

# Roundabout

North Tawton, Bondleigh, Sampford Courtenay, Honeychurch



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## From The Rectory

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!*

*(2 Corinthians 5:17)*

I am very glad to be able to get out in the garden and countryside once again now that I am recovering from a broken ankle. This winter has seemed particularly gloomy – January is always a gloomy month and wall-to-wall rain and boots and crutches to get around has made it worse than normal. But what a delight to get out and see all the snowdrops bursting into flower (early February when I am writing). The daffodils are not far behind and there are signs of many more spring flowers on the way.

It's no wonder that snowdrops and daffodils are associated with new life. Each year they die back and disappear into the ground waiting as a bulb there beneath the soil, then they spring into life just as the cold and deadness of winter is fading and the warm, colourful new life of spring is growing.

For me, this is an amazing reminder of the story of

Easter (yes, I know that's next month!). The death of Jesus for us, his burial in the tomb, waiting in the dark earth, and then his rising to new life. That new life is so full of hope. A promise that death is not the end, but there is a way through to life after death. A promise that darkness and evil will not have the final word. A promise that the trials of this life will be replaced with goodness and joy.

*"Therefore we do not lose heart ... For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." (2 Corinthians 4:16-18)*

With Jesus, there is always better to come. What a thought to help us through the last dreags of winter... and all the much bigger trials we will face in life.

*- David Spence*



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Wednesday Morning Prayer 9-9:20am

### Community Centre

Tuesday Chat (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays) 10:30am-12noon  
The Reef After-school Club (Tuesdays) 3:30-5pm  
Men's Breakfast (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays) 9-11am  
Midweek Communion (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays) 12-12:30pm

### Town Hall

Little Fishes (Thursdays) 9-11am

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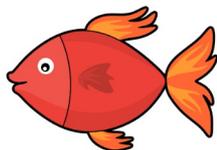
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2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month:

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Hello! For those who don't know, we're on Barton Street, in what used to be a Methodist Chapel, and then (briefly) a youth club.

Recent happenings: A new use of the space is that part of the upstairs has been converted into a calm and peaceful therapy space - The Tarka and Taw Wellbeing Room - and is being used for massage, Reiki, hypnotherapy and counselling. We have had a brilliant performance of extracts from Beckett's plays, with another performance by the Living Room Theatre planned for later this year - watch this space! Along with other venues in the town we have been providing a home for displaced activities while renovations at St. Peter's are going on. We've also provided a space for the smocking of a large-scale artwork over the course of a week, so really, anything is possible.

Looking to the future, one of our missions as a charity is to not just provide a space, but to adapt to and facilitate what the community want to use the space for. As we currently eligible for a grant to improve and develop the Centre, we want to find out how the community would like to see the Centre improved and developed! You may have seen our online survey on the Facebook Hub, but to include everyone, hard copies are available in EcoMojo, Merry-Go-Round, the Post Office and the Council office, and can be returned to the same places. Please complete the survey if you haven't done so already: we really want to hear your ideas!

## On this month:

Mondays: 3:00 pm - Chair Yoga with Sarah Hale  
6:00 pm - Guides

Tuesdays: 1:30 pm - Art Class with Ruth Smith

2:30 pm - After school club with Wez Cutler

Wednesdays: 2 pm - Home education group

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1st Tuesday 7 pm - Life Drawing

2nd Saturday 10 am - Repair Café

3rd Thursday 10:30 am - Devon Sensory Outreach

4th Saturday 9 am - Men's Breakfast (St Peter's Church)

10 am - Portrait session with Shelley

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Lastly, the centre is managed by a small committee, which would welcome new members! We're a relaxed bunch and it's not too arduous - we don't put on events / run classes ourselves. That said, if you do want to put on an event / run a class in the centre - let us know!

