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Hello from your new Editors ...

We are excited to be taking on the Cloverleaf magazine. A huge thank you to Lesley for compiling it for so many years and for being so helpful in her handing over of the reins.

If you have any suggestions or ideas they would be very welcome. One addition we have made is the Directory at the back. Hopefully when you pick up the Cloverleaf to find a phone number it will save you having to flick through the whole mag! Please do remember to tell advertisers that you saw their ad in the Cloverleaf.

We also welcome a new wildlife column from Colin Ryall which we hope you will enjoy; thanks Colin!

A highlight coming up very soon is the switching on of the Christmas Tree Lights on December 2nd. Please see following pages for more details. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sue and Chrissie

.... and goodbye from Lesley



A parting note...

Moving to Yorkshire to live nearer to my daughter was not an easy decision. Apart from leaving friends and a community I had grown to love, I also had to depart from my role as the editor of Cloverleaf and as wardrobe mistress of Cloverleaf Productions! Happily, I have managed to do both with the minimum of disruption.

Chrissie O'Neal and Sue Millington have taken over the community magazine and Helen Rose is now Panto costume supremo.

Both of my Cloverleaf roles over the past 20+ years have given me a lot of pleasure and, especially in the last couple of years, a sense of purpose. I will miss doing both 'jobs', but I will also relish being able to see the UK part of my family without a 5 hour drive! (son lives in Hong Kong and that's a 13 hour flight!)

So, a huge thank you to all who have contributed to Cloverleaf over the years by writing articles, organising distributors and delivering magazines - and a special thanks to the parishes for the unexpected Garden Gift Token, which will soon be put to good use. *Lesley Cole*

Combe St Nicholas Parish Council

To thank Lesley Cole for 20 years of work compiling the really helpful Cloverleaf Magazine, a garden voucher was presented to her at a recent get together of the Cloverleaf distributors. This was on behalf of the Parish Council and all the residents and groups in the Parish. We all will miss her and wish her well in her new venture. Thanks to Sue and Chrissie who have volunteered to take on the editorial and compilation of the Cloverleaf magazine for the future.

The recent Storm Ciaran luckily passed with few incidents in the Parish, compared with other communities. Our Flood Resilience Team is putting the final information notices together before launching a Public Meeting in the Village Hall. The meeting originally arranged for Friday 8th December has been postponed until Friday 26th January. Everyone is very welcome, regardless of whether you have been subjected to any flooding problem, as all types of possible resilience will be covered (e.g. - the recent Covid restrictions and how everyone was affected.)

At the recent Somerset Prepared meeting Rob Grimmond, Chairman of the Resilience Group, accepted an award on behalf of Rev. Deborah Perreau for all her extra work keeping residents informed and helping with as much information as possible.

It has been very noticeable lately that some vehicles are being parked in places that make it almost impossible for emergency or even slightly larger vehicles to be able to get through. Please be considerate – they may even be trying to get to you in an emergency.

The Victorian lamp-post, seats on The Lawns, the slide etc. have all recently been painted. Thanks to Craig and also Alex who recently repainted the telephone box. Thanks also to Evie and Mick for supplying the plants on The Green and looking after them all summer. They certainly cheered up the area. A new goal-post will be purchased for The Lawns as one of the current ones has a part missing.

Parish Council, contd/...

The weather has had an impact on the of growth of hedges etc. If yours is close to the highway please ensure it is cut back and any trimmings cleared away. If any leaves etc. are covering the drains near you and it is safe to do so, please help future flooding problems by keeping those drains clear.

Now the darker evenings are here please consider – can you (or your dog/s) be seen by motorists? Please wear bright clothes if possible, fluorescent strips/jackets, carry a torch so that you can see (and to clear up after your dog!!) and use fluorescent coats/collars for any dogs/horses too. Keep safe.

A request for cricket nets has been made, and although too late for this year, prices and sites (Combe Wood Recreational Field) will be considered. It would also be helpful if residents would let us know if they support this request.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 22nd January 2024. There is no Parish Council meeting in December.

