CONTACT

The Magazine of Crook Peak Parish (Oct/Nov 2022 Edition)



We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Him.....and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage each other with these words.

1 Thess 4, verse 14 and 17

It is very sad to lose someone you love and at this time of mourning for our much loved Queen, our hearts go out to the Royal family. It is so reassuring to know that she had a very strong faith and will be united with her Lord in heaven. May we and all those who have put their trust in Him praise and thank Him for her life.

Do, please ring with any prayer requests – 01934 750856

	DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	CORRESPONDENTS			
	OCTOBER	Cover Photo	'The Internet'		
1 Oct	9am -1pm Axbridge Square - Farmers' Market	Editing &	Bob Foster (733728) rmfoster10@yahoo.co.uk		
1 Oct	2pm Wells Cathedral Licensing Gary Orriss by Bishop Ruth All welcome	Printing			
2 Oct	9am St Gregory's church, Weare – Gary Oriss presentation to Parish as a Liscensed Lay Minister by Rev Richard Neill, Area Dean. All welcome.	Distribution	Pat Northmore (733172)		
3 Oct	12.30pm at Loxton Village Hall – Loxton Village Lunch	Cross	Richard Parker		
8 Oct	7.30pm Biddisham & Badgworth Parish Hall - Autumn Fun Quiz , (£5 per head includes Ploughman's Supper. Bring your own drinks & brains. Reserve your place with Ian (751287), Stephen (750002), or Jenny (750715).	(732084) (richard.a.parker@ btinternet.com			
8 Oct	7pm Weare Church Room – Quiz fantastic hosted by a Krypton factor winner. Tickets £10 to inc. hot supper .BYO tipple. Book tickets Sarah (732578)	Loxton & Philip Davies Christon (07881630629)			
13 Oct	10am-12noon Cross Memorial Hall, Coffee Morning, all welcome	Weare	Hilary Hugh		
16 Oct	10am St John the Baptist Church Biddisham. Harvest Festival (please bring mentary donations for the Cheddar food bank in a sealed envelope)		(hdhugh@btinternet. com)		
28 Oct	10.30am-12noon Parish coffee Morning Weare Church Room	Tarnock,	Vacancy		
	NOVEMBER	Badgworth, Biddisham			
5 Nov	9am -1pm Axbridge Square - Farmers' Market	Treasurer	Peggy Farley (732989)		
5 Nov	9.30am-12.30am Wedmore First School 'THE BIG DROP' Contact Shirley Wederell (<i>712089</i>)	From the Editor: Thank you to all regular donors			
7 Nov	12.30pm at Loxton Village Hall – Loxton Village Lunch	& contributors. Remember to send in your Christmas messages in good time to ensure they can			
7 Nov	7 pm Loxton & Christon Parish Council meeting				
15 Nov	10am-12noon Cross Memorial Hall, Coffee Morning, all welcome	be presented in a prominent			
25 Nov	10.30am-12noon Parish coffee Morning Weare Church Room	position (e.g. on the front cover Submissions emailed to			
	DECEMBER	rmfoster10@yahoo.co.uk and			
3 Dec	9am-1pm Axbridge Town Hall – Axbridge Christmas Fayre	which arrive between Nov 10 th and Nov 13 th have the best chance of being included in the Christmas 2022 edition.			
3 Dec	9am -1pm Axbridge Square - Farmers' Market				

The Frankie Howerd Hub (next to Loxton Garage) is now open every day (8am to 3pm) except Mondays & Tuesdays - We serve breakfasts, lunches, teas, coffees and cakes etc. A new craft club takes place every Tuesday afternoon in the hall from 12.30pm. Just turn up to get involved

WEARE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION - a small charity established for the benefit of young people in the parish of Weare. Grant applications should be made to The Trustees, C/O Paul Wattam, Henmore Lane, Weare BS26 2LB

HELP REQUIRED FOR WEARE CHURCH Please telephone Lynne Taylor on 01934 732175 if you can help with Flower Arranging or Cleaning – Maybe just once or twice a year? – As it is such a lovely church. We would like to thank all those who have been doing the Flower Arranging and Cleaning over the years and continue to do so but need to advertise for more helpers as some of our ladies and men have moved away.

