

Beer Parish News

2023 January

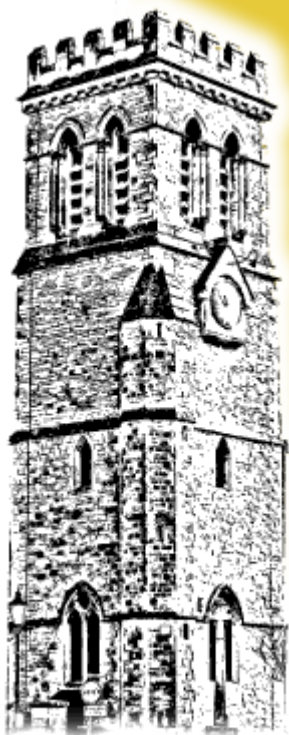
Wishing you all a

Happy,

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NEW YEAR!



St Michael's... ..and Village

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Calendar for January 2023

Sun 1st	9:30am United Communion Service at BEER <i>2nd Sunday of Christmas</i>
Tues 3rd	6:00pm Choir Practice
Sun 8th	9:30am Holy Communion <i>Epiphany, Baptism of Christ</i>
Tues 10th	6:00pm Choir Practice 7:15pm Bell Ringing
Wed 11th	8:30am Open the Book at School 10:00am Communion Service at BEER
Thurs 12th	2:00pm "Questions of Life & Faith" at St Gregory's Church Centre - All welcome
Fri 13th	10:00am Mickey's Music Makers
Sun 15th	9:30am Morning Praise <i>2nd Sunday of Epiphany</i>
Tues 17th	6:00pm Choir Practice 7:15pm Bell ringing
Fri 20th	10:00am Mickey's Music Makers
Sun 22nd	9:30am Family Communion Service <i>3rd Sunday of Epiphany</i>
Tues 24th	6:00pm Choir Practice 7:15pm Bell Ringing
Wed 25th	8:30am Open the Book at School 10:00am Communion Service at SEATON
Sun 29th	11:00am United Communion Service at SEATON <i>3rd Sunday of Epiphany, Presentation of Christ</i>
Tues 31st	6:00pm Choir Practice 7:15pm Bell Ringing

*Our Sunday services in Beer are often broadcast 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

Christmas and new year blessings to you!

I write this final ramble of 2022 and first of 2023 aware that when it is received, Christmas for many will be a distant memory. The decorations will be coming down, the leftover turkey devoured and all but a few lonely toffee pennies left behind in the Quality Street jar (perhaps a Bounty or two if Celebrations are your sort of thing). However, in the Christian Calendar, Christmas still has a way to go, for the party continues until the 6th of January. It is then the festival of Epiphany begins, a season which celebrates the revelation of God in flesh - Jesus Christ. Epiphany commemorates principally (but not solely) the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child, the wise wanderers searching for the new born king.

My prayer for you all this Christmas and new year, is that amidst any uncertainty in our world, you may find great comfort, security, and reassurance in the promises of God, promises fulfilled in the coming of Jesus Christ, of whom the prophets declared, the angels rejoiced, the Magi sought and the psalmists sang.

The end of one year and the beginning of a new year are a naturally reflective time. The inevitable transition causes us to look back on what has past and set our goals and hopes for the year ahead. Parts of 2022 may not have gone quite as we hoped. Many of us will have experienced disappointments, been forced to adjust our plans, or to make tough financial decisions amidst a cost-of-living squeeze.

But, for all of us too, if we think carefully, 2022 had many joys, new beginnings and transformation, extraordinary acts of human kindness, deep-hearted generosity, blessings from unexpected places and provision. Moments of gratitude, affection and thankfulness and a rejoicing coming together where we could see smiling faces, hidden once by masks.



We step into each new year, like a new page or chapter in our lives, as we might see in our diaries or on our calendars. There is great value in pressing the pause button to reflect and remember. What was it like? Where did we see God's hand?

The new year is an opportunity for each of us to make a fresh start, make plans and to reignite our enthusiasm. I believe that in Jesus Christ each one of us can make a new start on any day of the week, month or year. A new beginning that starts with a change of direction toward him where we discover a true hope and joy, not based on external circumstances, but from a relationship with the living God, a joy that was won on the cross and in which true eternal hope is discovered.