Anne Hunt, Parish Clerk 01460 61296 combestnicholaspc@gmail.com www.combestnicholas.org.uk



The switch-on of the lights on the Christmas Tree on The Green will take place on **Saturday 2nd December at 6pm**. Chard Concert Brass will accompany the carols, and mince pies, mulled wine or hot chocolate will be available. If possible please bring your own cup for the drinks, and for your safety, wear something fluorescent or light as vehicles will still be going past. Thanks in advance to everyone who is helping with this project. *Combe Community Group*



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The Village Hall

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concert in the hall, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets £8 from the village shop, including mince pies and mulled wine; bring your own picnic too if you want. Do come and join us for a lovely Christmassy evening. All profits will go to the roof fund.

A long way ahead, but we plan to repeat our very successful **Open Gardens** event on **Sunday 2nd June** next year.

More on that in due course!

Village Hall Committee

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Combe Resilience Plan

In November, last year we held a meeting in the Village Hall to set out the benefits of planning ahead. We discussed how the community would cope in an emergency and invited people to set out their concerns and provide assistance where appropriate. There are real threats; don't forget the flooding in June 2021.

We had intended to launch the Plan to the public early in December. There are, however, still a few issues that we need to resolve, so we think it makes sense to cancel the meeting on 8th December. We will now launch the Plan on Friday 26th January, at a public meeting in the village hall at 7.30 p.m. The meeting will give us the opportunity to set out and discuss how community resilience, and the Plan, will work.

We would still welcome more volunteers, especially those who are prepared to help circulate information in an emergency situation. If you think you could help, please email or telephone me as below.

There will be reminders on posters and Facebook.

Rob Grimmond Tel: **01460 261234** email: **combe.resilience@gmail.com**

Underway Meade

The weather has remained mild this autumn and it has been quiet in the Meade although the vegetation has continued to grow. Unfortunately, the first storm of the season decided to arrive on the day the Neroche Woodland volunteers were due to come and help us with various tasks, so the visit was postponed until the New Year. A community volunteer day was arranged for November 26th, and so hopefully this will have gone ahead by the time you read this issue. As usual, the sheep did a great job of clearing the mound, but by the end of October they decided that the world looked greener on the other side of the fence and made a bid for freedom! After persuading them to return with sheep nuts and cajoling it was decided that it was time for them to return home. It is always sad to see them go but better than them getting lost, and chasing them up and down the mound is no easy feat! Thanks to Nell and her sheepdog for rounding them up and into their trailer and to Paula and Chris for allowing them to come down in the first place.



Winter jobs dates, including pond maintenance, will be announced in due course. The concerns over the clearance last time certainly don't seem justifiable in view of the increased growth of reeds that have taken over this year!

Sarah Packham has sadly decided to step down as a Trustee. Sarah was the person responsible for the idea of having the popular Wild Play area and the use of the Meade by families has increased hugely as a result. Underway Meade, contd/...

She will be missed but I hope other volunteers will ensure that the Wild Play area continues to be maintained for the enjoyment of all.

Thanks Sarah

Three requests:

- Please take your bottles and cans home rather than putting them in the Meade's rubbish bin, as we have to go through it to fish them out for recycling, which isn't a very nice job.
- Also, no more tyres please! It's kind of you to think of us, but we have enough, and we have to take them to the tip and pay for their disposal.
- What we would like is more chippings (not prickly ones though, because of little paws!). Give me a ring if you have any and I will arrange access.

If you enjoy visiting the Meade, whether it be for walking your dog, bringing the children or grandchildren to play or just to find some peace and quiet, then do consider becoming a Friend of the Meade. We rely on donations to keep the site maintained and to cover insurance costs, which, as with everything else, are increasing every year.

Forms are available from the Symes entrance or online at *https://combestnicholas.org.uk/underway-meade/* and scrolling to 'How to get involved' and downloading a form. If you would like to consider becoming a Trustee, then please contact me for more information.

Lynn Osborne, Chair, Combe St. Nicholas Parochial Trust. Tel: 01460 62015 Email: lynnosborne99@gmail.com

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Wildlife in Your Garden with Colin Ryall

The idea behind this article is to highlight what you can do to encourage and support wildlife in your garden at this time of year and what wildlife to look out for in the garden. Autumn and winter are of course quieter for wildlife but there is still plenty to see and it's the best time for creating and managing ponds, hedges, wildflower meadows, nectar garden, planting trees and shrubs etc.