<u>Crook Peak Parish Community Car Scheme</u> Need help with transport to attend a medical appointment? Call 07572336605. Leave a message as early as possible with details & phone number.

Thanks from the Treasurer: "Grateful thanks to the Parish Councils and Parishioners who have kindly made donations towards the printing of Contact. This is much appreciated."

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'Hold onto Good News'

Dear Friends,

It is with profound sadness that I heard our dearest Queen Elizabeth II had passed away. We are so grateful for Her late Majesty's extraordinary dedication to her Country and family. May she rest in peace. In light of this very sad news, as we look forward to all that will be gathered in at our harvest time, it restores our faith in what our hard work can produce, after ploughing through testing times of previous years. In our hymn, 'We Plough the Fields and Scatter', it reminds us that our harvest not only provides us with food to keep us through the winter, but also our seed for next year's crops to grow. We also have to ensure that it is safely stored and planted for our next harvest, allowing us to share the fruits of our labour with our neighbours. We are thankful for our community spirit and the way in which we ourselves 'gather together', especially when times are difficult or stressful. A helping hand is always appreciated and the power of a few kind words is immense. Remember; "The Lord works in mysterious ways, his wonders to perform" Our thoughts also turn to climate change which is devastating many lives, families, and livelihoods across the world. This is when we often turn to prayer, hold onto our faith and put our trust into God's hands. We must work together to preserve our beautiful world, as we are only the custodians for the future generations to come. Jane Jay – Church Warden – Loxton

From the Registers:

Baptisms:

17 July 22 Josiah George Vinu Weare

31 July 22 Delilah Ruth Joy Eustace Compton Bishop

Weddings:

6 August 22 Ashleigh Chapman and Weare

Aiden Malcolm

20 August 22 Frances Parkinson and Weare

Harry Harris

Funerals:

13 July 22 Susan Griffin Christon

Shoe Box Appeal. Crook Peak will again be supporting the Shoe Box Appeal. Shoe boxes will be distributed to Albania, Hungary, Bulgaria, Romania, Moldova, Kosovo, Serbia and Ukraine. Please fill in the form on the leaflets so that your box will pass the custom regulations. Leaflets will be in all the churches. Essential items to be included in all the boxes are toothpaste and toothbrush, hat scarf gloves, soap and underwear. Boxes need to be with me by the beginning of November. If you have any queries, please contact Linda (750533).

The Big Drop - 5th November 9.30am – 12.30pm at the WEDMORE FIRST SCHOOL

Please bring anything that you would like to donate to the Weston Hospicecare and we will then transport it to the Hub in Weston Super Mare where it will be sold to raise funds for the Weston Hospicecare. If you are a Gift Aider for the Hospice please bring your number with you. Books, CD's, clothes in good condition, toys, electrical goods, gardening tools, sports equipment, baby equipment, clothes and toys, in fact we will take almost anything EXCEPT YOUR RUBBISH. Furniture can be sent to the hub privately if you ring 621571 and they will collect on a date convenient to you. We reserve the right to refuse to take things which we consider are not of a good enough standard to handle.

