And if we don't see immediate results, we can get disheartened. And perhaps we can carry those same expectations into our spiritual lives. We may desire stronger faith,



more patience and deeper prayer as though transformation should happen overnight.

But Jesus often spoke of growth in much gentler terms about a process. He told parables (stories with a deeper meaning) about seeds scattered into soil, about tiny beginnings and about growth that happens slowly and often unnoticed. In one parable pointing to the kingdom of God, Jesus says of a seed: *"Night and day... the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how."* (Mark: 4.27)

For me, that feels deeply reassuring. Perhaps faith grows more like a garden than a machine. Slowly and quietly through seasons, sometimes hidden and yet sometimes messy or through difficulty. Sometimes growth can appear to stand still, even while roots are deepening underneath. Again, it all requires patience, resilience and adaptability.

We may not notice growth in ourselves, yet over time with intentionality, trust, faithfulness and application, we become steadier, more prayerful and deeply connected to the one who creates, brings life and sustains all things. This is called sanctification, a lifelong ongoing spiritual transformation of an individual in union with the Holy Spirit, the very presence and power of God in the life of every person who puts their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.

So, this summer as you pass gardens in bloom, fields that are beginning to sprout, a farmer on the lanes or notice life flourishing around you; take heart and lift your hands and give thanks to God. Growth rarely announces itself with great drama and often the deepest things are happening slowly.

He who breathed the world into existence, who rose Jesus from the dead and can turn something as small as a mustard seed into a large shrub bush, can do wonders in our lives that we can only imagine, if we surrender them to him. I speak from experience.

And just perhaps...God is far more patient with our growth than we are.

Have a super summer.

Grace and peace.

Revd Justin

WE HAVE SOME GOOD NEWS! We will have a newly commissioned



Anna Chaplain joining us very soon. Kathryn has completed all her training during this past year and will be Commissioned on Sunday July 14 when she will be presented with her Licence for ministry by the Archdeacon. We look forward to welcoming her to the local Anna Chaplaincy team for Seaton and Beer.

Please prayer for Kathryn and her family as she begins her voluntary Anna Chaplaincy ministry.

ANNA CHAPLAINCY JULY and early AUGUST worship and events – If you have a loved one or friend you visit in one of the Seaton care homes, please consider joining us for our monthly worship. You would be most welcome. Kindly check with the care home prior to your visit in case anything changes at the last minute.

Wednesday 1 July – CHECK HOUSE 11.00 a.m.

Monday 6 July - THORNFIELD 11.00 a.m.

Monday 13 July – NETHERHAYES 10.45 a.m.

Tuesday 14 July - 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

ANNA'S PLACE at St Michael's Church BEER. Please join us on Wednesday 15 July 2.00 p.m. Reflective café style worship with Holy Communion followed by refreshments, everyone welcome. A space for carers and those cared for at home

Tuesday 21 July - LYME BAY VIEW 10.45 a.m

Monday 27 July – THE MANOR 11.00 a.m.

Tuesday 28 July– THE SEATON 11.00 a.m.

AUGUST

Monday 3 AUGUST- THORNFIELD 11.00 a.m.

Wednesday 5 AUGUST - CHECK HOUSE 11.00 a.m.

Note: Memory Church and Anna's Place will be taking a break during August, returning September. Have a lovely Summer!

If you know someone living at home or a resident who would like a one-to-one visit in a care home, please contact either Mary or Sue on their mobile numbers. You will find Information leaflets about Anna Chaplaincy ministry displayed at St Gregory's and St Michael's churches. Thank you for your support and prayers.

Anna Chaplain Mary - 07805655335 Anna Chaplain Sue – 07802649155

The church office - CONTACT 01297 23656

A poster for Anna's Place, a special 30-minute worship for older people. The background is light blue with a large red treble clef and musical notes. The text reads: 'ANNA'S PLACE', 'Special 30 minute worship for Older People', 'Followed by Refreshments Music and Memories, Wednesdays from 2pm at St Michael's, Beer:'.

ANNA'S PLACE

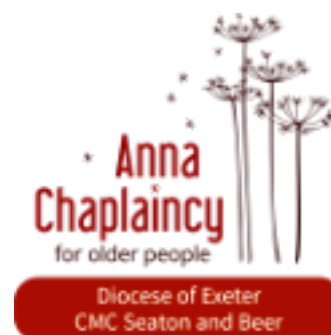
Special 30 minute
worship for
Older People

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

15 JULY

**We are taking a break
during August**

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

A poster for Memory Church, a place to meet, relax, and worship together for older people and their carers. The background is a photograph of hands holding a small white cup. The text reads: 'Memory Church', 'For Older People and their Carers: A Place to Meet, Relax & Worship together.', '14 JULY We are taking a break during August, back 8 SEPTEMBER', '2nd Tues of the month 2-4pm', 'St Gregory's Church Centre, Colyford Rd, Seaton EX12 2DF', 'Dementia Supportive Disabled Facilities', 'Contact: Mary Casey Anna Chaplain to book your place', 'caseymary113@gmail.com', 'Church office: 01297 23656', 'www.stgregoryschurch.co.uk'.

