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Celebrating and Commemorating Victory.

Are you a football fan? I'm always intrigued every time there is a major international football tournament, be it the FIFA World Cup or UEFA European Championships, to hear and read about the last time England won a major trophy and the disappointment ever since. Of course, it was 1966, almost 60 years ago, when England won the World Cup, and people don't let the England players and managers forget it. Whenever the World Cup comes around, that is every four years, there is the constant reminder of just how long it has been a long time since the national team had any success and it's about time, they brought a trophy home, with renditions of 'it's coming home' being played over and over again.

Interestingly, while this happens every four years, there are other much more significant events that have happened that don't get the same amount of attention or coverage, often only remembered in significant milestones, perhaps every ten years or more. This year sees one of those significant milestones with the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe, VE Day, on 8th May. There will many acts of commemoration that day to mark the 80th anniversary of 8th May 1945, when the allied forces accepted Germany's unconditional surrender, marking the end of World War 2 in Europe. This year will also see the 80th Anniversary of VJ Day (Victory over Japan) on 15th August, which

marks the official end of the war. On both occasions there will be commemorative events and celebrations held to honour the sacrifices of those who served in the Second World War.

The Royal British Legion, local councils, churches and other organisations are planning events to commemorate VE Day, including events at the National Arboretum, street parties and other community gatherings, and I'm sure there will be things happening within our own community. (At St Paul's we are planning an 'Afternoon Tea' but this will be held a week later, 17th May, to avoid clashing with other events that may be taking place in the village). These events will see families and communities coming together to unite and celebrate 80 years of peace since the end of the Second World War in Europe that so many millions paid the ultimate sacrifice to achieve.

VE Day 80 is not only a tribute to those who fought for the freedom we enjoy today, but also as a powerful reminder of the resilience and unity that had defined our country ever since. It also gives us the opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to world peace, something that is hugely important today given the troubles and conflicts that we see in Ukraine and the Middle East, ensuring future generations understand and

cherish its value.

VE Day stands as a timely reminder, following hard on the heels of Easter, when we celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, the ultimate sacrifice of God, the victory over sin and death, and the opening of the way to the promised new life of heaven, of the importance of never forgetting the cost of the life we enjoy today and the sacrifices made on our behalf – even before so many of us were born.

Unlike the football tournaments that only come around every four years, with their celebrations and long-remembered disappointments, such acts of self-sacrifice are something that we should always remember, commemorate, celebrate and be thankful for. While there are some things we would like to forget, **'lest we forget'** is not only for Remembrance Day and we do well to remind ourselves of that as we look ahead to VE Day 80 and VJ Day 80, and every day of our lives.

'Together, we honour the past and celebrate a future built on unity, hope, love and peace'.

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



Messy Church is a different way of 'being church' for families. Come along and join the fun. The next **Messy Church** will be on **Friday 23rd May** beginning at **4.00pm**. This will be the last Messy Church until September. All children welcome, just remember to bring an adult.

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ANNUAL GIFT DAY

This year, our Gift Day will be on **Sunday 8th June**. Gift Day envelopes will be distributed with the June edition of The Villager.

Over the years the extra financial support received through the Gift Day has enabled us to carry out various projects in and around our buildings and we are always grateful for the generosity.

We hope that people will continue to support our churches as we go forward, enabling us to continue to be a central part of the life of our community, serving the people of Seaton and Camerton and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with you. Envelopes can be returned to the church on the day in person or via church members. They can also be passed to Rev Ian at The Vicarage at any time.

PARISH PRAYERS

Members of the community are invited to submit concerns/issues for prayer. In May, our focus is on Seaton Park, Main Road (Derwent Ave to Park Ave) and Park Avenue

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.

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING CALENDAR 2025

Details of social and fundraising events can be found on our website. The next event is a **'VE Day 80 years Afternoon Tea'** on **Saturday 17th May**. Tickets for this, priced £10, are now available.

[Social Calendar 2025](https://seatonchurches.co.uk)
(seatonchurches.co.uk)



LOAVES & FISHES LUNCH

Friday 16th May
12noon in the Church Hall
All welcome.

ST. PAUL'S MOTHERS' UNION

Wednesday 21st May

2.00pm, in the Church Hall

Entertainment by
Cockermouth Ukelele
Group.

Everyone welcome.

ST. PAUL'S SEATON WIVES & MOTHERS

Tuesday 13th May at 7.30pm. This will be an Italian themed evening. Do come along and join in the fun and share some food with us!

HOLY BAPTISMS

St. Paul's, Seaton

20th April

Anaya June Potts
and
Oakley Jace Denver



FUNERALS

"I am the resurrection and the life"

1st April

William Tomlinson (87)
Hunters Drive

2nd April

Ian Hodgson (48)
St Andrew's Rd, Stainburn

7th April

Susan Benson (70)
Malcolm Benson (69)
Formerly Hunters Close

8th April

Graeme Nixon (62)
High Seaton

Margaret Ball (74)
Derwent Avenue



SEATON VILLAGE HALL

Well folks, spring has sprung and how beautiful to see all the wildflowers blooming around the village, as well as the planted flower displays we have. Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers, you have got them all looking lovely!

I hope everyone is well and enjoying the sunshine we have managed to have. Won't be too long and it'll be warm enough to sit out again.

On that note we're getting closer to our balcony at the village hall being complete and it's going to make such a big improvement to the hall. Especially with summer nights incoming, exciting stuff!

We have lots of classes on in the hall week to week, if you think you might be interested in joining one or more of them, I am more than happy to point you in the right direction. Please keep an update on our FACEBOOK PAGE for class info or contact me for any further information.

We have limited availability in the hall at the moment due to high demand, please don't leave it too late to book your event/party/class etc. Please CONTACT ME on 07736164768 for any enquiries.

Hope everyone has had a lovely Easter break!

Take care all,
Kim

SEATON CHILDRENS' CARNIVAL

Saturday 14th June 2025

Road closures will be in place throughout the village between 12:00-17:00. However, we will reopen the roads as soon the carnival has ended.

Please can we ask all residents

on the carnival route to remove all vehicles from the roadside.

Carnival entry registration will take place Monday 9th June 17:30-18:30 at Seaton Parish Rooms on Causeway Road.

If you require any further information, you can contact us via our Facebook page, any committee member or by contacting Lauren 07595245620.

SEATON BOWLING CLUB

Next to Village Hall, we welcome all who want to play bowls at 1730 on a Monday evening. Pair of flat shoes required. We are on Facebook.

CAMERTON VILLAGE HALL UPCOMING EVENTS MAY 2025

17th May 10am - 12pm

Coffee Morning (any cake donations very welcome)

31st May 7pm Quiz Night

For more information and details please visit Camerton Village Hall Facebook page "Camerton Village Hall Cumbria UK"

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.

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 LUNCHESES

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!

SEATON LIBRARY

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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