And it is through this step, the catalyst for the greatest transformation begins, as you receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the very presence of God with you always.

None of us can predict this new year ahead, but we can be assured about what God is going to do in the present and the future, because we can trust the amazing things He has done in the past. What he has done in the past tells us who God is today and it's a promise of what God wants to do in the future, so may we rest secure in His love.

I close 2022 with the poignant words of the poem 'God Knows' written by Minnie Louise Haskins and famously broadcast by HM King George VI as part of his 1939 Christmas broadcast:

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:
"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.
That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."
So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.

And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

Go well, God bless and see you next year -

Rev. Justin Montague



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For people who enjoy learning and singing classical choral works

Axminster & District Choral Society encourages new and existing members to come along to a rehearsal in the new year on Tuesday evenings starting 10th January 2023 from 7 pm for 7.30pm in The Minster Church, Axminster.

The Society will be preparing for a very special Easter concert.

This will be the UK premier of CPE Bach's (JS Bach's son) 1789 **St Matthew Passion**.

The Choral Society is a non-auditioned choir who sing a wide range of classical choral pieces. Whilst it certainly helps to read a few notes of music, some rely on minimal acquaintance with the score and inexperienced members will soon discover and learn new skills in rehearsals. New members are warmly welcomed."

See website: <https://www.axminsterchoral.co.uk/index.html>

"Questions of Life and Faith" The next dates for Questions of Life and Faith are Thursdays 12th January and 9th February from 2 to 3.30pm in St Gregory's Church Hall, Colyford Road. These sessions provide an opportunity to share our thoughts, feelings and doubts about questions that matter to us in our life. All are welcome and there is no expectation of regular attendance as each session is a fresh start for all who come, new and old. Please spread the word!

Karen Curnock

ALTAR GUILD NEWS

Hoping everyone had a joyous Christmas .

During December St Michael's church enjoyed a number of events with the SOS singers, a fun evening concert for charity St Petrock's (helping the homeless) the wonderful Christmas fair and of course Christingle service, which was enjoyed by all and very successful, thank you for all the support.



The Altar Guild team wish you all a very
Happy and Peaceful New year

Date of next meeting: 17th January 2023 @ 10am



A small local group who meet regularly in order to grow in the practice of Contemplative Prayer in the Christian tradition. We welcome people of ALL denominations, or none. Currently operating as "The Julian Group at Home"

We invite you to join us virtually on the second Monday of each month at about 7.20pm by downloading and following an "order of proceedings" - available from the Coastal Church website. For more information contact: Sue Price, Reader at St Gregory's Seaton on 01297 22314

Fine Foundation Centre

Beer Village Heritage

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I'm writing this in a post-Christmas haze. It was lovely to be able to get out on the beach on Christmas Day, when the tide was right for a visit to the Halls.

Boxing Day saw us meeting friends on Church beach at Lyme Regis for a fossicking session. Our finds included some "golden" ammonites along with a couple of Shippams fish paste jars from the rubbish dump!

Thanks to everyone who picks up litter on the beach on a regular basis, it looks as though the Beach Clean on New Year's Day will be concentrating on little pieces of plastic, along with the ubiquitous fishing line. However, the strong on-shore winds forecast for this week could change all that. Folk lore says that the wind direction on the shortest day will dominate until Candlemas, so it appears that we can look forward to south/southwesterlies for January. At least that should put paid to ice and snow!

The Fine Foundation Centre will close after the Beach Clean, and we plan to re-open on Good Friday. That gives the volunteers who open and close the building a bit of a break as well as offering the opportunity to refresh the exhibits.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the hag-stone collection. Once the centre has closed we'll create an archive of the tags and re-use the stones. Even though the centre will be closed, you can still see the exhibits in the display cases underneath the building. You can also access the Beer Village Heritage walks and I-Spy online via our website: <http://www.beervillageheritage.org.uk/>

The first Branscombe Project talk of 2023 will be on Monday 9th January, in the Branoc Hall, when Patrick Dillon will be looking at livestock farming in Mongolia. The Project's "Smallest Museum in the South West" is on show at the Sea Shanty, so do spend a few minutes there on your walk along the coast path.

The cold snap during December reminded us that the birds need food and water. As a result, we've had small flocks of long-tailed tits descending on the feeders along with blue and great tits, nuthatches and gold finches. The wren was busy in the flower pots, and several robins appeared and were apparently being friendly to one another. The ever present pigeons were



happy to stretch up to one of the feeders.