Memory Church

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

14 JULY
We are taking a
break during
August, back
8 SEPTEMBER

2nd Tues of
the month
2-4pm

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

**Dementia Supportive
Disabled Facilities**

Contact: Mary Casey
Anna Chaplain
to book your place

caseymary113@gmail.com
Church office: 01297 23656
www.stgregoryschurch.co.uk

Fine Foundation Centre

Beer Village Heritage

Reg. Charity No.1087162

We have reluctantly said "Farewell" to the sponge crab which arrived in the fish tanks in the Fine Foundation Centre a few weeks ago. Although it appeared to be very static and docile, we realised that the anemones were disappearing! Putting it

back in the sea solved a potential problem: when the crab needed a bigger shell, where would it find a new sponge "hat" if it stayed in the tank? Our thanks go to Carol who organised a rock pooling session and found a new selection of beasties for the tank. These include some sea hares which have subsequently laid some eggs. So, watch out for some more sea hares in due course! Hopefully they will help the various top-shells to keep the sides of the tanks clean as they are algae eaters.

The current heat-wave is having an effect on plants, especially those in pots and those which have only recently been planted out. Water in the evening, if possible, and soak the soil rather than drenching the plant. The objective of the exercise is to encourage the roots to go down into the soil to look for water, and dribbles of wetness on the surface will result in the roots staying too near the surface. Water in butts can be augmented by small amounts collected indoors. Catch the water from the tap as you wait for the hot water to come through. Rinsing water from hand washing is also useful, as is any caught under a dripping tap. We have a watering can in the kitchen, ready to collect any useful supplies.

June has seen the dragonflies hatching around the pond. We are assuming that we must have a reasonable numbers of insects in the garden as we watch bats and swifts wheeling in the evening light catching their supper. The tiny pipistrelle bat needs something like 2000 midges every night.

July will hopefully bring the glow worms again. These beetles use a fluorescent light to attract a mate, and we usually see them in the late evening/early hours. If you haven't seen them before, there are usually some in Jubilee Gardens and in the wildlife area in the "Living churchyard" at the old cemetery. I recall an elderly gentleman telling me of a time when, as a lad, he and a friend hid between the gravestones one evening when being chased by a rival "gang". They were completely spooked by the sudden appearance of a tiny flickering light on one of the graves, and rushed off home in terror. Apparently they even managed to jump over the wall into the road! It was some time before they found out about glow worms and how they operate!

Don't forget that our current Trustees, who were appointed when the charity was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, are nearing the end of their term of office and will retire, which means that new Trustees are needed. If you feel that you have skills which will be useful to the group, please talk to the Chairman. David Morling, on 01297 625045. Don't be shy!

On another administrative matter, we have to ask that future subscriptions and donations are made by cash or bank transfer. If you wish to do the latter, please ask David Morling for our bank details. The reason for this? We bank with Lloyds Bank who will no longer accept cheques at Post Offices (which included Banking Hubs). Subscriptions for 2026/7 are £5 per person.

We reported last year that repair work was needed to the Cobb at Lyme Regis when temporary measures were put in place to protect the structure. The work was done over the recent Spring tides, when engineers prepared the site and installed a specialist concrete mattress bag, filling it with concrete to structurally secure the base of the wall. This newly installed mattress has now stabilised the area and is providing essential structural support to this previously vulnerable section of the Cobb. The area will continue to be monitored as part of ongoing maintenance, and the repair is expected to gradually blend in with its surroundings over the coming weeks.



Claire Ross's talk on Pirates of the English Channel gave an overview in respect of pirates and privateers over a couple of centuries. She didn't identify any specifically connected with East Devon, although Francis Drake and Walter Raleigh, both privateers, had connections with this part of the country.

July 25th to July 31st sees the return of Heath Week with loads of activities on and about the Pebblebed Heaths. Most events are free of charge or by donation, so have a look at the programme on the Pebblebed Heaths website and enjoy something different.

The Fine Foundation Centre is open every day and continues to welcome a steady stream of visitors.

Beer Village Heritage is a registered charity, and we rely on annual subscriptions and 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 still not working. Please let us know if you can help to sort out the problem.



Sponge crab, *Dromia personata*
(Image: Ian Jepson / SWNS)

The sponge crab ate all our anemones!



Sweet Chestnut Blight in Devon: Heightened Risk and New Controls

A new outbreak of sweet chestnut blight in South Devon this spring raised concerns about the health of local woodlands. Although the disease has been recorded in the UK before, this outbreak is more significant because the fungus is now reproducing in a way that generates airborne spores, greatly increasing the risk of wider spread.

There is no chemical control and the disease has had a devastating impact in North America, where it virtually wiped out native sweet chestnut populations. Closer to home, there is growing concern that it could also affect neighbouring oak trees, potentially extending its ecological impact beyond a single species.

In April, the government introduced restrictions across a demarcated area including the Beer and Clinton Estates. These measures affect landowners, contractors, and anyone involved in woodland management, but are vital to help prevent further spread of the disease.

Under the new controls, anyone planning to cut sweet chestnut trees must notify the Forestry Commission in advance, while strict restrictions apply to the movement of potentially infected material, including timber, woodchip and bark. Those working in or visiting the countryside should be aware of the symptoms, including remain vigilant for signs of infection, reporting any suspected cases promptly.

Trees infested with sweet chestnut blight can show dark, sunken bark cankers that may girdle stems and branches. Other symptoms include brown, wilted leaves that remain attached, bright brown bark on young branches, with orange fruiting bodies that may produce orange tendrils in damp conditions.

