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Holidays and Holy Days...

Although not everyone likes or is comfortable with the warmer weather we have been experiencing recently, I'm sure everyone would admit that when it's dry and sunny you do feel better than when it is cold, wet and miserable, and it was really nice to see that during the recent half-term holiday the weather enabled the children to get out and enjoy time with family and friends rather than being couped up indoors. I'm also sure that, even with the ongoing cost of living situation, many families will now be turning their thoughts to some sort of summer holiday, wherever that may be.

Holidays as we know them are derived from the Old English word **'haligdaeg'**, meaning **'holy day'**. Originally this referred only to special religious days, and I am reminded each year that in years gone by, Ascension Day, which is celebrated by churches forty days after Easter, saw children given the day off school as a holiday, although they were expected to go to church for special services as it is also a holy day.

Holidays now are of course quite different and are not restricted to special religious feast days, families and individuals holiday

all year round now, but the purpose of holidays remains the same. Holy Days or Holidays, whichever way you look at them, are meant to be times of celebration, refreshment and relaxation, and we all need these times in our lives. We all need breaks from the everyday things and a change of scene, even Jesus himself took time on numerous occasions to withdraw from the hustle and bustle of everyday activities to recharge his batteries and be ready for what lay ahead of him.

And so, as the summer school holidays approach, I want to encourage everyone to a break if you can, get away if you can, relax and enjoy good weather (hopefully) and leisure time because we don't get an awful lot of it really. Thinking about the weather side of things I would also suggest that although good weather is nice, poor weather should never stop us taking and enjoying a much needed break.

I have just returned from a short break in Spain and before leaving was keeping a constant eye on the weather forecast for the area, it didn't look good and there was rain forecast (thankfully it only rained for half a day and before we

knew it the sun was out again and we were by the pool). As I was watching the forecast I was telling myself it wouldn't spoil anything as I'd be away – away from the desk, away from the phone, away from cooking and cleaning and all the other everyday stuff – but I still couldn't help thinking and saying 'what if it rains' until a good friend said look at it this way... "imagine being at home, if you get up in the morning have a shower and leave the towel on the bathroom floor it will still be there to pick up at night... you're going to a hotel where you won't have to even think about that!" True and wise words reminding me that even the simple things you needn't worry about when on holiday.

I hope that everyone will get the chance to take a break this summer – follow the example of Jesus, even if only for a short time – withdraw to a quiet space (or not so quiet in some cases), relax, enjoy yourselves and be refreshed for whatever lies ahead.

Have a great summer.

- - **Rev. Ian Grainger**
Vicar

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH SEATON (C OF E)

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

9.30am Thursday morning
Communion Service.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH CAMERTON (C OF E)

11am Holy Communion

Every 1st Sunday monthly

There is car parking available
at the church but due to its
location there are no toilet
facilities.



Our next Messy Church will be on **Friday 22nd September at 4pm**. Messy Church is a different way of 'being church' for families. Come along and join in on the fun. All children are welcome, just remember to bring an adult!

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ST. PAUL'S SEATON WIVES & MOTHERS

The Wives & Mothers team are taking a Summer break and will return in September.

ST. PAUL'S MOTHERS' UNION

July's Mothers' Union meeting will be on **Thursday 6th July at 2pm in the Church Hall**. This will be a Strawberry Tea, with a bring and buy raffle. Entrance cost is £6. **Everyone welcome**. In August there will be a Mary Sumner Day Service on **Wednesday 9th August at 7pm in the Church**, followed by light refreshments in the Church Hall. **Everyone welcome**.

LOAVES & FISHES LUNCHES

Loaves and Fishes lunch will be on **Friday 21st July, held at 12 noon** in the Church Hall. The Loaves and Fishes team will then take a well deserved break, returning on **Friday 15th September**. A huge thank you to the team for the excellent meals served through the year and to those who come along regularly to enjoy them. **All welcome**.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

We will again be running Confirmation Classes from September, ahead of a service of Confirmation on Sunday 3rd 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.

SPONSORED SING

'Hymns and Pimms' on Saturday **July 8th 12 noon**, the choir will attempt to sing 50 hymns in 2 hours, raising funds for the Heating Appeal. There is no charge to come and listen (and join in if you wish) but sponsorship in the form of donations during the sing will be welcome. There will be refreshments in the hall during the singing, together with a raffle and some stalls. When the singing is complete there will be the opportunity to have Afternoon Tea in the church hall. Tickets for the Afternoon Tea, priced at £6.00 are now available.

COMMUNITY LUNCHES

Seaton St. Paul's C of E Junior School will be holding community lunches **every Thursday at 1.30pm**. Lunch will cost £5 & 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!

ANNUAL GIFT DAY

Thank you to everyone who supported our Annual Gift Day on 28th May. The amount 'gifted' was over £2,000 with an additional £300+ gift-aided. These funds will help towards the continued cost of running and maintaining our churches and church hall together with other specific projects. Already we have been able to install new signage outside St. Paul's which is a big improvement.

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. This is especially the case 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.

FORTHCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

A number of events are being arranged, please have a look on the church website on the News section or 'Church Notices' section where you will be able to see a list of dates and details of events.

SEATON LIBRARY

Opening Hours:

Monday: 1pm - 5pm

Tuesday: 10am - 5pm

Thursday: 10am - 5pm

Friday: 2pm - 5pm

Wednesday/Saturday: CLOSED

SEATON BABY & TODDLER GROUP

The Seaton Baby & Toddler group meets in the Village Hall on **Thursdays** (term time only) **10am - 11.30am. £2 per Child**.

Including Tea/Coffee, Juice & Snack Children 0 - 4 years welcome. Walk ins welcome.

SEATON SCOUTS

Seaton Scouts are hosting a Garden Party on **Saturday 15th July at 1:30pm** at the Scouts Headquarters. **All welcome**. Seaton Scouts are also holding an AGM on **Thursday 20th July at 6:30pm** in the Scouts Headquarters. **All welcome**.

WORKINGTON DERWENT ROTARY CLUB

Workington Derwent Rotary Club, the people who bring Santa's sleigh at Christmas, would like your help. Each month we hold a food pantry in The British Legion Club in Workington where we give away FREE FOOD to people in need. This can range from tinned products to bread to cereals to fresh vegetables. We want to get this information to as many people as possible so if you know of someone who might benefit from this, please let them know. Just tell them to bring their own shopping bag. If you think there is someone who can't make it along to The Pantry, come yourself and we can arrange something for you to deliver. You might even like to stay and help! The Pantry is every first Friday of the month at 11am in The British Legion Club, entrance of Jane St. Workington.



CAMERTON VILLAGE HALL

Coffee Mornings will be held on **Saturday 15th July and 26th August** from 11am - 1pm. Call in for a coffee, cake, savouries and a natter. We will also have boxes of cakes and pies for sale to takeaway. **All welcome.**

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.

SEATON CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL

Seaton Children's carnival committee would like to say, thank you to everyone who supported the 112th Carnival. They hope you all had a fantastic time and thank you to the road closure volunteers who were amazing. The street collection raised £953, thank you! And also huge thanks to Dave from The Pack Horse who donated his can bar profits of £250 to the carnival. Seaton Children's carnival look forward to seeing you all once more on Saturday 8th June 2024.

SEATON VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall will be holding their annual Motor Bike show on **Saturday 29th July**, 12noon to 5pm. A competition will be held for the Motor Bikes/ Scooters, the winners will receive a trophy. Entry is by ticket only, the price of the ticket is a donation again to the Blood Bikes. The Village Hall are hosting stalls from, Urban Grill and an ice cream van. If you are interested in a good day out, come along!

There will be a function in The Village Hall in the evening **7pm - 12midnight** with the Hoochie Coochie Moonshine Band, again to support the Blood Bikes. Entry is by ticket only available from Mike on 07513167955 or Danny 07976577231. The ticket price is a donation which will be handed to the Blood Bikes.

SEATON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes from the Parish Council meetings are available to read at Seaton Library every second Monday of the month. The meeting is held every third Monday of the month.

SCARECROW FESTIVAL 2023

The Parish Council is organising a Scarecrow Festival in 2023. It will take place between **8th & 22nd July**, when scarecrows should be displayed, with a Scarecrow Trail Day on 15th July. Entry is **free** & entry forms will be made available from mid-June in various outlets in Seaton. The Council is hoping for a good turnout! The Parish Council is also holding a Best Kept Garden and & Container competition this year; nominations will be sought in the next few weeks.

THE VILLAGER

The September 2023 issue of 'The Villager' will be in church on **Sunday 27th August 2023.**

Please send items for inclusion to **seatonvillager@outlook.com** by **20th August 2023.**

There are currently 5 advertising spaces available on the back of 'The Villager'. If you have a local business and would be interested in taking a space or would like more information please contact us on **seatonadverts@outlook.com.**

FUNERALS

"I am the resurrection and the life"

1st June

Nancy Walker (85)

Westcroft

6th June

Elaine McCormick (73)

High Seaton

15th June

Pamela Iley (73)

Ling Beck Park



HOLY BAPTISM

St. Peter's, Camerton

4th June

Hugo Henry Ball



GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

We respectfully ask that when family members are placing flowers on the Garden of Remembrance that they are fresh and removed from their plastic wrapping.

On removing dead flowers and greenery these should be placed in the green compost bin, all other waste (oasis, wrappings, artificial embellishments, plastic holders etc.) must go in the black general waste bin.

Thank you for helping our environment and being an Eco-Church.







Vocation

Work is a good and important part of human life. For most people it is a highly significant part of their identity. Obviously, this can go too far, and work in fact becomes pointless when it becomes its own end. We should recognise that we have a vocation beyond work. Everyone has a vocation. Find yours.



Let us pray

Loving God, each member of our family is a special gift from You. You have given each of us gifts and talents so that we may enjoy life but also so we can share with others. Help us to know how to encourage and support each other so that we can respond generously to this need. **Amen.**

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