Not much work done in the garden this month. We decided not to sow broad beans this autumn as the mice have eaten them and the new plants for the last couple of years. No red onion sets sown either.

December's "Pebbles People" on the Jurassic Coast website features Beer again – but you'll find it on their Facebook page this time. Do have a look.

If you have a particular interest in an aspect of local history or would like to get involved with Beer Village Heritage in general, you can contact us on 01297 20858 or at beervillageheritage@yahoo.co.uk. We'd love to hear from you.

NEW YEAR'S DAY BEACH CLEAN

meet 11am at the Heritage Centre

Join us for our traditional New Year's Day beach clean.

Bring, or send, your visitors too!

All are welcome



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Beer Film Society

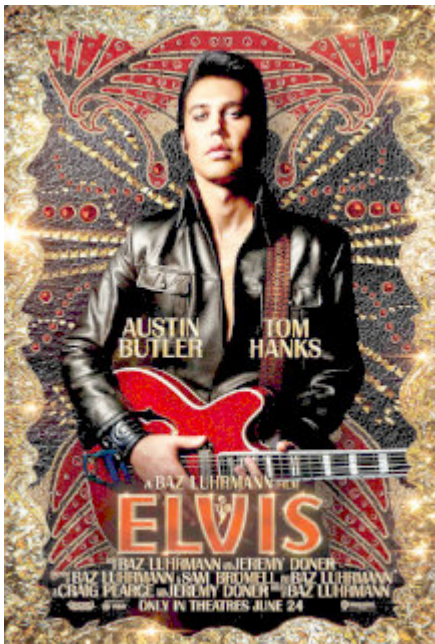


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Beer Parish Council News

December 2022

The Beer Parish Council met on the 9th November with the gratefully received introduction to our new Parish Clerk, Nicky Ingarfield. Nicky has fantastic experience and will be an asset to the Parish team and Beer village.

A notable item presented was our support for, and of, the Beer Community Larder team with assistance from Tesco. The facility will shortly be available at different venues throughout Beer, so please keep an eye out.

Other items discussed at the meeting were the ongoing traffic survey, Jubilee planting, and the upcoming Blue Flag for Beer beach, as well as the use of an electronic card machine for donation funded events. That said, the larger item was the upcoming consultation on Dog friendly zones/times on Beer beach. The Council had limited backing for the new proposals to allow dogs on both sides of the beach before 9am and after 6pm, citing the normal issues, plus an over-complication of the existing rules.

There were some great events being organised during December, starting with our Festive Fun Weekend:

- 9th December - late night shopping on Friday including a Craft Fair, Disco, with the lights being turned on at the Church
- 10th December – a glorious Food Market in the Hall
- 11th December – Candles and Carols on the Jubilee
- 17th December – the band, Area 52 at the Hall
- 31st December – Fireworks!!

By the time you read this most or all of these events will likely have past. We hope you enjoyed them!

The Council would like to thank the community for the support, engagement and continual promotion of Beer village!



Beer Community Larder, now known as “Foodsave Beer” has moved to Tuesdays, 6 - 7 pm, at the Scout Hut.

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BEER WI



December began in very Christmassy mode with one of our members, Ann Robinson, giving a demonstration on making a Christmas table decoration. Ann had prepared margarine tubs with oasis and ribbons leaving the members to decorate with winter foliage supplied by Ann and Isabella. Every decoration turned out differently and the vast majority were taken from the Congregation Hall to the Mariners in preparation for a coffee morning to be held the next day.

A free coffee morning, held in the Mariners on Thursday 8th December, was a replacement for the annual Over 65s Christmas lunch. It was lovely to see between 50 and 60 people turn up and spend the morning over coffee, cakes and mince pies. There was a raffle with over 30 prizes so most people attending would have won something. Thanks again to Ann Robinson who had a beautiful handmade craft stall, with quilts, table runners and Christmas decorations all hand crafted by Ann. Also, thanks to Nick Jones who displayed for sale items made by The Men's Shed. Thank you to everyone from Beer WI who baked cakes and mince pies, helped in the kitchen, and helped set up the hall and then clear up at the end. A very successful morning.