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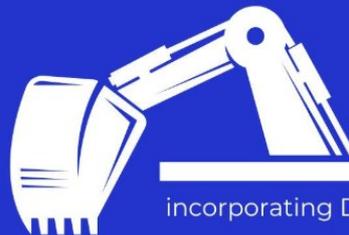
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## Ramblings of a North Tawton W.I. Member

Feeling a bit 'housey'? Staring at the sky and thinking/shouting 'when is this flippin' rain going to stop?' Have you completed numerous jigsaw puzzles/Airfix model plane kits whilst telling yourself that it can't rain for ever? Or can it? Cos it really does feel like it's been raining for ever. Those hot summery days of last July are difficult to remember aren't they? The slightly overwhelming vision of husband in his shorts, gently snoring, lying in a deckchair on the patio. The howls of laughter from his wife when the fabric gave way and he found himself stuck in the wooden frame – arms and legs waving wildly in the gentle summer breeze. The overwhelming temptation to leave him there until neighbours/friends had had a chance to see the [extremely] funny sight for themselves. Of course I wouldn't do that. That would be so unfair. And besides – something like that couldn't possibly happen again. Or could it? Remind me to tell you about the recent incident with a water butt. An incident that is, for me and my current husband, simply unforgettable.

Our February meeting is traditionally a time for discussing resolutions. Every year individual WI's around the country have the opportunity to come up with an idea for change, an idea that could improve lives and circumstances. These ideas need to be extensively researched and formed into proposals and can then be sent to the National Federation as potential WI resolutions. The membership is then notified of the selected resolutions and we have the opportunity to discuss and then vote for the one that means the most to us. This years collection of resolutions included a call for 'Action on Women's Homelessness', a proposal to raise awareness of the Independent Visitor system for children in the care system and a proposal to reverse the trend for closing public toilets and to actively increase the number of public toilets available in the UK. Our votes were counted and the majority of North Tawton WI members had voted to support the resolution to improve the availability of public toilets. Our vote is now forwarded to the National Federation for further debate at this years AGM.

Enough of the serious stuff for the moment. Although I have a sneaky feeling that if I asked husband to come up with a good idea for a resolution it wouldn't take him long. I can see him now, standing on a box in North Tawton Square, megaphone in hand, shouting at anyone who glances his way. "Don't neglect the humble spud. Ban rice and pasta. Eat more spuds". How do I tell him that I've just signed up for a pasta making workshop?

We're going to be 97 soon. And a number as big as that deserves to be celebrated. And the best way to celebrate, in our view, is with good food. So we're off to the Waie Inn for a birthday lunch and some special post lunch entertainment in the form of 'Opera-lele' – a unique comedy music act who excel at mixing opera and theatrical music with the unmistakable sound of the ukelele. That's right. The ukelele. Just had a sneaky peek at them on YouTube and I think we're in for a real treat.

Quick heads up. We're organising a Fashion Show. A very special Fashion Show. Plans are afoot for an evening of haute couture North Tawton WI style which will have Anna Wintour wishing she was a member of our group. I've just asked husband if he knows who Anna Wintour is and back came the reply – 'doesn't she work in Mole Avon?' Seriously? A very special Sub Committee is plotting and planning vigorously to ensure that everything is ready for the evening of Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Tickets will soon be available and if you are keen to meet North Tawton WI's Super Models [small cough definitely heard coming from husband as I wrote that line] then the price of your ticket will also include a ploughman's supper. I hope you've got your diaries out and have pencilled it in – you wouldn't want to miss this rather spectacular evening. And by the way – a special invitation will be sent to Dame Anna Wintour.

I hope she likes pickled onions with her ploughman's supper.

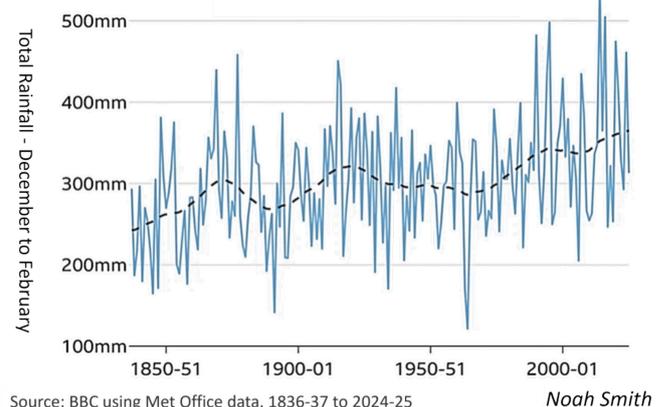
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## **BONDLEIGH RAINFALL**

