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Who can we trust?

By the time you start to leaf through this edition of The Villager we will either be in the midst of a General Election campaign, or it will have already happened, so as such – you will have either cast your vote, be about to do so, or you may even know the result.

It is often said that the church shouldn't get involved in politics, and whilst I tend to somewhat agree, at this moment in time I find it difficult not to. Not, in the sense of publicly speaking out in favour of a particular party, or canvassing on door steps, but in the sense of, when I look back over the years, and going right back to the time of the earthly ministry of Jesus, I ask myself what, if anything has actually changed??

During this election campaign we have seen and heard slogans such as 'Britain is broken' and 'It's time for change', and whilst this may be true, the argument could be that it always has been, in one way or another, and the same could be applied to the world. And, while some may disagree, I believe it is difficult, as a Christian and as a church, to distance ourselves from the political issues of

our nation and of our world today, and I take Jesus as an example of this. Although not a political leader as such, he certainly was 'political' in that he was prepared to stand up to the leaders of the time, religious and political, and more importantly to stand up for people, particularly the weak, the poor and the marginalized. He spoke out against injustice and gave people hope for the future.

In doing this he didn't simply make empty promises but gave hope and assurances for the future, all it needed was for people to trust him. Over the ensuing centuries that trust has seen the emergence of the church as a body that still holds to the values he taught and still offers the same assurances, all that is need is faith and trust.

Returning briefly to the election, I often hear people say that it doesn't really matter who you vote for or who gets in because they are all the same and you can't trust any of them, but, in a 'world that is broken' and when 'it's time for a change' it is important for us to have someone we can trust.

In the gospels, in the life and ministry of Jesus we are given an example of

who we can trust and indeed how we ourselves are to live out our lives and gain the trust of others. We are to be open and honest, reliable and trustworthy, not making, what may seem like, promises we cant keep and to stand up for all people, not just the ones who follow us or agree with us.

While political parties may be said to exist primarily for their own members the church is different and was once described by Archbishop William Temple as *'the only institution that exists for the benefit of non-members'* or *'primarily for the sake of those who are outside it'*. This comes as a direct reflection on the life and teachings of Jesus, perhaps the greatest non-political politician of all time and the one whose words we can always trust.

With my best wishes

Ian Grainger

Vicar

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

CHURCH ROAD, SEATON (Church of England)

9.30am Sunday Parish Communion & Children's Church and Crèche.

9.30am Thursday morning Communion Service.

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ST. PETER'S CHURCH CAMERTON

(Church of England)

11am Holy Communion

Every 1st Sunday monthly

Due to its location there are no toilet facilities at this church.

ASSOCIATE PRIEST:

Rev. Irene Fearon

Tel: 01900 813108



Messy Church will be on **Friday 27th September @ 4.00–5.30pm**

Messy Church is a different way of 'being church' for families. Come along and join the fun. All children welcome, just remember to bring an adult.

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GENEROSITY WEEK

From **8th to 14th September** we will be running a 'Generosity Week'. There will be further details in the September Villager.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

We will again be running Confirmation Classes from September, ahead of a service of Confirmation on **Sunday 1st December**. Children in Years 5 & 6 at the junior school will have received letters inviting them to consider confirmation. All children aged 11 (or turning 11 in the school year beginning in September) or over, and adults are welcome. Please contact Rev Ian if interested or for further information.

ST. PAUL'S SEATON WIVES & MOTHERS

Wives & Mothers are taking a break for the summer, the next meeting will be **Tuesday 10th September at 7.30pm**.

LOAVES & FISHES LUNCH

The next lunch will be **Friday 19th July** at 12 noon in the Church Hall. There will be a break in August with the next lunch being 20th September. All welcome!

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING CALENDAR 2024

Details of social and fundraising events can be found on our website.

The next event is a **BBQ** on **Saturday 20th July. Tickets £10**

[Social Calendar 2024](#)
(seatonchurches.co.uk)

Please do come along and join in the fun and help to support our church!

ST. PAUL'S MOTHERS' UNION STRAWBERRY TEA

Wednesday 3rd July from **2pm** in the Church Hall with Bring & Buy and Raffle. Tickets £6, everyone welcome.

Mary Sumner Day Celebration: Thursday 8th August service at 2pm All Souls' Netherton.

PARISH PRAYERS

Members of the community are invited to submit concerns/issues for prayer. In July and August our focus is on Main Road (Park Avenue to Ling Beck), Ling Beck Park, Crescent, and View.

If you do have any concerns or items for prayer, please do let us know. Please do let us know especially if you have family or friends who are ill, and we can ensure that they are included in our prayers and visits arranged if required.