What to look out for

Five species of thrush could possibly be in our gardens now. As the glut of wild berries comes to an end our Blackbirds are returning, numbers swollen by those from colder parts of UK plus migrants from abroad. If you have a berry bush, Song and Mistle Thrushes, and migrant Redwings and Fieldfares may also turn up. Other birds commoner in winter include Siskins, Lesser Redpolls and Bramblings. On warm sunny days you might see one of the butterfly species which overwinter as adults eg. Red Admirals, Small Tortoiseshells or Peacocks, and perhaps big Buff-tailed Bumblebee queens may be active. Various species of moth are active during winter, names often give this away: November Moth, Winter Moth, December Moth. There are plenty of grassland fungi out now too, some Waxcaps are vividly coloured. Flowers may also be seen; Butterbur, White Dead Nettle, Snowdrops and Red Campion often gives a late flush.



Wildlife in your garden, contd/...



Brambling

Mistle Thrush



Things to do

Rake leaves off a wildflower meadow where low nutrients is the secret to getting more flowers and less dominant grass. Move them to other areas where worm-rich lawn is great for birds and other animals to feed. Mounding leaves to rot in damp corners provides shelter for all sorts. Think of fallen leaves as a resource not a nuisance that needs to be disposed of; move them to places where they'll be beneficial.

It's worth mentioning Yellow Rattle at this point. As a hemi-parasite of some grasses; it doesn't kill the grass but reduces its vigour until the rattle seeds and dies down in July and August. That gives other flower species a chance to get going in spring and summer. If you want to introduce Yellow Rattle and other meadow flowers, NOW is the time to sow them so that the seeds get chilled by the frost.

Because plants and some wildlife are dormant at this season, winter is the best time for jobs around the garden for wildlife: pond creation/maintenance, planting berry bushes and hedges, dead-hedging. On the other hand, leave "tidying up" borders, hedge cutting, picking up

windfall apples until late winter so birds can feed, mammals and insects may be sheltering in the dead plant material.

If you feed the birds, now is the time to be feeding fats to help youngsters particularly to get through the cold spells.

Wildlife Plant of the Month – IVY is much maligned but is a wonderful resource for wildlife. It produces autumn nectar, a boon to late butterflies, bees and other insects, early black berries for birds particularly loved by Blackcaps, their leaves are food for caterpillars of Holly Blue and various moths, and dense evergreen cover where Wrens can find spiders even in mid winter. *Colin Ryall*



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Combe Art Group

In September we resumed our weekly meetings in the village hall with a flourishing membership.

The Group was founded in 2003 by Peter Tucker. In 2018 David Selley took on the running of it but now is to step down and the tasks he undertook will be carried out by other members. We would like to thank David for all that he has done. Under his leadership the Group has maintained its friendly and inclusive atmosphere. We are delighted that David will continue to be a member. Ian Whitehead has always supported David and anyone arriving early on a Friday would find him setting up the tables and chairs in readiness. Ian has also provided the programmes of lively topics which have kept us busy painting

throughout the year. We thank lan for his hard work and are pleased that he, too, remains a member. Many thanks also to Gerry, Sarah and Rhian who have stepped up to keep the Group ongoing.

Although our membership is in a good state we continue to welcome newcomers. We return to the village hall on **Friday**, **12 January 2024**.

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many of those who attended return and sign up to be members of Yarcombe Young Farmers. If you are interested in joining us please contact: Natalie 07775 591324

On October 7th a small group of members took part in Ilminster Carnival, collecting money to support the carnival and we were able to advertise ourselves by carrying our club banner. Along with this 25% of what our great team collected will get sent back to us to go towards our donation to our chosen charity at the end of the YFC year. Following our amazing donation to last year's charity (Hospiscare) we took time at one of our meetings to discuss and decide a charity for this year. After many considerations we have chosen 'Yellow Wellies' "an independent registered charity working throughout the UK to address the attitudes and behaviours to risk-taking and poor mental health in the next generation of farmers (under 40yrs)". We plan to organise many events with the proceeds of these going towards our final donation at the end of the year. If you wish to find out more about this years chosen charity visit their website : yellowwellies.org

Towards the end of October at our fortnightly Monday meeting, we enjoyed getting in the halloween spirit with pumpkin carving and getting creative with floral arrangements in pumpkins (Thanks to Sarah Broom floristry for your support).

