

CONTACT

The Magazine of Crook Peak Parish
(April / May 2021)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		CORRESPONDENTS	
APRIL 2021		Biddisham	Vacancy
2 Apr	<i>7pm Crook Peak Get Together on zoom. All are most welcome and you don't have to stay for long. Details on our App or Cross Connections Facebook page</i>	Weare	Julia James-Smith (jjames9691@gmail.com)
3 Apr	9am-1pm Axbridge Square - Axbridge Farmers Market – Many of the usual stalls and traders (featuring music from Jean & Bob)	Stapling & Distribution	Pat Northmore (733172)
9 Apr	<i>7pm Crook Peak Get Together on zoom. All are most welcome and you don't have to stay for long. Details on our App or Cross Connections Facebook page</i>		
16 Apr	<i>7pm Crook Peak Get Together on zoom. All are most welcome and you don't have to stay for long. Details on our App or Cross Connections Facebook page</i>	Loxton & Christon	Philip Davies (07881630629)
21 Apr	7pm Axbridge Archeological and Local history society AGM 7.30pm President David Dawson will give the Memorial Lecture for Ken Barton (For a zoom link, please contact zoommaster@aalhs.co.uk)		
23 Apr	<i>7pm Crook Peak Get Together on zoom. All are most welcome and you don't have to stay for long. Details on our App or Cross Connections Facebook page</i>	Badgworth	Vacancy
		Cover	Children in Year 1 at Weare Academy First School
30 Apr	<i>7pm Crook Peak Get Together on zoom. All are most welcome and you don't have to stay for long. Details on our App or Cross Connections Facebook page</i>		
MAY 2021		Treasurer	Peggy Farley (732989)
1 May	9am-1pm Axbridge Square - Axbridge Farmers Market – Many of the usual stalls and traders (featuring music from Jean & Bob)	Cross	Richard Parker (732084) (richard.a.parker@btinternet.com)
7 May	<i>7pm Crook Peak Get Together on zoom. All are most welcome and you don't have to stay for long. Details on our App or Cross Connections Facebook page</i>		
14 May	<i>7pm Crook Peak Get Together on zoom. All are most welcome and you don't have to stay for long. Details on our App or Cross Connections Facebook page</i>	Tarnock	Vacancy
19 May	7.30pm Liz Grant (from the South West Heritage Trust) will give a talk entitled Tales from the Quarter Sessions: Somerset's Criminal Past (For a zoom link, please contact zoommaster@aalhs.co.uk)	Edited by	Bob Foster (732935) rmfoster10@yahoo.co.uk
21 May	<i>7pm Crook Peak Get Together on zoom. All are most welcome and you don't have to stay for long. Details on our App or Cross Connections Facebook page</i>	From the Editor: A particular 'thank you' to Hilary Hugh for making all her submissions before the specified date, including the image on our front cover. She reports that this collage was created by Children in Year 1 at Weare Academy First School as part of their work learning about the Christian Value of respect. Next Issue There are plans to return to printed issues of Contact, In addition to requiring new donations to cover printing costs, this also makes prompt submission of articles for the June/July issue all the more important. Helen Mercer has asked when is the ideal time to send in items. Please send emails to rmfoster10@yahoo.co.uk between May 10th and May 14th	
28 May	<i>7pm Crook Peak Get Together on zoom. All are most welcome and you don't have to stay for long. Details on our App or Cross Connections Facebook page</i>		
<i>From the Treasurer, Peggy Farley</i> <i>As we are now looking forward to publishing Contact again, we would be most appreciative to receive donations to make the continuation possible of this Community magazine".</i> <i>If you wish to make a donation to contact please contact Peggy Farley, Treasurer, 01934 732989 for the necessary details.</i>			
<u>Crook peak online services.</u> Gary Orriss writes ... We have been keeping our worshiping community going by putting services on You Tube on our own Channel 'Crook Peak Parish'. You can find links them from the Crook Peak App or the http://www.crookpeakparish.org.uk/ website .. or by searching for 'Crook Peak Parish' at YouTube.			
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From: the Reverend Judith Jeffery, Rector of Crook Peak United Parish
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Dear Friends,