ST PETER'S, CAMERTON, CHURCHYARD

The Parochial Church Council is aware of a number of concerns with the grass cutting at St Peter's. This year has seen a change of contractor, not by choice but out of necessity, as we simply could not afford the price quoted by our previous contractor. After a period of exceptionally wet weather grass cutting began later than anticipated and so currently the churchyard does not look the way people have been used to. We apologise for this, but looking after the churchyard is extremely expensive and impacts highly on our finances, and we do the best we can with limited resources. We can assure everyone that we are working with our new contractor to improve how things look and hope that over the summer months things will 'return to normal'.

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If you are a community group or will be organizing an event for the community please do send your information to our email address and we will endeavor to include it in our next issue.

Contact us by email:
seatonvillager@outlook.com

FUNERALS

"I am the resurrection and the life"

3rd June

Darren McLean (45)

Sycamore Drive

5th June

Neal Nichol (77)

Derwent Close

John Rumney (90)

Coronation Avenue

10th June

Norman Dixon (70)

Meadowcroft, Camerton

11th June

Raymond Fisher (79)

Ghyll Mount, Camerton

12th June

Lynn Scott (68)

Donald Road

24th June

Margaret Braniff (86)

Lowca Lane



SEATON PARISH COUNCIL

Seaton Parish Council is seeking nominations for the village's Best Kept Garden & Container Competition 2024. Nominations can be for your own or someone else & can be for gardens, containers or both at deserving properties. Please submit nominations by email to the Clerk at paulbramley1@aol.co.uk by

Monday 22 July, providing the address of nominated gardens. Judging will take place on week commencing 29 July.

SEATON SCOUTS GARDEN PARTY

Saturday 13th July at 1.30pm at Scouts Headquarters. All Welcome

SEATON ORCHARD GROUP

The Orchard which is situated on the C2C cycle path through the village is a community asset, initially lottery funded and supported by Sustrans. It's range of fruit bushes and trees were planted by members of our junior school, and members of our community are encouraged to harvest the produce during the season.

More volunteers are needed to tend this project, so anyone with an interest in gardening would be a great asset. Volunteers meet on an adhoc basis, usually for a couple of hours when a fine day can be forecast and volunteers are normally contacted by telephone. If you feel you would like to help maintain this valuable facility please contact Tony: 07949679714

CRAFTIES

'Crafties' is held in the Church Hall on **Wednesdays, 7.00pm to 9.00pm**. Please bring along your knitting, crochet, sewing, art project, etc and come and join us. Everyone welcome.

SEATON CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL 2024

Seaton Children's Carnival would like to thank all our participants, spectators, advertisers and sponsors for supporting another successful year.

The street collection made £1000

Look out for upcoming fundraisers throughout the year and we will be back to do it all again on Saturday 14th June 2025.

Thank you for your continued support.

SEATON VILLAGE HALL

The **Community Fun Day** is bring arranged for **Saturday 31st August**, as usual if the weather is good it should prove to be a great day.

SAMARITANS WEST CUMBRIA FRIENDS

GROUP would like to thank everyone who participated in last year's used Stamp Appeal. Almost 4 kg of used stamps were collected. These were sent to **Recycling for Good Causes** raising £20.35 to help with Local Branch expenses. Joan Warwick (Friends Group)

FIT 4 LIFE

A gentle exercise class for over 50s held in Seaton Village Hall **every Friday from 1pm - 2pm**, £3.50 per session. Suitable for all abilities. Contact Fit4Life on 01900 814782.

YOGA FOR SENIORS

Why not give it a try? You are welcome in Seaton Village Hall on **Wednesdays 2:00pm - 3:30pm**. Please bring a mat or a blanket to lie on. Loose fitting clothes is advisable (jeans not suitable). £3.50 per session. Contact Jo Hodgson on 01900 602898 for more information.

COMMUNITY LUNCHES

Seaton St. Paul's C of E Junior School will be holding community lunches **every Thursday at 1.30pm**. Lunch will **cost £6** & this includes a main meal (roast dinner), dessert & tea/coffee. To book a place for this lunch, please contact Mrs Magill in the school kitchen on 01900 844651. Everyone is welcome & we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible!

THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

is back in Seaton Library for 2024!



This year's theme is Marvellous Makers and will be a celebration of reading and creativity! Join the Marvellous Makers crew for the Summer Reading Challenge and be inspired by your favourite books. We have lots of fun activities, challenges and competitions waiting for you.

The Challenge starts in Seaton Library on Monday 15 July, to take part just call in and sign up, you'll receive a collector poster and sticker. All you have to do is read six books of your choice and keep up those amazing reading skills over the long summer holidays.

So, what are you waiting for? Be a reading hero!

You can become a member of the library for free, simply pop in and ask to join.

Seaton Library opening hours are:

Monday - 1pm-5pm

Tuesday - 10am-5pm

Thursday - 10am-5pm

Friday - 9am-12pm

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