Up-to-date guidance on identifying the disease and complying with control measures is available from GOV.UK and the website www.rhs.org.uk/science/help-our-research/check-a-sweet-chestnut explains how members of the public can help monitor the spread of sweet chestnut blight across Great Britain by reporting tree health observations to Forest Research via the TreeAlert platform.

Sadly, further sweet chestnut blight has been confirmed in the region and further outbreaks are a reminder of how quickly tree diseases can evolve and spread. Protecting sweet chestnut trees will require vigilance, cooperation and prompt action from everyone involved.

Kate Ponting, Community Engagement and Countryside Learning, Rolle Estate Office 01395 443881 - mail@clintondevon.com - www.clintondevon.com



The Hospice was set up in 1991 by Eddie and Jill Farwell after they had to travel to Oxford to find support for their own child. They and their Trustees now run three Hospices, Little Bridge House in Barnstaple opened in 1995; Charlton Farm, near Bristol opened in 2007 and Little Harbour, near St Austell in Cornwall opened in 2011.

10-12% of their funds come from the government, the rest from Gifts in Wills, Businesses, Community Groups, Charity Shops, Friends, Groups and Volunteers, Companies, Trusts and Foundations. They need £16 million a year to keep going. They support over 500 children in a year, plus parents, siblings and other family members.

They have Christmas weeks, throughout the year as needed, Sensory weeks, Sibling weeks, Theme weeks and Fetes. Families from across the years can, and do attend, the annual Fete. They have a games room and toy store and arrange homework spaces for children and siblings and even help provide special occasion facilities for the parents.

All the Homes have secure gardens. There is a bandstand which can be Santa's grotto at Little Bridge House and even a sandy beach and a sensory garden called Narnia.

They have five bedrooms, one which has a large cuddle bed for families to use, a room called Doves for quiet contemplation and an Annual Remembrance room.

There is also a kitchen, diner and lounge upstairs for family use.

They have care therapies, music with a dedicated musician who can play 17 instruments and sing: some of these sessions can be seen on You Tube. There is also a multi sensory room, a messy play room, kitchen activity area and a crafting area. They hold teenage weekends arranging Prom nights and 'I'm a Celebrity' nights.

There is a Hydrotherapy pool big enough for all the family to join in. They hold Under 5 days to help families with other siblings.

If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, you could leave a gift in your will, join their lottery, join a hike along the coast path raising funds, or a Big Ride held over three days cycling 200 miles, or a Moonlight Memory Walk and even an October Dog Walk.

Beer Film Society

POPULAR British actress Claire Foy takes centre stage in our next film ***H is for Hawk*** (2025, 12A, 1hr 55mins) at the Mariners' Hall on Thursday July 16th.

The film is adapted from the 2014 memoir by British author Helen Macdonald, which won both the Samuel Johnson Prize and Costa Book of the Year and was a best seller, loved by book clubs across the country.

Now brilliantly adapted for the screen ***H is for Hawk*** follows Helen (Claire Foy), who, after the sudden death of her father (Brendan Gleeson), loses herself in the memories of their time birding and exploring the natural world together.

To deal with her grief she turns to the ancient art of falconry training a wild goshawk named Mabel to navigate her profound loss.

But as she teaches Mabel to hunt and fly free, Helen discovers how deeply she has neglected her own emotions and life. What begins as an act of endurance transforms into an intimate journey of resilience and healing.

As Sunday Times critic Tom Shone proclaimed: 'Claire Foy shines in this adaptation of *H is for Hawk* — for once fans of the book don't have to be scared of going to the cinema.'

A reminder that doors now open at 7pm with the film starting at 7.30pm. Baboo Gelato ice creams will be on sale and the bar will be open.

Tickets on the door, £5 for members and £7 for guests. Card payment preferred please.

Beer Film Society

CLAIRE FOY SOARS

★★★★

MOVING AND BEAUTIFUL

From the Academy Award-winning producer of 12 YEARS A SLAVE and MOONLIGHT

Claire Foy Brendan Gleeson

H IS FOR HAWK

BASED ON THE NEW YORK TIMES BEST-SELLING MEMOIR

Card payment preferred

Bring your own cushions!

NEW start time!

Special Intro from Guest Speaker

Thursday July 16th

Mariners' Hall 12 A

Doors open 7.00pm start time - 7.30 pm

Members £5.00 non members £7.00

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



Our RNLI Mayday Appeal 2026 was brilliant. I completed just over forty one Mayday Miles both locally and on days out. We had our RNLI Mayday Appeal Welly Walk Day at Seaton on Saturday 30th May. We commenced collecting and walking in

relays from 10am along the East and West Walks during the day and collected a cash total of £182.15 plus £45 in card payments. A lady from Seaton joined with us for the part of the morning and her walking contributed a brilliant £300 in sponsorship donations.

The pupils of Seaton Primary School entered one hundred and fourteen fantastic entries into our Colour in a Wellington Boot Competition and the judging took place by Seaton Councillor Peter Burrows at Seaton Library on

Friday 29th May. The entries were divided in to year, class and age groups and four first and four Highly Commended prizes were given to the pupils.