Before Christmas I reached the grand age of retirement and felt that I did not want to leave you all in the trial of the pandemic although I did wish to retire. My Sister and I had a very scary few days before Christmas on my Birthday when my Mother went into hospital with shortness of breath, she has since recovered however now in her mid eighties her sight has become so bad she cannot see where she is walking any more let alone read or watch TV. She has been getting more frail the last five years. As I am half time (24hrs a week) I have travelled up weekly to support her in normal times and my single Uncle who has had throat cancer. It has become increasingly tiring but I am now going to be able to spend more time with Mum and Uncle as I plan to retire in July this year with my last Sunday being Sunday 11th July. I hoped we might be further out of the pandemic by then but at least we might be the right side of it all. I have been reluctant to tell you all in this crisis even though many do know as it has not been a secret.

I have loved being here in Crook Peak Parish, such a beautiful area and such lovely people and I will sincerely miss it very much and my ministry here among you all. It has been joyful and rewarding but also challenging being a Minister of 6 Churches half time, it has been many more hours most weeks. I intend when I retire having some months relaxing and seeing family and then offering my help with ministry in a church in Gloucestershire where I am retiring.

Contact Magazine:

It is hoped that this will be the last issue to be only online on our Parish website www.crookpeakparish.org.uk and the phone app. Arrangements have been made for the June/July issue to be delivered if all improves with the virus as hoped.

I would like to thank Peggy Farley who is Treasurer, Pat Northmore who is co-ordinator and Bob Foster the Editor for all his hard work and all those who give up their time every few months to volunteer delivery to your homes. Thank you all for your contributions, I hope these will continue and we might have a few events to advertise soon. This is a free magazine and has been running for many years. There are no advertisements and it is delivered to all local homes in the Parish, with a print run of 1,000 copies which costs £250.00 plus a time. Donations seem to come in just in time to fund the next print run, we rarely have a surplus of funds. How wonderful though that this has been running like this for so long. It is a real testament to faith.

With my Christian love and prayers
 Reverend Judith Jeffery

Prayer Chain Letter – EASTER 2021

“But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”
 Romans 5 v8

At Easter time we remember how much God loves us and what it cost him to bring us back to himself. In the story of the Prodigal Son, the Father is so thrilled the son has come back that he runs to meet him and, before he has even had a chance to say sorry, flings His arms around him and embraces him. We sometimes find it difficult to believe how much God loves us. Although we can do nothing to deserve it, all we can do is accept it and be grateful.

Do, please, ring with any prayer requests – 01934 750856

From the Registers.

Funerals

5.2.21 Gordon Drew at Compton Bishop

26.2.21 Janet Vear at Biddisham

Special Features

News from Weare Academy First School

What a joy it is to see our children back in school! They have settled back into their daily routines quickly and smoothly and for this I must thank all the staff at Weare Academy who work hard to consider the children's emotional, social and learning needs throughout every day. Our parents have been incredibly supportive during the lockdown period and my thanks extends to them also.

The lockdown period covered a number of events we would usually celebrate during the school year and we decided that this year would be no different. We had Safer Internet Day when the children further considered how to keep themselves safe online. We combined the work produced by each child at home into a movie which was shared among our school community. It ranged from colourful posters through to mini 'Blue Peter' presentations from our older children.

The lunar new year was celebrated by Reception Class. Our families sent in some wonderful photographs and videos of Chinese dragon dancing, mask making and Chinese food tasting with the table laid with lucky red place mats, origami decorations and Chinese lanterns!

World Book Day was another event enjoyed via remote learning. Our focus this year was on non-fiction books, particularly those written by authors who have a passion for their subject. The children had the opportunity to share books which showed their own area of interest and they enjoyed a wide range of different activities.

During our first week back at school we celebrated British Science Week. There was a noticeable buzz of excitement as the children engaged in a few days of science-based activities planned to enhance their understanding of the subject. Our key aim was to show the children how much fun science is and to open their minds to the breadth and relevance of the subject. We are thankful to the British Science Association as they awarded us a grant to use on resources during this week. We were extremely pleased that our enthusiasm for enriching our science curriculum has been recognised in this way.