Recently we have had a delivery of our blue club jumpers, keep your eye out for us wearing them while out and about. Here are some members showing them off.



To finish off October, a mixed team of members played volleyball. Well done to those who tried their best in matches against other Devon groups. Also a few representatives joined other East Devon group members at Exeter cathedral to take

part in the pillar decorating, using seasonal vegetables, floral displays and other harvest time items. A great time was had by all and well done to the East Devon team for coming 3rd. Finally, members dressed to impress when attending Crealy ball where everyone had a throughly great time in the large soft play area and on the dance floor.

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| | 2 - 4.30pm | Short Mat Bowls VH |
| | 6.30 for 7pm | Film Night VH |
| Sat 2 | 6pm | Christmas Tree Lights Switch On |
| Mon 4 | 10.30 - 12pm | World Circle Dance VH |
| | 1.30 - 4.30pm | Short Mat Bowls VH |
| Wed 6 | 7 - 9.30pm | Short Mat Bowls VH |
| Fri 8 | 10.00 - 1pm | Art Group VH |
| | 2 - 4.30pm | Short Mat Bowls |
| | 4 - 5pm | Lego & Duplo Club in the Methodist Church |
| | 7.30pm | CLOKS Production in Church |
| Sat 9 | 10 - 12.30noon | War Child Fundraiser VH |
| | 7.30pm | CLOKS Production in Church |
| Mon 11 | 7.30pm | SAX 22 Concert VH |
| Wed 13 | 7 - 9.30pm | Short Mat Bowls VH |
| | 7.30pm | ZEMBARD SINGERS Concert in Church |
| Thu 14 | 6.30 - 10.30pm | Folk Dance Club VH |
| Fri 15 | 10.00 - 1pm | Art Group VH |
| | 2 - 4.30pm | Short Mat Bowls |
| Mon 18 | 10.30 - 12noon | World Circle Dance VH |
| | 7.00pm | *Combe Community Group Xmas Dinner VH |
| Wed 20 | 7 - 9.30pm | Short Mat Bowls VH *Look out for posters |
| Fri 22 | 2 - 4.30pm | Short Mat Bowls VH |
| Thu 28 | 6.30 - 10.30pm | Folk Dance Club VH |
| Sat 30 | 10 - 11am | *Lego & Duplo Club in Methodist Church |
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JANUARY

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| Thu 4 | 6.30 - 10.30pm | Folk Dance Club VH |
| Fri 5 | 6.30 for 7pm | Film Night VH |
| Sat 6 | 2-4pm | Wadeford Charity Book Sale VH |
| Mon 8 | 10.30 - 12noon | World Circle Dance VH |
| | 1.30 - 4.30pm | Short Mat Bowls VH |
| Fri 12 | 10.00 - 1pm | Art Group VH |
| | 4 - 5pm | Lego & Duplo Club in the Methodist Church |
| Sat 13 | 10 - 12noon | St Nicholas Coffee Morning in Church |
| Mon 15 | 1.30 - 4.30pm | Short Mat Bowls VH |
| | 7.30pm | Combe Community Group VH |
| Thu 18 | 6.30 - 10.30pm | Folk Dance Club VH |
| Fri 19 | 10.00 - 1pm | Art Group VH |
| Mon 22 | 10.30 - 12noon | World Circle Dance VH |
| | 7.30pm | Parish Council Meeting VH |
| Fri 26 | 10.00 - 1pm | Art Group VH |
| | 7.30pm | Combe Resilience Plan Launch Meeting VH |
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Tower Captain Retires

Denis Rockett has recently stepped down after 30 years as Wambrook Bell Tower Captain.

Friends and colleagues joined him for coffee and cake, where he was presented with an engraved hand bell.

The Rev Georgina Vye thanked Denis and conferred on him Tower Captain Emeritus, presenting him with an original framed drawing of The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Wambrook.