Me, Wendy Marselle,
& Seaton Councillor
Peter Burrows

<https://www.iustgiving.com/page/wendysmaydaymiles> income will be credited to our Seaton Beer and District Branch in due course and the total for our RNLI Mayday Appeal was £708.76 that included sponsorship plus donations placed into RNLI Ted's collection bucket at events that we attended during the month.



Yvonne Munro-Hart, me,
& Pat Watterson

All the pupils received Respect the Water stickers and RNLI leaflets and safety information was given to the school. All support to our RNLI Mayday Appeal fundraising has been greatly appreciated and we thank Seaton Library, Seaton Primary School and everyone for the donations and sponsor money received.

My <https://www.iustgiving.com/page/wendysmaydaymiles>

As we moved into June on Wednesday 17th June Colin who volunteers at our RNLI shop at Beer and also is Lyme Regis Volunteer Experience Manager at Lyme Regis went with me to do a talk about the RNLI at the lovely Abbeyfield in Colyton and at the time of writing my report volunteers and I were looking forward to being at Offwell Village Fete with our stall on Saturday 27th June.

Our Beer Lifeboat Weekend 2026 is here and I still can't believe that twenty years have passed since our first Duck Race Day. Our programme for this year is as follows and further information will be published via posters, signs and social media.

Saturday 4th July: We are having a Street Collection throughout the day and additional collectors are needed and welcome on a rota basis all day between 10am and 6pm. Please telephone message to me on 07790861531 or come to the Mariners Hall for a collection bucket during the morning or to the RNLI shop during the afternoon.

We are having a Coffee Morning at the Mariners Hall from 10am to 12.30pm. There will be tea, coffee, hot chocolate, bacon baps and cake, a raffle and Card Tombola plus we will be taking our RNLI gifts and souvenirs and having our RNLI information table and display.

Sunday 5th July: We will be celebrating twenty years since the first Duck Race Day was held in July 2006.

Our day starts at approximately 11am and duck numbers at £2 a go to the guess the winning duck will be available near the top of Sea Hill.

On the Jubilee the Lyme Regis Water Safety Team will be in attendance plus Beer Coastguards. (subject to operational requirements) NCI Lyme Bay are also hoping to attend.

We will be having our Duck Tombola, Stormy Stan will be coming to see us and we hope that the weather is suitable for the Inflatable Shannon. We also now have an inflatable D Class lifeboat for display and fundraising.

2pm. The crew and Lyme Regis Spirit of Loch Fyne lifeboat and Exmouth R and J Welburn lifeboat will be doing their display at 2pm.(subject to weather and operational requirements)

3pm. The Duck Races will start at opposite the Cream Shop. Twelve heats of yellow plastic ducks will be racing down Beer Brook and the first and second

...continued

ducks go in the Grand Final. Prizes for winning duck sponsors are kindly donated by Beer and local businesses.

Children from Puffin Playgroup and pupils from Beer Primary School will have taken part in our Colour in a Duck Poster Competition. The entries will have been judged prior to our weekend by Lyme Regis Crew Member and artist Maria Barbashina and are being displayed at St. Michael's Church, prior, during and after the weekend. The prizes will be given to the winners before the duck races by a member of the Lyme Regis lifeboat crew providing that conditions are suitable for them to come ashore.

Our Shop at Jubilee Gardens is open daily from 10am to 4.30pm until the end of October and may be adjusted due to weather and volunteer availability. Additional volunteers are always needed and welcome on a rota or relief basis. Please contact our Shop Manager Richard Hare on 07752393640 or call in to the shop when he is there most Friday mornings. Help is still needed with fundraising collections, at our events we attend in our area. Please come and say hello when you see us or email me on wac500@hotmail.co.uk.

Best wishes to everyone as we proceed through a busy 2026.

Wendy Cummins

Secretary Fundraising/Events

Seaton Beer and District Branch RNLI



What is the Foundations Course?

Foundations is an introductory theology course run by the Diocese of Exeter covering the basics of **Theology, The Bible, Spirituality and Ministry** in a supportive, engaging way.

The course is also the first step on the path to any commissioned Ministry role in the Diocese.

How does the course run?

There is a mixture of in person and online teaching. The Exeter course starts on **10th October 2026**.

What is involved?

Attend 3 Saturdays (from 10am – 4pm) and 4 Tuesdays (from 7pm-9pm) and be part of a tutor group which meets at every in person teaching session

- Engage in the online learning in between the in-person sessions via our learning platform Moodle (5 – 7 hours for each monthly session)
- Your work is not being marked or graded and will NOT be required to write any essays!!



What does the course cost?

The course costs £25 per person, but please ask if this is prohibitive

How do I get onto the course?

If you are thinking about taking the course, please do talk to Justin or Emma to have an initial chat. The Exeter location is St Marks Church, Pinhoe Road, Exeter EX4 7HU. Some people who drive have already signed up – so lifts may be available!

2026/7 Dates are

Sat: 10 Oct, 16 Jan, 17 Apr

Tues eves: 10 Nov, 8 Dec, 23 Feb, 16 Mar,



C
A
B



CHAPEL ASSOCIATION BEER

Situated by the sea on the Jurassic Coast
in the Old Cemetery, Clapps Lane, Beer, LA9 3HE

~ *by, with, and for the Community*

PLANT STALL FOR CHAPEL PROJECT

We hope you have seen signs for this new venture in front of St Michael's. It has been set up to raise funds and awareness for the exciting project to revitalise the idyllically secluded Chapel in the Old Cemetery.