In Rainbow Woods the children enjoyed their first ever experiments including propelling balloons like rockets. The Reception children experimented playing with sand and water using a range of equipment including pipettes. They used magnifiers to explore and closely observe our outdoor spaces finding out where bugs live. They considered how, in the future, they will be responsible for making sure these environments are not lost as new homes and other developments are built. In Year One the children investigated the weather and the use of data collection to predict and gather information on weather patterns connected to the seasons. They explored rain gauges, thermometers and created wind socks amongst other things. Our Year 2 children explored how water travels and considered how, in a world where temperatures are increasing, we might need to move water to the places where it is needed.

In Key Stage Two, Year Three studied insects and, with the use of wire, created sculptures along with exploring how scientists have used the characteristics of insects to develop robots in use in many areas. They then linked this with the outdoors and how we could attract insects to aid food production using their vegetable garden and bug hotels. Year Four made large models of a new planet inhabited by humans and considered how to get over a set of problems using their scientific knowledge. They enjoyed making lava lamps and exploring chromatography amongst other things. We were grateful to some of our ex pupils and others connected to the community for sending us videos explaining to the children their involvement in scientific careers and hobbies. A whole school art project on the theme of science features in the hall and is enjoyed daily by the children.

The children at our pre-school, Rainbow Woods, have a fantastic new outdoor area which includes a kitchen area, bug house, storytelling area and musical pots and pans. The children have also been busy making bird seed holders and wind charms to decorate our new early years unit. Rainbow Woods currently have spaces for our Summer term. If you would like visit, please call 01934 733413 and ask for Lana Whittaker.

Denise Mawdsley, Head teacher

News from the Villages

Biddisham

Claire Talbot writes... Dear friends,
Over the past few months it has been a little quiet here at the Church just like in our every day lives. With the onset of spring it has been great to walk around Biddisham with all the daffodils along the verges and listen to our local sounds. (Hope you are smiling here!) The seasonal change has meant passing other villagers out walking and having a socially distance hello. This has been so welcomed after many weeks of lock down. Over the past year the village has had many new arrivals, who are now becoming familiar faces in the village. Welcome to you all. This will be the first paper Contact you will have received as since March last year we have been sending out a digital format. We use the Contact publication to keep you up to date with what is happening down at the Church, in our parish and also around the parish villages. Up and coming events in Biddisham and informative information is also shared. We are looking for a village representative to write small articles for each publication, if you are interested please let the editor know. Our Church services resume at Easter, we have some 8am's coming up and everyone is very welcome. May is the time when we have to elect Church wardens, treasurer, secretary and sides people for Biddisham Church for the new administration Church year. Please support these positions, they keep the Church running. If you are interested phone me, my number is on the back of the Contact. We are also always looking for volunteers to join our established rotas for flowers, cleaning and churchyard mowing. Again, please let me know if you can help out. The 50's club is running again this year, please join in this event. The money raised keeps the Church in good repair. Contact Claire for more information.

Biddisham village news:

Clare Sims will be married in April, we wish you all the best Clare and your celebrations later in the year are splendiferous. Sadly, in case you have not heard Janet Vear a senior villager passed away in February. Wishing you and all your family a very happy time this Easter. ... Claire

Christon

Mary Counsell writes ... Our Rota is temporarily suspended as interior work is due to commence in April. I will be contacting the kind people who have offered their help with administration but at present the Church Architects are liasing with the contractors. Some work has been carried out in the Churchyard by way of tidying.

Loxton

Philip Davies writes A warm welcome to Sean and Catherine who have recently moved into The Bow at Loxton. We shall be pleased to meet you both and welcome you properly at one of the Village Hall events as soon as we are released from Covid captivity. Also a fond farewell to Heather with best wishes for a successful move to Cheddar.

Loxton (cont)

Community Hub

Thanks to grants totalling £58,000 work is now underway to turn the Old Estate Office into a shop and cafe. Hopefully this will be a temporary measure until further funds are raised to build the extension. This will house a new kitchen, the cafe and the Dame June Whitfield Community Room. We shall then be able to have a larger shop in the current building. An opening date will be announced closer to completion of the work.