Our monthly lunch was held at the restaurant in The Donkey Sanctuary, and though fewer than normal attended we had a very enjoyable time together on a frosty but sunny morning overlooking a field full of donkeys. Surprise, surprise!

The next event is our New Year Party in early January, with members from other local WIs coming along to join us enjoying food, drink and entertainment.

WISHING
ALL BEER WI MEMBERS,
ALL BEER RESIDENTS
AND ALL THE WORLD A PEACEFUL AND SAFE 2023.

New members and guests always welcome. For information contact
01297 21864 or 01297 599157

On Sunday 18th December Seaton residents Mary Casey & Rev. Ali Finch, were commissioned as 'Anna Chaplains' at St David's Church in Exeter in a special service led by the Bishop of Crediton. An Anna Chaplain is a dedicated minister for the elderly and those on the



dementia pathway.

Anna Chaplaincy is one of the Leading UK charities offering training and networking for older people's ministry and enables local churches to offer high-quality spiritual care to older people across the community, who may be of strong, little or no faith. A ministry of the Bible Reading Fellowship, the aim is to make sure that the older generation has as much of a link with their local church, as they would wish too, or simply a listening ear and a hand offered in friendship. Mobility, ill-health, cognitive difficulties, or a move to a care home does not mean their communal and personal spiritual life comes to an end.

Mary and Ali recently completed their specialist training and join a network of around 250 Anna Chaplains in the UK. Specifically, they will be both be serving the communities of Seaton and Beer, where the population of over 65s is above the national average, alongside the significant number of local care homes, with many more people being cared for at home or living alone.

The name Anna Chaplain, comes from the widow, Anna, who appears with Simeon in Luke's gospel; both are good role models of faithful older people. Both Ali and Mary are connected to the churches of the Coastal Mission Community, St Gregory's in Seaton and St Michael's in Beer. Priest-in-Charge Revd Justin Montague said;

'It was a special service to formally commission Ali and Mary, who both have share a passion and calling into this vitally important ministry and between them, have a great depth of experience pastorally, spiritually and in supportive care provision for older people. We are pleased to support Ali and Mary as they reach out to support and share God's love and care with the older generation across our communities.'

To find out more go to the BRF website www.annachaplaincy.org.uk or contact Ali or Mary direct or via the Coastal Mission Community office on 01297 23656.

The Children's Society

Very worthwhile funds to help the vital work of The Children's Society were raised in 2022.

£848 was collected from 21 local box holders in November and the collection at the well attended Christingle Service held on 18th December came to £120.20.

Pat Edmunds
Box Coordinator

Beer looked lovely again this Christmas. Thank you to everyone who put up lights on their house and added to the overall effect. We tend to assume that everything just happens, but there is a well-oiled organisation in the background, including Woozie. who orders the trees; to the Buffs, who sell them outside of the Mariners' Hall; to Nigel, who oversees putting them up, along with their lights. The Festive Family Fun weekend was just that this year, with the local shops open and the popular craft fair in the church. Sue Ball and her team organised the latter while Mandy Graham led the group entertaining the youngsters with their disco. Gayle Chapple coordinated the candlelit carol singing. Behind all of the events, including the food fair, was Kayleigh Westlake who is to be congratulated on a happy weekend which was enjoyed by many and set the scene for Christmas.



Seaton Beer and District Branch RNLI

Seaton Beer and District Branch hope everyone had a good Christmas and we wish everyone a Happy New Year.

In December we had an enjoyable and successful time and we took our RNLI Christmas Cards, Calendars, Diaries and Gifts to St. Gregory's Church, Seaton Christmas Fair, Beer SOS Singers Winter Warmer, Axe Yacht Club Annual General Meeting, Colyton Christmas Fair and Beer Festive Church Christmas Fair. On Saturday 10th December Novello our Treasurer, Pat our Fundraising Volunteer and Wendy our Shop Volunteer took part in the Seaton Carnival Christmas Parade with me and RNLI Ted 1 in his lifeboat. The weather was very cold and damp and we had a great time dancing to Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer that was the music for the group behind.

Our Shop at Jubilee Gardens is now closed until April and we thank all our Volunteers and Supporters and everyone who purchased from us in 2022.

Our first event of 2023 is our SOS Table Top Sale on Saturday 28th January at the Marines Hall from 9am to 12.30pm. Doors open to sellers at 8am. Table hire £6 for one and £10 for two. We have a few tables available please email wac500@hotmail.co.uk or leave message with your details on 01297 23040. There will be a variety of stalls and we will have our own stalls plus Bacon Baps, Raffle and Card Tombola.