It is being run on a Buy or Swap basis, giving you a chance to extend or share the range of plants in our gardens - at very modest prices!

Recycling of plant pots and any donations of your own spare plants will be gratefully received.

One of the tasks is to provide name tags to tempt the customers and I was amused to find that one plant, a lovely almost golden ground cover plant, is known to go by the name of "Cemetery Spurge" - very appropriate to launch the sale!

David Boxford 07986 440269

Beer Plants



PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER FOR JULY 2026

Cllr Martin Shobbrook

So, continuing with Cllr Karen Stevens metaphor usage of the Relay races (see last month's newsletter), the baton for the presentation of the newsletter has now been passed to me. The aim of the present Councillors is to produce in turn, a factual; informative; accurate and friendly (even humorous as in Karen's case) account of each month's Parish Council meetings. With that in mind, here's my report on June's meeting.

It's always best to start off with any good news and then perhaps mention the not so good news. Our Chairman (Tim Stevens) began the year with an aim to introduce a "fit for purpose" new Beer Website, to replace the out-dated and almost redundant one which has existed for a number of years. He formed a group of Councillors who have spent a lot of time consulting with a team of Web designers and we can now say that the new Website (<https://beervillage.co.uk/>) will be active by the end of June. Please visit the site when you can and give us your opinions about it. Our aim is to have in one place, details of all Parish Council matters, together with direct booking facilities for the use of the Mariners' Hall. Each part will be on a separate tab on the Website and the scope to introduce further, new ideas will exist. In 2026 and beyond, it is important that Beer fully embraces modern media communications, in order to inform both the electorate and visitors of what's going on in our beautiful village.

The essential work to install a steel cradle to support the retaining wall at the side of the Mariners' Hall was completed by Harcombe Engineering Ltd. earlier this year. This was vitally important as the continued usage of the Mariners' Hall was under threat. EDDC were considering placing a closing order upon it (in the interests of public safety), but it has now withdrawn that proposal as it is again considered safe to use it. The cost of this essential work was solely borne by the Parish Council to ensure the Hall remained usable. Investigations into the future work needed to completely solve the problems are jointly underway between the Parish Council and the Mariners' Hall Management committee, under the Chairmanship of Martin Ball. News of this work will be given after more surveys have been commissioned and full costings are known.

Preparations are well underway for the Regatta week celebrations in the village (Sat.8th August – Friday 14th August with **Regatta Day being on Thursday 13th August**) and the Regatta Committee and all volunteers must be thanked for the very

hard work they are putting in behind the scenes. This is a voluntary group who give up their own time (and money) to try to ensure that the Regatta celebrations are the very best Beer can stage! It has set up its own excellent informative and colourful Website (<https://beerregatta.co.uk/>). Please visit that website and enjoy looking at the lovely photos of previous Regattas. This is another example of the efforts groups in Beer make each year, to continue the traditions of our lovely village. Whether you are a born-and-bred villager or not, please join, use and enjoy all the groups clubs and organisations we have in the village!

Another mention is totally deserving of the staunch work carried out by Beer Horticultural Society who provide the superb flower decorations throughout the village. We will shortly be able to see the results of all their hard work all the way along Fore Street and on the Jubilee, when their flowers come fully into bloom. Both residents and visitors to Beer have grown to expect that these areas will once again be as beautiful as always! What is not fully appreciated is that behind the scenes this work is carried by just four people! So thanks again and again to John, Di, Dave and Anne for your very hard work! If you would like to assist them, or join the Horticultural Society, then you will be warmly welcomed. The date of the next table top sale they organise to raise funds is on Saturday 27th June in the Mariners' Hall. Please attend it and support it.

Cllr Simon Whitelock has continued with his staunch work in ensuring that the potholes in our roads are repaired. He continues to "badger" the Highways Dept. to deal with the numerous potholes the village has. Some work has been done, but a lot remains to be tackled as is evident when you drive around the village. Simon continues to work tirelessly (sorry for the bad pun here, if you have been a victim of wheel damage in a pothole!). As always these days, it is because of the lack of public money available that our roads are desperately in need of repair. Devon, being the second largest county in England has thousands of miles of roads to maintain and it seems that all we can do is, "wait until our turn comes" with the availability of funds.

In our attempts to promote Beer activities, the Parish Council has agreed to allow the usage of its ten temporary Gazebos for village events, free of charge. These Gazebos will continue to be available for hire by professional organisations, but groups organising events to raise money for the good of the village may use them without charge. Such organisations attract a lot of visitors/trade and general interest in Beer and they will be supported. The Buggy event last month was another great success and thanks are extended to Nigel and to Fiona. Whilst the "weather gods" were kind on that day and gave us warm sunshine, this cannot be

...continued

expected with our climatic conditions and so the gazebos can provide some cover if rain does fall.

Cllr Simon Whitelock also reported to the Council that further progress (albeit at a snail's pace- due to bureaucracy hold-backs) in the efforts to re-generate/rein vigour the use of Chapel of Rest in Clapps Lane. To use a very bad pun, "It's not a dead cause". Something needs to be done with the building which has fallen into disrepair over the last two decades. It is hoped that the building will have a "new life" and become a useful commodity once more to the village. An open event is being organised for Saturday 21st June starting at 3.00 pm. Please visit the Chapel to help raise funds for its maintenance. Food and other refreshments will be available.