January does seem to have been a very wet month, probably because there has been rain on nearly every day and the shortness of the days hasn't helped. However, looking back through my figures this year's 149.2mm is not unusual. During the last 12 years there have been 6 years with a total of over 140mm. The highest being 2014 with 185mm. Looking on the bright side, we haven't had the floods experienced in East Devon and the days are getting longer. Although the rain has continued into February, it can only better, can't it!!

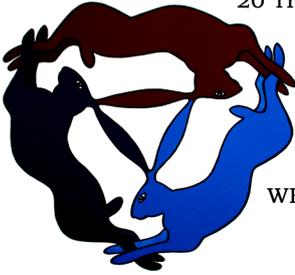
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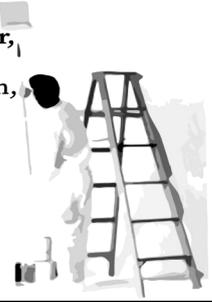
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## **New Parkinsons Support Group in Okehampton**

A new local group has started in the Okehampton area. Meeting on the last Thursday of the month at the OCRA Centre 'Pavilion in the Park' Okehampton between 10.30 and 12.00.

Following conversations with Claire, the Parkinsons Nurse and Heather, the Parkinsons U.K. Area Development Manager, as well as an 'Activity Day' hosted by Parklands Leisure Centre, plans were put in place to start a new group for people in the Okehampton locality.

Working with OCRA ( Okehampton Community Recreation Association) The West Devon CVS (Community Volunteer Service) have welcomed the Parkinsons Support Group as part of their Peer Support Hub which also supports groups for people living with Diabetes, Cancer and Stroke.

Offering a warm and friendly environment the Okehampton Group welcomes new members. For more information please email David at [okeyparkygroup@gmail.com](mailto:okeyparkygroup@gmail.com)

P.S.

A new Parkinsons Exercise Class has also started at Parklands Leisure Centre. 13.30 – 14.30. email [parklands-sales@fusion-lifestyle.com](mailto:parklands-sales@fusion-lifestyle.com)

## **On Death**

**Kahlil Gibran, 1883 – 1931**

Then Almitra spoke, saying, We would ask now of Death.

And he said:

You would know the secret of death.

But how shall you find it unless you seek it in the heart of life?

The owl whose night-bound eyes are blind unto the day cannot unveil the mystery of light.

If you would indeed behold the spirit of death, open your heart wide unto the body of life.

For life and death are one, even as the river and the sea are one.

In the depth of your hopes and desires lies your silent knowledge of the beyond;

And like seeds dreaming beneath the snow your heart dreams of spring.

Trust the dreams, for in them is hidden the gate to eternity.

Your fear of death is but the trembling of the shepherd when he stands before the king whose hand is to be laid upon him in honour.

Is the shepherd not joyful beneath his trembling, that he shall wear the mark of the king?

Yet is he not more mindful of his trembling?

For what is it to die but to stand naked in the wind and to melt into the sun?

And what is it to cease breathing, but to free the breath from its restless tides, that it may rise and expand and seek God unencumbered?

Only when you drink from the river of silence shall you indeed sing.

And when you have reached the mountain top, then you shall begin to climb.

And when the earth shall claim your limbs, then shall you truly dance.