Denis attended Wambrook school and was only 12 years old when he began to learn bell ringing under Stanley Huish. After 3 months he was proficient enough to ring regularly for church services. His father served as church warden for 20 years and Denis remembers him lifting the aisle grate to light the boiler under the floor to provide heat, sometimes resulting in a church full of smoke!

Denis left school at 15; he would get up at 5am to help his father milk 30 cows then go to his building job until 5pm then milk the cows again. Denis became tower captain in 1994 and has taught many people the art of bell ringing. He has rung the bells of Crewkerne, Buckland St Mary, Ashill, Broadway, Combe St Nicholas and Whitestaunton.

Denis raises beef cattle on his 95 acres in Wambrook and grows a Miscanthus grass crop which is used for bio energy production.



He is secretary of the vintage tractor club, raising funds for Air Ambulance& Cancer Research. Congratulations Denis!Sue Logan





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COMBE COMMUNITY GROUP

We have had some very good speakers/meetings during our first year, and good turn outs too. Do come along.

On Monday 18th December Our Christmas Dinner will be held in the Village Hall, thanks to Heather (of Country Fare Catering).

We will meet slightly earlier sitting down at 7pm.

The menu will be available at our 20th November meeting, or ring Lynn Osborne (62015) or Anne Hunt (61296) if you haven't booked yet.

On Monday 15th January, Malcolm Smith, who lives in Combe, will be sharing his knowledge etc. about 'Night Skies'.

Everyone very welcome to all meetings. 7.30pm in the Village Hall £3 entry including refreshments.

| Weather Watch - local rainfall report | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Period | 2023 Actual | 2022 Actual | 10 Yr Ave 2003-2012 | 10 Yr Ave 2013-2022 |
| September | 106 | 46 | 54 | 69 |
| October | 101 | 59 | 127 | 132 |
| Jan - August | 683 | 41/3 | 655 | 702 |
| TOTAL | 890 | 518 | 836 | 903 |

All measurements in millimetres 25mm = 1" 45 gallons/sq yard

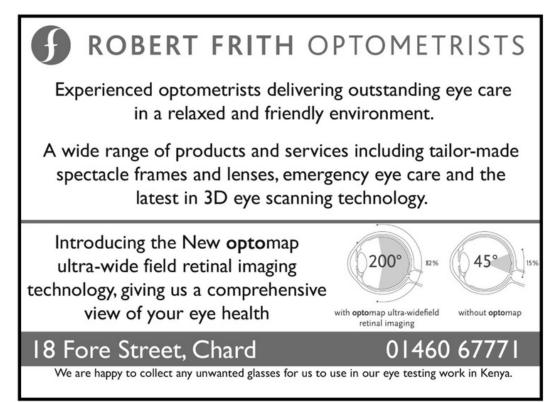
September was considerably wetter than either of the 10 year averages, with significant rainfall in the latter half of the month. October's rainfall was below the averages but the storms had an effect, again, in the latter part of the month.



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A Moment in Time with John Phillips

The census of 1841 records that a well digger John Truscott lived in Combe. He was not recorded in the 1851 census when if alive he would have been 70 years old. In the intervening 10 years dozens of families had left our parishes for the city or foreign lands so demand for new wells much reduced. Digging a well was an expensive and skilled operation. One dug in another county cost £112 in 1895. That sum could have bought 2 small cottages by the Green in Combe at that date. The wage of a day labourer being 75p for a 72-hour week. The services of a water diviner were invariably required and good ones could not only indicate the depth at which the water source lay but also its abundance. All done with a forked hazel twig held gently in the hands. Remarkable! As late as 1926 the services of the water diviner John Smith were called upon by the borough surveyor Mr. P H Webb to help solve "Chard's water crisis". £9,000 had previously been spent on drilling a large number of un-productive bore holes. To be continued...... Merry Christmas everyone.



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Combe St Nicholas Methodist Church

Services: 10.30am fortnightly - as per notice board on railings Steward: Arnold Coleman - 64892

Excerpts from the Churchwardens' Report

In October the Parish celebrated Harvest; the produce from the School Harvest Festival and from the Parish Church Service went to support the Lord's Larder which helps local people in need.