Badgworth

Debra Anderson writes Dear Parishioners

Spring-cleaning - We have prepared your church for the springtime services on Sunday 25th April, both the 8am Holy Communion and the 6pm Evensong. As before, we look forward to hearing Debra sing accompanied by Robert on the church organ, with gentle singing behind masks of the congregation?

Repair and conservation work - Wells Cathedral

Stonemasons and their senior stonemason George Hael will begin the repair and conservation of the medieval rendering on the walls of the Chapel and church, stop by and see how it is going if you have the chance.

A new Church Architect - Richard Codd, senior partner of Chedburn and Codd, Architects will be at St. Congar's preparing to write our five-year fabric report called a Quinquennial Inspection on Tuesday 27th April, again make yourselves known to him, he is our newly appointed church architect and a very approachable and friendly person.

Fun for the children - Our big news is that we have an Assistant Churchwarden, Hollie Bailey who asked if she could help out in the church. In fact our Assistant Churchwarden is running a Mums and toddlers playgroup as part of our COVID-19 Support Initiative. Hollie with her son Max, together with local mums and toddlers, will lead activities in the north Aisle Chapel where she and Debra have placed a large colourful play mat, cloth Wendy House, and long play tunnel. We would say pop in but with safeguarding a priority in our church we suggest that perhaps you just listen from outside. Hollie was already DBS compliant (a safeguarding requirement) was therefore able to 'get cracking' quickly.

The Choir - Robert and Debra are keen to restart the Badgworth Special Choir and invite you to join if you have a voice and can read music.

Bell ringing - Another aim of Robert and Debra is to gain two new members who would like to ring St Conger's five ancient bells. The ringing chamber, newly repaired conserved and cleaned is just waiting to be filled with bell ringers.

Church meeting - Debra and I are planning to hold a church meeting (probably for the fifteen parishioners who signed on to the Church electoral Roll), this summer, possibly in the churchyard, watch this space. The last one was in 2017.

Regular Groups

Axbridge District Trefoil Guild

Once again plans to re-start meetings have to be postponed. Just a reminder that when it is possible to hold meetings they will be on the second Tuesday of every month at 2;00pm. Meanwhile for up to date news or information about Trefoil Guild please contact Sue Wild on swild34@hotmail.com Liz Hamilton liz_hamilton500@yahoo.co.uk or Ros Prince ros555prince@outlook.com

Axbridge Royal British Legion

Unfortunately the AGM in March had to be postponed yet again. It's a case of "watch this space". Meanwhile discussions are beginning as how to celebrate the Legions Centenary in May of this year. If anyone has any memories or information of Axbridge Branch activities please share them with Secretary Brian Winder on 01278 785696 or "Stand-in Chairman" John Hawkins on 07710 180847 or at john.hawkins@rimelo.com they would love to hear from you. The first branches in Somerset were set up in June 1921 and the county are planning a 100year Somerset Photography Exhibition. Any photographs of any Legion event would be most welcome so please get searching.



Axbridge Archeological and Local history society

Our next talk will be on
Wednesday 21 April at 7.30pm
when our President David Dawson will give the
Memorial Lecture for Ken Barton
This will be preceded by our AGM at 7pm

Then on Wednesday 19 May at 7.30pm
Liz Grant (from the South West Heritage Trust) will give a talk entitled
Tales from the Quarter Sessions: Somerset's Criminal Past

If you would like a link to access these lectures or go on the mailing list for future talks then please contact
zoommaster@aalhs.co.uk