Shirley Wederell (712089) Chair of Wedmore Friends of Weston Hospicecare

Regular Features

Church Services Explained (Part 2) Holy Communion Common Worship by Ruth Orriss What is It? - It is an hour long service at which we celebrate Holy Communion by sharing bread and wine. We follow the modern words in this service and all responses during the service are spoken. There are songs and the music is provided by guitars, the organ or sometimes recorded backing tracks. The song words are generally projected on a screen, and you will be given a service booklet at the door. In between the songs there will be readings from the Bible; prayers and a talk of 10-15 minutes. Most attendees will then go up to the front, where the priest will give each of them a piece of bread, or a wafer, and a sip or dip ('intincture') of wine. You are welcome to stay in your pew if you want to. If you want to go forward for a blessing, just take a book in your hands and bow your head as the priest approaches. If you have mobility difficulties the priest can come to you. There is sometimes a collection when a bag will be passed along each pew. No one will mind at all if you just pass it on. Or there may be a plate by the door should you want to make a donation. As the numbers are generally around 25, we sit in the pews wherever we feel comfortable. There is normally tea and coffee served at the end of the service if you want to stay and chat.

When is it? - This service is currently at 10am on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. It will rotate around all 6 of our churches; look on the back of 'Contact' to check which one on which date.

Why go to this service? - Jane Murray says: I like this form of service because there is a balance of formal and informal elements and some Bible teaching which often is relevant to the week ahead. It is also an opportunity to gather with friends and neighbours to praise and pray to God, and take part in a ceremonial meal like Jesus did with his disciples.

What should I do if I want to attend? - Just come into the church just before 10am and take your seat. If you would like someone to pick you up or meet you outside, please ring Jane on 01934 732845.

Axbridge Royal British Legion

As I write the country is mourning the passing of our beloved Queen and welcoming the King, Charles III. The Axbridge Branch were present at the Proclamation in Axbridge Town Square. October's meeting will be in the Lamb, Axbridge on 4 October at 11.00am.the speaker will be Ian Williamson on The Silk Road. November 1st will be the Branch AGM same time and place. Please try to be there. If that is not possible let the Chairman, Shirley Scane, know any thoughts or questions you may have. The Remembrance Day Service will be on !3th November in Axbridge starting at 10.30am at the War Memorial. There will also be a short Service at Compton Bishop Church at 10.30am on the 11th November. For any queries contact Shirley either 01934 732630 or her email shirley.rosser4@yahoo.co.uk or Secretary Brian Winder on 01278 785696

Axbridge District Trefoil Guild

As I write the country is mourning the passing of our beloved Queen and welcoming the King Charles III. October's meeting will be on 11 October at 2.00pm in the Catholic Church Rooms, Cheddar there will be a talk by the Air Ambulance. As there is no charge for the talk there will be a bucket for donations. The November meeting will be on 8 November same time same place and will be a Craft Afternoon For more information or any queries please contact Sue Wild at swild34@hotmail.com or Secretary Jane at jane@crooklands.net

Churchroom at Weare Booking Information - The Churchroom is open for booking. Priority booking is given to anyone living within the Parish. It is a lovely venue for up to 40 people seated and 55 standing, close to St Gregory's Church in Weare. Recently decorated and upgraded, it is ideal for a range of meetings, events including parties, funerals, baptisms, and small weddings. £15 per session. This includes heating and hot water, use of the tables and chairs and the glasses and crockery in the servery. There is no cooker. A plug-in warming plate is available on request. There is one toilet which is suitable for disabled use and nappy changing. For bookings and information Contact Sarah on 01934 732578 or Anna Fox on 07437 612339 or email wwjsfox@aol.com

Save Our 126 (Extract from Letter Received by David Duckworth)

The 126 is a vital lifeline to many of the most vulnerable people in communities along the Cheddar Valley. It links communities to doctor's surgeries in Wells, Cheddar and Axbridge; the hospital in Weston; schools and colleges along the route; as well as shopping and socialising. First Bus claim the route is no longer profitable but I'll be pushing them hard on their numbers. Just last week, they were threatening to cut the 173 instead of the 126 so I'm not sure they're being particularly consistent and I'm determined to get answers. But Somerset and North Somerset Councils do subsidise bus routes in many parts of the county and so if First Bus won't budge, I need your support to force the councils to step in and save the 126. Please sign below and share this with your friends so they sign too. *Yours ever, James Heappey, Member of Parliament for Wells*