*Poem chosen by the family of Kate Thompson*

*We are extremely sad to share the news that Kate passed away earlier this month. She had a brilliant mind and loving heart and will be dearly missed by so many.*

*If anyone would like to continue this poetry column Kate begun, it would be most welcome. Please get in touch with Ruth at [nt.roundabout@gmail.com](mailto:nt.roundabout@gmail.com) or on 07810590954.*

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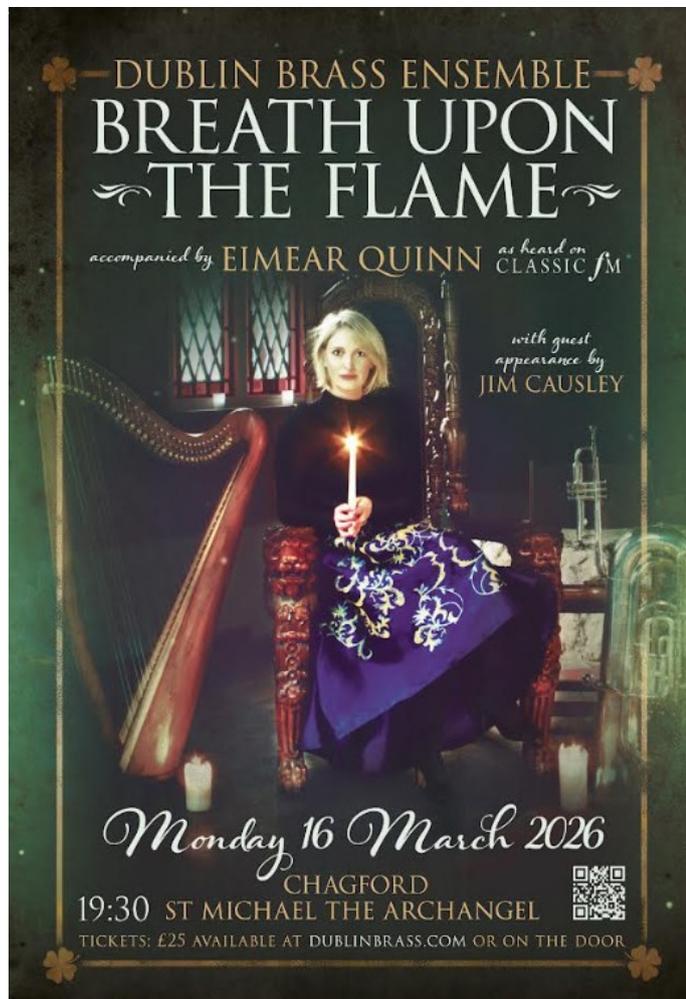
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# THE ART BOX – March 2026

With Ruth Smith Gallery and Red Mud Arts. If you would like to contribute a review or reflection, please send to Ruth at [ruth@ruthsmithgallery.co.uk](mailto:ruth@ruthsmithgallery.co.uk)



I was thrilled to see Living Room Theatre's *A Samuel Beckett Omnibus: The End is in the Beginning* in North Tawton, at the end of last year. As a resident of the town, it's wonderful to be able to walk just a few yards to see such professionalism and ingenuity right on our doorstep!

As a Beckett fan, I had just booked to see Gary Oldman in *Krapp's Last Tape* in May. The monologue is being performed and directed by Oldman at London's Royal Court Theatre to mark its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I was lucky to get a seat, as tickets sold out within hours of going on general sale. Over the winter I have also been up to the West End to see both a Shakespeare tragedy and an Oscar Wilde comedy, but us rural townfolk don't have to make that 400-mile round trip to satisfy our hunger for live theatre.

I am very much looking forward to the return of Philip Robison, of Living Room, with his upcoming production *The Uncertainty Principle*, which is scheduled for early summer at the town's Community Centre.

And that's not all – quite a few productions are on offer in the area this very month. I am particularly keen on seeing Exeter Little Theatre Company's

production of the powerful classic, *A Streetcar Named Desire* by Tennessee Williams, at Exeter's Barnfield Theatre (March 10-14).

*Oh Zeus!* at Queen's Theatre, Barnstaple, performed by Le Navet Bete, has also caught my eye, billed as 'a riotous all-out hilarious ride through Greek mythology' (March 20-21).

At The Plough Arts Centre, in Torrington, there is *Holmes & Watson and the Curious Case of the Masked Magician*, presented by The Great Baldini and Peter Clifford (March 14) and also Cally Beaton (of *QI* and *Live at the Apollo* fame) presenting her adults only show, an insight into midlife, *Namaste Motherf\*ckers* (March 6).