Now the "Have I got such not so good news for you", to plagiarise the popular TV programme. Even Messrs Hislop and Merton would find extensive comedy material to use on their programme, if they knew about our efforts to protect Common Lane! The Parish Council is strenuously trying to make Devon County Council take urgent action to help us "keep our road open"- at the very least for continued pedestrian usage. The risk of a cliff fall at the narrowest part of Common Lane remains dire and such a catastrophic would drastically affect all aspects of the village. All our efforts (including engaging the support of our local MP Richard Forde) seem to be falling on deaf ears! Even our requests to meet with them to discuss the serious issues have so far been fruitless. Mr H. and Mr M. would have a "field day" in rebuking DCC for its belligerence. We will nevertheless continue to poke a stick at DCC, because it will be too late to take any action after the cliff does fall away. As we have highlighted previously, if as little as a couple of feet of the cliff falls away, the Highways Dept. will have to place a complete road closure order on Common Lane in the interests of public safety! The carriageway is currently only approx. ten feet wide at its narrowest point!

Cllr Karen Stevens continues to arrange for the Community pay-back team to help in keeping the Jubilee and other areas in good condition. Her efforts have resulted in great improvements in the visual appearance of the village.

Due to the resignation of Cllr Jane Morrow from the Council, we now have three vacancies and we welcome anyone who is eligible to do so, to join us. The next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday 8th July @ 7.00 pm in the Mariners' Hall. The meeting is open to everyone to attend.



**CALLING ALL
COMMUNITY HEROES**

Are you passionate about your community?
Do you want to help make a long-lasting change?
Do you have innovative ideas for the council?
Do you have concerns about a specific issue?

If this is you, then we need you. We need people from all backgrounds and experiences to put themselves forward to become a parish councillor.

**MAKE A CHANGE
BECOME A COUNCILLOR**

**BEER
NEEDS YOU!**

MAKE A CHANGE
BECOME A COUNCILLOR

TO FIND OUT MORE, CONTACT:
clerk@beer-pc.gov.uk

Could you help keep Devon moving? Volunteer drivers needed across the county

- **Do you want to make a meaningful difference in your community on your own terms?**
- **Are you looking for a volunteer role that fits around your lifestyle, family and work commitments?**

If you have a full driving licence, are over 21 with two years' driving experience and access to a vehicle, becoming a Devon Community Driver could be the perfect opportunity.

Community Transport Schemes across Devon are looking for more volunteer drivers to help keep these vital services running. Whether you're available once a month, three times a year or several times a week, every journey makes a difference. Volunteers can choose when and where they drive, with no minimum commitment required, and mileage is reimbursed.

To find out more or register your interest as a **volunteer driver**, visit:

www.devoncommunities.org.uk/projects/devon-community-drivers

ALTAR GUILD NEWS

No meeting held in June

Bank Holiday quiz night held on May 25th a great success and enjoyed by all those who attended and thank you once again for supporting St Michael's.

Events - Church Weekend in July 18th -20th 2026,

Saturday July 18th – Coffee Morning 10am -12md -raffle, tombola, refreshments etc.

Sunday July 19th –Cream Tea starting at 3pm with music by the Hubcaps– followed by **Songs of Praise service** – need to check with Justin first at the PCC meeting.

Monday - July 20th – Evening Quiz – 7pm for prompt start @ 7.30pm

Please look out for the posters and media information for these events and it will be great if you join us, it will be lovely to see you .

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 7th July 2026 @10.00am

BEER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH -



SERVICES & NOTICES

July 5th - 10am Morning Service with Holy Communion

July 12th - 10am Morning Service

July 19th - 10am Morning Service

July 26th - 10am Morning Service

August 2nd - 10am Morning Service with Holy Communion

Coffee Mornings in the Hall 10-30 - 12 noon

July 9th and 23rd

There will then be a break until September 3rd.

Nature

- There are between 8 and 9 billion human beings on planet earth. 60% of them live in cities. So generations of people grow up among streets and pavements, alleys and yards, a world of stone and corner shops. Generations never walk on mountains or moors, never walk through grasslands or forests, never see starlit night skies, never confront wild animals.
- In other words, most human beings are not in touch with Nature. Does that matter? Humans are conditioned by their environment. 'Conditioned' means to be shaped, formed. We get a sense of identity, of who we are, from our world.
- There are so many divisions embedded in humanity: language, colour, shape of face, religious belief, political belief, education and culture. So much to divide us.
- But what about Nature? Is it only forests and mountains, jungles and grasslands? Is it the world where tigers and gorillas and elephants and eagles live? Or is Nature something so vast and universal that it encompasses all lifeforms? Don't we all come from Nature? Don't we all eventually return to Nature?
- We use the term Nature when we mean parts of our world in which other creatures live. But we also refer to 'Human Nature', meaning innate parts of our psychological make-up. Can we delve within ourselves deeper than the surface conditioning of where we live? Can we be aware of our inner nature?
- Can I be aware that I am myself a 'conditioned' human being, shaped by all the circumstances of my life? And can I rise above that and see who I am in my essential Nature?
- Underneath all the acquired and accumulated content of my mind, I am a conscious being; I am an integral part of Universal Nature. That is where I came from; that is where I return to.