Special Features

Hedges of the Mendip Hills (By Megan Godley)

The Mendip Hills AONB Service are looking to help farmers and land managers to increase the length of native hedgerows across the area. Since this time last year, the Farming in Protected Landscapes programme has funded 2400 metres of hedgerow planting, and hundreds more metres have been funded for management like hedge-laying. In total nine farms in Cheddar, Hutton, West Harptree, Blagdon, and Priddy have already benefited from support with hedgerows through the Farming in Protected Landscapes programme, with more projects in the pipeline. The patterns hedges weave in the countryside are a link to the past, as generations of farmers create and maintain boundaries to suit their land. Some hedges might be as old as the Romans, others overlay banks built as boundary markers in the Bronze Age, and some are older still, carved out of the Wildwood in Man's early years. Some of these ancient hedgerows can still be found across the AONB, while some exist only as ghostly ridges on the ground, or infield trees that were too big to remove with the rest of the hedge when the field was enlarged. Many of the more regular perpendicular hedges in the Mendip Hills date back to the 1700s and the series of enclosure acts – as do many of the hundreds of miles of drystone walls.

Well-managed hedges can be a tremendous natural capital asset to a farm. They reduce windspeed, lessening coil erosion and crop damage, and provide a shelter for livestock against extreme weather. They stabilise soil with deep roots which hold the soil together and encourage the slow absorption of rainwater. Roots also play a vital role in storing carbon dioxide. Hedgerow plants absorb and lock away carbon in their growing leaves and branches, but they also send some of the carbon into their roots, and combined with the autumnal leaf drop, soils under hedges can contain up to 57% more carbon that soils in the middle of the same field.

For wildlife, the importance of hedgerows in the landscape is unparalleled. They are vital corridors in the landscape, which species can use to navigate and seek shelter in. They are also often rich in wildflowers, cow parsley, red campion, and hedge mustard are common species to find creeping out from the bottom of a hedgerow. The variety in plants found in a hedgerow allows them to support a huge density and diversity of invertebrate life. For bird life, hedgerows provide excellent opportunities for shelter, nesting, and feeding. Sixteen of the nineteen bird species in the Farmland Bird Index are associated with hedgerows, ten of which use hedges as their primary habitat. The number of bird species, as well as the number of individual birds, tends to increase with the size of the hedge and the number of woody species of plant that the hedgerow is made from. Having a variety of hedgerow plants that flower and fruit at different times of the year means there is a longer period of abundant food – hawthorn and dog rose are particularly valuable food sources that can last throughout winter. Come Springtime, when birds are beginning to pair up for breeding, trees and taller plants in the hedgerow are important as song posts, from which males attract mates or defend their territory. If you farm or manage land within the AONB and are looking to increase the hedgerows on your land, or manage them to increase their value for wildlife – get in touch with Megan from the Mendip Hills AONB Service, by email via mendip@mendiphillsaonb.org.uk or phone 01761 462338 to request a free, impartial advice visit to your holding. The Mendip Hills AONB Service are also working in Partnership with FWAG SouthWest, the National Farmers Union, Somerset Wildlife Trust, and Mendip District Council to run a programme of free sustainable land management workshops across the area – the programme can be found online here (www.somersetwildlife.org/slm-workshops) or request a physical copy by ringing our office. We are working with the NFU to run an event on the 12th October, providing information on Farm Carbon Auditing and Natural Capital Management. Somerset Wildlife Trust and Mendip DC are running an event on the 23rd September looking at green financing, and there are many more to come!