Also, the Parish Church and the Methodist Church organised a Harvest Supper in the Village Hall which was well attended.

We are still having to fund raise to repair the holes in our ceiling. Our vision is to use insulating boards to conserve heat loss, but we have to negotiate this as the church is a Grade 1 listed building.

Our ever popular monthly coffee mornings and concerts helps to raise much needed funds.

We are busy as a Benefice, which consists of Chard, Wambrook, Whitestaunton and Combe to write a Parish Profile, so any person interested in applying for the job of Rector can get a feel of the area and our four different churches. This is quite a long process; the interviews will take place in March 2024.



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Vicar's Letter

How quickly we move from one moment in time to another, from one thing to another, one activity to another, it seems like only five minutes ago that we were bathing in the glorious sunshine of summer. Last week my cherry tree was full of leaves, then suddenly almost overnight they are gone!

We have had the first frost, gone through All Hallows Eve, All Saints,

Remembrance, and are now tumbling into the manic preparation for Christmas thrust at us in the shops and on the TV.

Do we have time to stop and stay in a moment of time, to dwell in it, savour it, discover more of it?

Our society makes it quite hard as the culture we are part of wants us to always be moving forward, onto the next thing.

I went on a Pre Advent-Retreat Day recently, where there was time to just sit and ponder, time to be creative too. We were offered the chance to bring away some daily acts of kindness or action for Advent. A different view and focus, in the preparing to remember the silent moment of the Christ child arriving here on earth, God come to be amongst us.

It only takes a moment for us to action a random act of kindness, by care, or listening, or helping another by coming alongside them. Could we all take part in creating those acts? Remember the Butterfly Effect, who knows what we could start? For someone it could just be a life changer, for that day, or maybe for the rest of their life. A noting of the need of another and responding to it is indeed a gift, of unknown quality.

In this season, oh so short, of preparation in Advent, maybe random acts of kindness might be a reflection of the love given in the greatest gift sent to earth.

Rev Georgina

Whitestaunton Church - What's On

All Welcome to Join Us!

17 December at 6.30pm Carol Service

Join us for Readings and Carols accompanied by The Church Choir, Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

Christmas Day 9.15am Holy Communion and Christingle

Sunday 14 January 2024 11am Plough Service

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| Dec 3rd Advent Sunday | 10.30am Family Worship Celebrating St Nicholas | 9.15am BCP Morning Prayer | | 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Morning Worship 3.00pm Light up a Life Service |
| Dec 10th Advent 2 | 10.30am Holy Communion 3.00pm Freemasons Service | 9.15am Holy Communion CW | | 10.00am Holy Communion |
| Dec 17th Advent 3 | 10.30am Service of the Word at the Methodist Church 6.00pm Carols by Candlelight | 6.00pm Traditional Lessons and Carols | 6.30pm Carol Service | 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Morning Worship |
| Dec 24th Christmas Eve | 5.00pm Christingle Service 11.30pm Midnight Communion | | | 8.00am Holy Communion 4pm & 6pm Christingle Service 11.30pm Midnight Communion |
| Monday 25th Christmas Day | 10.30am Holy Communion CW | 9.15am Holy Communion BCP | 9.15am Crib Service/ Informal Communion | 10.30am Holy Communion |
| Dec 31st Christmas 1 | 10.00am Ho | 10.00am Holy Communion Benefice Service at St Mary's, Chard | e Service at St Mai | ry's, Chard |
| Jan 7th Epiphany /Baptism of Christ | 10.30am Family Worship for Epiphany | 9.15am BCP Morning Prayer | | 8.00 Holy Communion 10.00am Morning Worship |
| Jan 14th Epiphany 2 | 10.30am Holy Communion | 9.15am Holy Communion CW | 11.30am Holy Communion for Plough Sunday | 10.00am Holy Communion |
| Jan 21st Epiphany 3/Christian Unity Sunday | 10.30am Covenant Service at the Methodist Church | 6.00pm Evensong BCP | | 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Morning Worship 3.00pm Service of Christian Unity |
| Jan 28th Epiphany 4 | 10.30am Holy Comr | 10.30am Holy Communion for the Benefice at Combe | e at Combe | 4pm Evensong |

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