YOUR LOCAL CONTACTS

Parish Council

John Heath	cllrjheath@beer-pc.gov.uk
Maureen Westlake	cllrmwestlake@beer-pc.gov.uk
Martin Shobbrook	cllrmschobbrook@beer-pc.gov.uk
Timothy Stevens (Chair)	cllrstevens@beer-pc.gov.uk 07855 023482
Karen Stevens	cllrkstevens@beer-pc.gov.uk.com
Simon Whitelock	cllrswritelock@beer-pc.gov.uk
Carole Arnold	cllrcarnold@beer-pc.gov.uk
Mark Finney	cllrminney@beer-pc.gov.uk

Clerk to the Council: clerk@beer-pc.gov.uk
Tess Nishino 07354 390682

Internal Auditor: Jacqui Peskett - Aalgaard Renshaw Business Solutions Ltd.

East Devon District Councillor

John Heath 07966 089257

Devon County Councillor

Paul Arnott paul.arnott@devon.gov.uk

Member of Parliament Richard Foord

Email: Richard.Foord.MP@parliament.uk

Tel: 0207 219 8349

Post:

East Devon Business Centre, Honiton, EX14 1SF

Garlands Holiday Cottages, Beer
www.garlandsatbeer.co.uk



*One and two bedroomed self catering cottages.
Sea views
Private parking
Comfortable en-suite bedrooms
Large landscaped garden
Dog friendly
Few minutes walk to the beaches, pubs, shops
For reservations see website or tel 07568 358712*

HURFORD & HOLLAND HERITAGE

PERIOD PROPERTY

RESTORATIONS AND RENOVATIONS

LIME PLASTERING - COB REPAIRS - STONE MASONRY

www.hhheritage.co.uk

07362 358 670

hhheritage@hotmail.com

hmad architects



Experienced, friendly and local RIBA Chartered Architectural Practice, working across the South West.

Specialising in the adaptive reuse of listed buildings, residential extensions and renovations.

Call Luke McAdam for a chat about your project, and to see how we can help: 01392459777.

mail@hmad.co.uk www.hmad.co.uk



Specialist Chocolate Shop with plenty more besides.

Hand-made luxury chocolates.

Locally handmade fudge & Devon preserves.

A wide range of confectionery.

Pick & Mix sweets.

Beautiful gifts & homewares.

Jewellery & clothing.

Beer souvenirs, games & soft toys.

Cards & stationery.

Open 10am-5pm daily during summer (Reduced hours at other times)

Fore Street, Beer EX12 3JB - Tel 01297 625999

Follow us on FACEBOOK and INSTAGRAM:

@chocolateandmoreinbeer



**SUCCESSFULLY SELLING COUNTRY
AND VILLAGE PROPERTY IN YOUR PARISH**

If you would like any advice, please contact your local Devon team:

HONITON
01404 42456 | devon@humberts.com

humberts.com
MOVING YOU SINCE 1842



Connecting the community with fresh, local and ethical food:

IN MY BACK YARD

Order weekly online or by phone from a network of small-scale, independent local producers and suppliers. We now deliver to homes and collection points across East Devon.

www.inmybackyard.co.uk 01297 680 680

GB Building & Maintenance

Conservation Building
Historic, Listed, Traditional
Lime Plastering, Stone
Work, Cob Walling repairs,
Lime Wash, Breathable
silicate paints.

Listed Heritage Member

01823 283212

07776 032289

gb_building@hotmail.co.uk

Actionline Decorating Ltd Painting & Decorating

- Exterior & Interior -

Home & Business

Conservation projects

Fully insured

Dulux Select Decorators

Company registered, Dulux 2yr guarantee on work

Approved contractors to the National Trust

Local, reliable & professional service

07785345904

01297 20001

www.actionline-decorating.com

e. info@actionline-decorating.com



@actionlinedecorating



lendology-cic



Lending with Heart and Mind

East Devon District Council fund a
not-for-profit loan scheme for homeowners and landlords'.

We understand the expense of maintaining your home and we work with
you to take the stress out of funding repairs, improvements or adaptations.

We see you as an individual, not a credit score. Our knowledgeable team of advisers
will guide you through the process of applying for a home improvement loan.

For a no-obligation assessment or more information
visit www.lendology.org.uk or call 01823 461099

Heatherton Park Studios, Bradford on Tone, Taunton, TA4 1EU

*subject to eligibility



**Industrial
Coating
Supplies**

Specialist Metal
Finishers



Renovate your wrought iron gates, railings, tables, etc!

We provide a variety of services ranging from Powder Coating to
Hot Zinc Spray and Shot Blasting. We keep a range of about
100 colours in stock. Most are exterior polyesters, which provide
excellent durability and colour retention on gates, railings
and garden furniture.

Opening Times:

Monday - Thursday 8am - 5pm

Friday 7am - 1pm

Phone: 01884 34506

email: coatingsupplies@aol.com www.industrialcoatingsupplies.co.uk

Units 1+2 Simmons Place, Kingsmill Industrial Estate, Cullompton EX15 1BH

HANSFORDS FUNERAL SERVICE

*Still a family run business, serving the local
community of East Devon for over 50 years*

Golden Charter
Funeral Plans 

Tel. **01297 22538**
(24 Hour Service)

Office and Chapel of Rest at
Bay View, Trevelyan Rd,
Seaton, EX12 2NL

www.hansfords-funeral.co.uk



THE DOLPHIN

A cosy coastal retreat in the heart of Beer, Devon. The perfect spot for relaxed dining, staycations, and proper good pints.