Special Features (cont)

Friends Of Weare Church

FOWC is a small independent charity that raises money to help maintain the ancient building of St. Gregory, Weare. It is run by volunteers from within our village and the financial support we receive comes solely from donations and fund raising. Over the centuries it has been the people of the parish who have managed to keep the building in the good state we appreciate today. This fine tradition needs to be continued and we hope that those of you who are new to the village, or who have not yet joined the Friends, might consider supporting our work. By becoming a Friend, you will be giving invaluable support towards the maintenance and upkeep of our ancient, Grade 1 listed church, ensuring its place in the middle of the village for another 600 years.

Membership is from as little as £25 per year. Forms can be found in the church porch or please contact Anna 07437 612339

Update on proposed new surgery in Wedmore.

As you may be aware the Axbridge & Wedmore Community Health Fund is undertaking a feasibility study for a replacement branch surgery in Wedmore, to provide long-term income for the Fund. Axbridge & Wedmore Medical Practice is part of North Sedgemoor Primary Care Network (PCN). This network is composed of five practices, Axbridge & Wedmore, Cheddar, Brent, Burnham and Highbridge. We have been informed that NHS England and NHS Improvement have very recently instigated a 'Clinical and Estate Strategy' programme across all Primary Care Networks. This review is designed to anticipate future clinical service requirements and the estate that will be needed to fulfil those needs. This review will assess the needs of the whole North Sedgemoor PCN community, and not just Wedmore. This is unlikely to be completed until sometime in 2023. This means that our plans for a 'new surgery' or health facility to replace the existing Wedmore surgery cannot be seen in isolation from the needs of the population covered by the PCN. Therefore our 'new surgery' project must be put on hold and await the outcome of the 'Clinical and Estate Strategy' review from NHS England before progressing plans any further. We will ensure that any work that has been completed so far on this project will be incorporated and taken into consideration in this 'Clinical and Estate Strategy' review. We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank our donors and those that have worked so hard on this project so far.

Alan Benson, Chair (On behalf of Axbridge and Wedmore Community Health Fund) - 4 August 2022

ROTAS FOR CLEANING & FLOWERS

Badgworth		Biddisham		Compton Bishop		Christon	Loxton	Weare			
2022	Flowers & Dusting	Brass	Flowers	Cleaning & Brass	Flowers	Cleaning	Brass	Flowers, Cleaning & Brass	Flowers, Cleaning & Brass	Flowers & Brass	Cleaning
2 Oct			S. Spender	S. Steele	B. Kuipers	J Buckler	J Lewis	M. Smith	P Toogood	L Taylor	L Taylor
0 Oct			"	"				"		"	"
16 Oct			"	"	S Thorne			"		B Channon	J Wattam
23 Oct				66				66		66	"
30 Oct			"		J Lunn		C Laney & C Petit	"		J Stitch & S Banwell	S Pettifer & R Hanson
6 Nov			TBA	TBA				M. Counsell			
13 Nov			"		J Murray	T Kelly				A Le Provost	A Le Provost
20 Nov			66	"				"		"	"
27 Nov				"	J Stuchbery & P Warner			ı,		A Ham & J Jackson	G Willis
Dec								"			

WHO'S WHO IN CROOK PEAK PARISH

The Rector: Crook Peak Parish is currently in vacancy

(The time between an incumbent leaving and the next starting.)

We have regular services across all six churches together with Baptisms,

Weddings and Funerals. Please do get in touch with us either by Phone: 01934 733973 or Email: crookpeakparish@hotmail.co.uk

Churchwardens:

Badgworth: Debra Anderson, Grove House, Badgworth, BS26 2QJ Tel: 01934 732537

Biddisham: Claire Talbot, Windermere, Biddisham Lane, Biddisham, BS26 2RH

Tel: 01934 750531

Christon: Mary Counsell, Gilbert Lodge, Winthill, Banwell BS29 6NG

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Compton Steve McColgan, Orchard Cottage, Butts Batch, Compton Bishop, BS26 2HF