Looking ahead, we will be at Beer Head Caravan Park on Sunday 5th March at the Grizzly Race Day drink station with Beer Village Heritage. Our Annual General Meeting will also be in March. We will be taking part in the RNLI Mayday Appeal and our Beer Lifeboat Weekend is Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd July.

Wendy Cummins

Secretary Seaton Beer and District Branch RNLI



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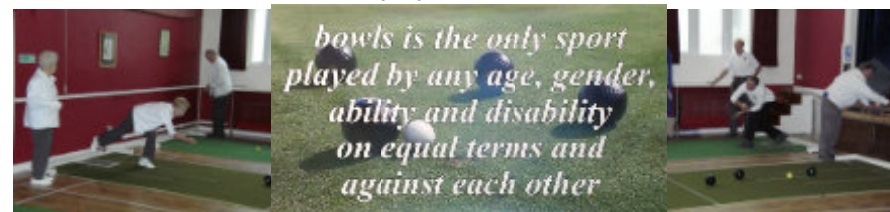


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It's a troubled world. There is plague. Starvation. War ravages the lives of millions. Comfortable living standards are no longer assured. Planet Earth and all the living creatures on it are afflicted. You see this and I see this and we cannot change any of it. We cannot stop the unfolding of events on the world scale. The only thing we each of us have control over is our own consciousness: the way we think -- or choose not to think -- about events, and the decisions that follow. We can control our thinking and behaviour.

It's a small step from being unconscious to 'waking up'. When you live unconsciously you are lost in thinking, distracted, unaware; you do not see the consequences of your actions because your attention is located in a fictitious future, or a non-existent past.

Waking up out of unconscious living is one small but crucial evolutionary step for humanity. 'Waking up' in daily living means bringing stillness into your life and becoming aware of the spaciousness of the present moment. This inner stillness, which is the absence of thought, which has brought the momentum of incessant connected mental activity to a standstill, is the essential you, is the state that comes closest to the essence of who you are. For many people this essence is covered up by thinking. What a colossal evasion that is! However, you break that continuum when you become still, when you hold your attentive awareness in the present moment -- when you cease to have an argument with whatever the present moment contains, that is, when you accept Now. You can do this when you sense the abundant depths of the present moment.

Whatever your own life circumstances happen to be, whatever job you do or responsibilities you carry, you are in your inmost core a point of conscious awareness. If you can 'wake' to that fact, if you are able to live each day staying connected to Presence, aware of the depth in you which opens and accepts the present moment, then you change the world. You have attuned yourself to the flow of life, you have opened inner stillness and so your perceptions and your sympathies and your decisions come out of the intelligence of Presence, which is an infinitely deeper source of wisdom than the memory-filled mind.

The state of the world is the responsibility of every person. You feed the light of consciousness into the world with your awakened consciousness.

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Give more attention to the quality of your consciousness than you do to news headlines.

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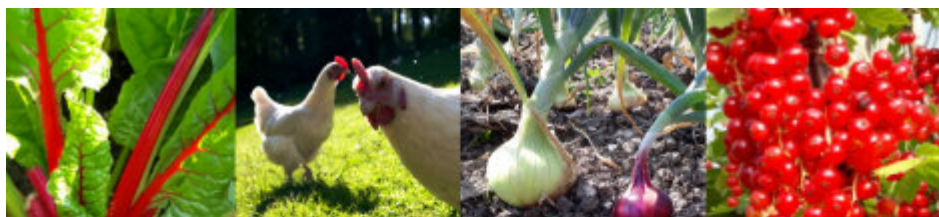
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I will be giving a talk and sharing photographs of the Holy Land from my trip there in October. Come along and see some of the places we hear about in the Bible.

Refreshments will be served and any donations you want to give will go to the Anna Chaplaincy team.
See you there,
Rev Ali

WARM SPACES Having problems keeping warm at home? Here are some places and times when you might keep warm for an hour or two, and perhaps make some new friends.

MONDAY

Congregational Church Hall 12.00 - 2.00pm

Food Save

WEDNESDAY

Beer Sailing Club 10.00am - 12.00pm

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The Anchor Inn 4.00 - 6.00pm

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