And we mustn't forget nearby Crediton Arts Centre, which is staging *Giants* presented by The Travelling Talesman and billed as 'the best and worst of these gargantuan creatures in his funny, entertaining and informative show' (March 13).

So let's drag ourselves away from our fireside televisions this month and take our seats for an exciting curtain-up on Devon's live theatre.

- Annie Wilby

## Red Mud Arts dates for your diary:

*Creative Kin: Morning drawing group 10-12 on the second Monday of the month. Email [hello@emmelinewebb.com](mailto:hello@emmelinewebb.com)*

*Artists' Critique Group: Second Tuesday of the month, 7-9pm in North Tawton. Email [ruth.helen.smith@outlook.com](mailto:ruth.helen.smith@outlook.com).*

*Open Mic Night: Second Wednesday of the month, music from 7.30, Copper Key. Contact Wez via the Facebook group.*

*Portrait Sessions: Third Saturday of the month, 10am-1pm at the Community Centre. Email [shelley@shelleysaxonunmasked.co.uk](mailto:shelley@shelleysaxonunmasked.co.uk).*

*Life Drawing: Last Tuesday of the month, 7-9pm at the Community Centre, North Tawton. Email [ruth.helen.smith@outlook.com](mailto:ruth.helen.smith@outlook.com).*

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Luckily the power was on just down the road when we later arrived at the Belstone Pottery, where we were able to warm up during a lovely informative talk by the potter, David Gundry. We were able to admire and make some purchases from the wide range of beautiful pieces on display in the studio.

Our meeting for February was a floral demonstration titled "Love is in the Air" by Tracy Johnson. What a fantastic florist she is, we watched in awe as she chatted and completed six beautiful arrangements for Valentines Day in an hour. These were raffled at the end of the meeting for some very lucky ladies to enjoy.

Six of us competed in the third round of the Devon WI skittles competition against Halwill, who were just too good for us on the night. Everyone enjoyed the match at Okehampton Conservative Club, and good luck to Halwill in the next round.

Our next meeting is a talk by Andrew and Dianne Sinclair from the Sculpture School at Bondleigh.

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### Pancake Day Tues 17 Feb

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What type of Pancakes do you fancy ?

### Six Nations on the big Screen

First game Thursday 5th Feb 8pm  
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**Crafternoons** - will be held every second Thursday of Month 1.30 -3.30

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1.30 - 3.30 £12 person  
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## Crafternoons

Second Thursday of the Month at the Burrow  
1.30 -3.30 Booking essential  
Coffee & Cake available

2nd

Thursdays

12

March

9

April



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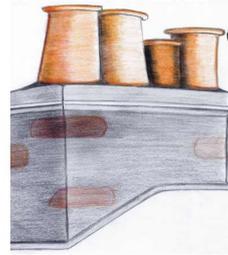
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For further information contact:

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## North Tawton Community Centre

Barton Street

Call Mark: 01837 82608



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## North Tawton Repair Café

We are also now able to offer repairs to computers and to bikes. Bikes must be booked in – please drop us a message on Facebook, or call Ruth 01837 82207.

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For more information go to <https://fb.me/NTRRepairCafe>



## North Tawton Library of Things

Join for £5 a year and borrow any of the items we have in the library for free.

Open 5.30-6.30 every Thursday, in the Chapel of Rest.

You can join online or with a paper form (available in the Post Office).

[www.northtawtonlibraryofthings.myturn.com/library/](http://www.northtawtonlibraryofthings.myturn.com/library/)



## 2026 EVENT SCHEDULE

2nd May	Blue Bell walks
16 <sup>th</sup> May	Deliciously Devon Food Fair
20th and 21st May	NGS open gardens
24th May	Outdoor Theatre - Pinocchio
27th June	Wood Fair
29th July	Outdoor Theatre - Much Ado about Nothing
25th August	Outdoor Theatre - Romeo & Juliet
6th and 7th November	NGS open gardens
27th November	Christmas Late Night Shopping
28th November	Christmas Fayre

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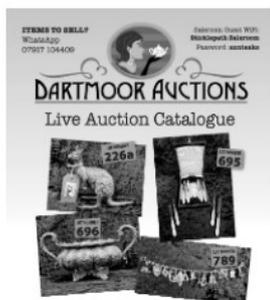
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## News from North Tawton Community Primary School and Nursery



### It Takes a Town to Raise a Child

At North Tawton Community Primary School and Nursery, we are very aware that education does not happen in isolation. Children do not simply belong to a school for six hours a day; they belong first and foremost to their families, and just as importantly, to their community. Our role as a school is to work alongside you, not separately from you, as partners in helping every child grow, flourish, and feel that they truly belong.