Bishop: Tel: 01934 732321

Gary Orriss, Stable House, Old Coach Road, Cross, BS26 2EF

Tel: 01934 733281

Loxton: Jane Jay, Shiplate House Farm, Shiplate Road, Loxton, BS26 2XA

Tel: 01934 750439

Weare: No Churchwardens - to apply please Email: crookpeakparish@hotmail.co.uk

Treasurer: Paul Wattam Tel: 01934 732413
Parish Administrator: Helen Mercer Tel: 01934 732668

Email: crookpeakparish@hotmail.co.uk

Electoral Roll: Sarah Pettifer Tel: 01934 732578

Minute taker for PCC: Jill S

Jill Smith

Secretary to PCC: Situation Vacant To apply please

Email: crookpeakparish@hotmail.co.uk

Covenants: William Fox Tel: 01934 732239

Weare Church Room: Anna Fox Tel: 07437 612339} for keys and information

or Sarah Pettifer Tel: 01934 732578}

Children's Work: Ruth Orriss Tel: 01934 733281

The Parish phone and email is monitored regularly and responded to as soon as possible however please bear with us if there are slight delays.

Crook Peak United Parish - Six Buildings, One Church

Services for October and November 2022

We welcome everyone to our churches and believers of all denominations to the Lord's Table. You can find out what the various services are on our website on the Services page.

Please be aware that CONTACT MAGAZINE is published every 2 months and may not reflect last minute changes. Please check the Website or the App.

Sunday 2 Oct (1st) Trinity 16 (Green)	Presentation	CW Holy Communion of Gary Orriss as Reader Richard Neill, Area Dean	Weare	2 Tim. 1. 1-14 Luke 17. 5-10
Sunday 9 Oct (2 nd)	10.00 am	CW Holy Communion	Christon	2 Tim. 2. 8-15 Luke 17. 11-19
Trinity 17 (Green)	4.00 pm	Pet Service	Badgworth	Special Readings
Sunday 16 Oct (3 rd)	8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion	Christon	2 Tim. 3.14 - 4.5 Luke 18. 1-8
Trinity 18 (Green)	10.00 am	Morning Prayer	Biddisham	2 Tim. 3.14 - 4.5 Luke 18. 1-8
Sunday 23 Oct (4th)	10.00 am	CW Holy Communion	Badgworth	2 Tim. 4. 6-8, 16-18 Luke 18. 9-14
Trinity 19 (Green)	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Compton B	Special Readings
Sunday 30 Oct (5 th)				
4th before Advent (Red)	10.00 am	Celebration Service	Compton B	2 Thess. Ch1 Luke 19. 1-19
All Saints'	0.00	ACADE Last Common	W	Feb. 4. 44 and bake 6. 20. 24
Sunday 6 Nov (1st)		AGAPE Last Supper	Weare	Eph. 1. 11-end Luke 6. 20-31
3 rd before Advent (Red)	10.00 am	Praise and Worship	Weare	Eph. 1. 11-end Luke 6. 20-31
Remembrance Sunday Sunday 13 Nov (2 nd)	10.00 am	Remembrance Service	Weare	2 Thess. 3. 6-13 Luke 21. 5-19
2 nd before Advent (Red)	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Badgworth	Special Readings
Sunday 20 Nov (3 rd)	8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion	Badgworth	Col. 1. 11-20 Luke 23. 33-43
1st before Advent (Red)	10.00 am	Family Service	Loxton	Col. 1. 11-20 Luke 23. 33-43
Andrew the Apostle Sunday 27 Nov (4th)	10.00 am	CW Holy Communion	Compton B	Rom. 13. 11-end Matt. 24. 36-44
Advent Sunday (Purple)		Advent Service	Christon	Special Readings
Sunday 4 Dec (1st)	9.00 am	AGAPE Last Supper	Weare	Rom. 15. 4-13 Matt. 3. 1-12
2 nd of Advent (Purple)	10.00 am	Praise and Worship	Weare	Rom. 15. 4-13 Matt. 3. 1-12