Cosy Bedrooms



By the Beach



Outdoor Seating



Dog Friendly

A PART OF OUR FAMILY
HALL & WOODHOUSE

dolphinhotelbeer.co.uk | 01297 301700 | Fore Street, Beer, Devon, EX12 3EQ

ADVERTISING?

Looking to increase your business?

Wanting to draw attention to your club or organisation?

Advertise in *Beer Parish News*

space is available from as little as £50 for a full 12 months!!!

We are widely read in Beer and surrounding areas and have an online presence - in colour - which attracts viewers from much further afield.

For details please contact the editor:

henryjaggers@btinternet.com



Fore Street, Beer

COTTAGE HOLIDAYS IN BEER & NEIGHBOURING VILLAGES TO SUIT ALL TASTES AND POCKETS

www.originalcottages.co.uk

Tel: (01297) 23221

ORIGINAL © COTTAGES

Beer Post Office

is now part of

Rock Villa Off-Licence

and general store

Fore Street, Beer

07752 113854

Service available seven days

a week during the store's

opening hours -

Mon.-Sat 10am-1pm, 2pm-6pm

Sunday: 12 - 4pm

Stuart's Sweeping Service

Support your local trades - use a local Chimney Sweep

A clean chimney is a safe chimney



Chimney, woodburner and range cooker sweeping.
Bird's nest removal. Camera inspections. Power sweeping.
Woodburners and liners installed. Cows and bird spikes fitted.



07432 118318 or 01404 831288

Evening and weekend appointments available.

Member of The Guild of Master Sweepers,

HETAS Approved Chimney Sweep, HETAS Registered Installer, Sweep Safe accredited, NFU insured, Itatch approved.



THE BEST SELECTION Of South West Arts and Crafts - Anywhere

MARINE HOUSE AT BEER 01297 625257
STEAM GALLERY AT BEER 01297 625144

E-mail: info@marinehouse-at-beer.co.uk
www.marinehouseatbeer.co.uk

WOOTZIE'S DELI BEER

Tel: 01297 20707

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK

Offering: FRESH & FROZEN PRODUCE,
A VARIETY OF SAVOURY PASTIES,
PIES & FLANS.

Try: OUR LOCAL CHEESES,
EXOTIC SUNDRIED TOMATOES
& OLIVES

Also available: FRESH BREAD,
HOME-MADE TREACLE TARTS
& APPLE PIES, Etc

Beer Village Stores

Fore Street, Beer

Groceries & Household Goods - Frozen Goods
Cold Drinks & Snacks - Fresh Bread
Beer, Wine & Spirits - Sweets & Confectionery
Dry Cleaning & Laundry Agent - DIY



Newspapers Open 7 days a week Magazines
For enquiries call 01297 21782

BEER HEAD CARAVAN PARK

BEER, NR. SEATON, DEVON EX12 3AH

Caravans for Hire, Shop,
Small tent area,
Laundrette, Panoramic
views from each caravan.

Tel: 01297
21107/20003
www.beer-head.com

THE ANCHOR INN AT BEER

Welcome to The Anchor!
Fully licensed restaurant and bars
Ensuite bedrooms with sea views
Food served all day everyday

Cliff top beer garden with
panoramic views of the bay

Tel: 01297 20386 for reservations
Dog friendly

Here to take
away the worry
of finding the
right care



Your Care | Your Choice | Your Hub

Hub Care Support is here to help you find the best care and support by
introducing you to high quality, accredited, Personal Assistants (PAs).

We're not an agency, we're a support service that gives you the
choice over your care. Our PA's can help with:

- Domestic tasks
- Meal preparation
- Personal Care
- Social support/
Companionship
- Shopping
- Live-in care
- Assistance to appointments
- Respite



Get in touch to
discuss your
requirements



Look through the
profiles of PAs
we send you



Arrange an
introductory chat
with your PA

01392 982 832 | exeter@hubcaresupport.co.uk
www.hubcaresupport.co.uk

LOOKING FOR A NEW DRIVEWAY, PATHWAY, PATIO?

Family Run Business est. 2015

SERVICES

- New Driveways Paths & Patios
- Driveway Widening
- Permeable Sud's
Compliant System
- UV Stable
- Huge choice of colours
- Artificial grass

driveway
TRANSFORMATIONS LTD



UNIT 1A, WOODLEYS DRIVE, EXETER ROAD, NEWTON POPPLEFORD EX10 0BJ

01395 567 071 | www.drivewaytransformations.co.uk



Beer Parish News



**Copy for August 2026 to be with the Editor
by Thursday 23rd July, at very latest please.**

henryjaggers@btinternet.com

01297 20858 Green Bank, 9 Clinton Rise EX12 3DZ

Reading this in the black & white printed edition?

Visit **<https://www.beer-pc.gov.uk/>** and click on
"Latest News" then on "[Beer Parish News](#)" to find

BEER PARISH NEWS in full colour !

Back Page

July 2026