We place enormous value on the partnership between home and school. When parents and carers share insights, concerns, celebrations, and hopes with us, it allows us to understand each child more deeply. That understanding makes all the difference. Children thrive when the adults around them are united, sending the same messages about kindness, resilience, curiosity, and respect. Whether it's supporting learning at home, attending school events, or simply stopping for a chat at the gate, those everyday connections build a strong foundation for children's success.

Equally, we see our pupils as an important part of the wider local community. They are not just "the children at the school"; they are your neighbours, your grandchildren, the future volunteers, carers, leaders, and friends of this town. We want them to

grow up knowing where they come from, feeling proud of their community, and understanding that they have something valuable to contribute.

We have many children whose parents and grandparents came to this school, and even staff members who once sat in the same classrooms themselves. At the Nativity play, I had the pleasure of meeting a lady in her nineties who attended the school back when it was a secondary school and was there to see her great grandchild perform. That sense of shared history and continuity is a powerful part of what makes the North Tawton community so strong.

There is an old saying that "it takes a village to raise a child," and that feels especially true here – albeit as a town. When schools, families, churches, local groups, and residents work together, children learn that they are supported from all sides. They see cooperation in action, experience belonging, and develop a sense of responsibility towards others.

Thank you for the many ways you already support our school and our children. If you would like to get involved in school life, please get in touch. By continuing to work together, we are not just educating young people for today, but nurturing confident, compassionate members of our community for tomorrow.

- Clare Vincent, Headteacher

### Sampford Courtenay Flower Club



*Second Monday each month  
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Village Hall*

**9th March 2026**

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### **Orthodox Church**

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**March 9<sup>th</sup> & March 30<sup>th</sup>**

**April 13<sup>th</sup> & April 27<sup>th</sup>**

**For more information contact**

**Charlotte Sampson 07706942901**

**Charlotte.sampson22@gmail.com**



**Suggested donation for each evening - £2**

**All are welcome**

# The Whiddon Mission Community

North Tawton, Bondleigh, Sampford Courtenay, Honeychurch  
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## Services for St. Peter's Church currently at North Tawton Primary School North Tawton

1st March 11am Morning Worship  
8th March 11am Informal Communion  
15th March 11am Mothering Sunday Family Service  
22nd March 9.30am Toast Church  
11am Traditional Communion  
25th Feb 12pm Midweek Communion  
29th March 11am Palm Sunday Morning Worship

## Services at St. James's Church Bondleigh

1st March 9.30am Communion  
15th March 9.30am Communion

## Services at St. Mary's Church Honeychurch

1st March 3pm Evensong Communion

## Services at St. Andrew's Church Sampford Courtenay

1st March 9.30am Morning Worship  
4th March 12pm Lent Lunch Communion  
8th March 9.30am Communion  
15th March 9.30am Mothering Sunday Communion  
18th March 12pm Lent Lunch Communion  
22nd March 9.30am Communion  
29th March 9.30am Palm Sunday Common Worship  
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8th March - 11am Breaking of Bread  
15th March - 3pm Tea & Praise Nigel Wilson Faith Mission  
22nd March - 11am Breaking of Bread  
29th March - 11am Worship service

Please contact Richard for further details 07835033062

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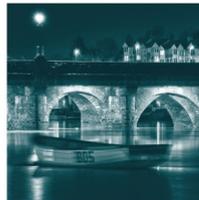
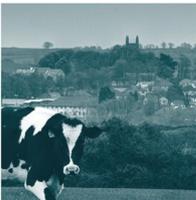
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