We look forward to you joining us.
Liz Friend, Secretary AALHS www.aalhs.co.uk

	Badgworth		Biddisham		Compton Bishop			Christon	Loxton	Weare	
2020	Flowers & Dusting	Brass	Flowers	Cleaning & Brass	Flowers	Cleaning	Brass	Flowers, Cleaning & Brass	Flowers, Cleaning & Brass	Flowers & Brass	Cleaning
Apr 3			T.Rodgers	S.Steel	Easter Flowers	J. Crawley & A Brockway	C Laney & C Petit	Suspended		J. Jackson	S. Pettifer
Apr10				“	“	“	“	“			
Apr17				“	S Thorne	“	“	“			
Apr24				“	“	“	“	“			
May 1			S.Hatton	S.Hatton	J Crawley	K McColgan & T Brownlow	R Tyas	“			
May 8			“	“	“	“	“	“			
May 15			“	“	E Gardner & W Carlin	“	“	“			
May 22			“	“	“	“	“	“			
May 29					J Murray	“	“	“			
June					M Jordan	S Thorne & C Laney	“				

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Badgworth

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Christon

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Compton Bishop

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Loxton

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Weare

No Churchwardens – if interested please enquire.

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Email: revdjudithjeffery696@gmail.com All messages are monitored daily and Judith will contact you as soon as possible, dealing with the most urgent first.

DONATIONS TO CONTACT

Peggy Farley (treasurer) would like to record a public ‘Thank you’ to all donors who make it possible for us to provide this community publication possible.

From the Treasurer, Peggy Farley

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We welcome believers of all denominations to the Lord's table

SERVICES FOR APRIL AND MAY 2021

Good Friday 2nd April at 2pm to 3pm Contemplation hour at Weare (just this year due to distancing)			
Sunday 4 Apr (1st)	8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion	Weare Acts 10:34-43; Mark 16:1-8
Easter Sunday (White)	10.00 am	CW Holy Communion	Compton B Acts 10:34-43; Mark 16:1-8
Sunday 11 Apr (2nd)	8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion	Biddisham Acts 4:32-35; John 20:19-end
Easter 2 (White)	10.00 am	CW Holy Communion	Compton B Acts 4:32-35; John 20:19-end
Sunday 18 Apr (3rd)	8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion	Loxton Acts 3: 12-19; Luke 24:36b-48
Easter 3 (White)	10.00 am	CW Holy Communion	Weare Acts 3: 12-19; Luke 24:36b-48
Sunday 25 Apr (4th)	8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion	Badgworth Acts 4: 5-12; John 10:11-18
Easter 4 (White)	10.00 am	CW Holy Communion	Compton B Acts 4: 5-12; John 10:11-18
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Badgworth Ps 19; Isa 52:7-10; Mark 1:1-15
Sunday 2 May (1st)	9.00 am	Short Holy Communion	Weare Acts 8:26-end; John 15:1-8
Easter 5 (White)	10.00 am	Praise and Worship	Weare Acts 8:26-end; John 15:1-8
Sunday 9 May (2nd)	8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion	Biddisham Psalm 147; Mark 4: 26-32
Easter 6 (White)	10.00 am	Rogation (No HC)	Compton B Psalm 147; Mark 4: 26-32
Sunday 16 May (3rd)	8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion	Christon Acts 1:15-17; 21-26; John 17:1-19
Sunday after Ascension (White)	10.00 am	CW Holy Communion	Weare Acts 1:15-17; 21-26; John 17:1-19
Sunday 23 May (4th)	8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion	Badgworth Acts 2:1-21; John 15: 26-27
Pentecost (Red)	10.00 am	CW Holy Communion	Compton B Acts 2:1-21; John 15: 26-27
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Badgworth Ps 139:1-11; Ezek 36:22-28; John 20:19-23
Sunday 30 May (5th)	8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion	Biddisham Rom 8:12-17; John 3:1-17
Trinity Sunday (White)	10.00 am	Celebration Service	Weare Rom 8:12-17; John 3:1-17
Sunday 6 June (1st)	9.00 am	Short Holy Communion	Weare 2 Cor 4:13-5.1; Mark 3:20-end
1 st after Trinity (Green)	10.00 am	Praise and Worship	Weare 2 Cor 4:13-5.1; Mark 3:20-end

PLEASE NOTE THAT:

In the event of amended COVID 19 guidance or instructions being issued by the Government and/or the Church of England and our Diocese with regard to safeguarding, the schedule of services given above may be subject to last minute change. Please check our website at crookpeakparish.org.uk or our phone app for any updates.