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Buckland Monachorum,
Crapstone
& Milton Combe

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Time to look back for our future

The passenger tapped the taxi driver on the shoulder to ask him something. The driver screamed, lost control of the vehicle, nearly hit a bus, went up on the pavement, and stopped inches from a shop window. For a



second everything went quiet in the taxi, then the driver said,

“Please sir, don’t ever do that again. You scared me half to death!”

The passenger, wide-eyed and pleased to be alive, apologized and said he didn’t realize that a little tap would cause such a response. The driver replied, “You’re right. I’m sorry. Really, it’s not your fault. Today is my first day as a taxi driver. I’ve been driving a hearse for 25 years.”

It is, of course, a very silly story. The point of it is that the taxi driver allowed his past experiences to cause him to take his eye off of the road and his goal of getting his passenger to his destination.

Sometimes we allow our past to affect our present and future also. Events from our past can cast a shadow over our present, and make us anxious for the future. Mistakes or sins we have committed in the past can leave us unsure as to whether God could really love us, leading us to keep him at arm’s length as we move forward with life.

Sometimes we allow our past to affect our present and future also. Yet there is also good reason to look back – not to our own past – but beyond, 2,000 years or so, to the experience of another person, Christ Jesus.

Lent is the six-week period leading up to Easter. It’s one of the most important times of year for many Christians around the world, particularly those within the Anglican, Catholic and Orthodox traditions, held at a similar level of importance to Advent – the build up to Christmas.

While Advent is a celebration and a time of great anticipation, Lent is more frequently seen as a time of solemn observance and preparation for the celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter. Lent invites us to pause, ponder and prepare our hearts and minds in readiness to remember Jesus’ life, death and body resurrection, and all that achieved; which is truly life-changing. As the Apostle Paul writes to the Ephesian church,



“But God’s mercy is so abundant, and his love for us is so great, that while we were spiritually dead in our disobedience he brought us to life with Christ. It is by God’s grace that you have been saved.” (Ephesians 2:4-5 GNT)

When we find our past casting a shadow over our lives in a negative way, we need to learn how to deal with those things in light of God’s love and goodness.

When guilt from former mistakes or sins, cause us to think that God would not be interested in us, we need to deal with them in light of God’s grace and forgiveness.

Why not join us at one of our services – perhaps over Easter – to hear more of this incredible news, as we look back to the one who came to bring forgiveness and a sure and certain hope. You would be most welcome.

With love, prayers and very best wishes,
Rev. Andy.

From the Registers:

Baptisms:

31st December - James Woody
Bickford-Smith

Funeral:

24th November - Mary Brown
4th January - Roger Maddison



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Happy New Year to you all...

News from the Editor's Desk



What a start to the year! I have received so many articles and events to include in this issue, I've struggled to fit everything in!

The team at Milton Combe are busy organising monthly events to raise much needed funds to repair the roof and upgrade the heating system at The Church of The Holy Spirit. With murder Mystery evenings, cooking demonstrations and art classes to start the year off it looks like there is something for everyone to get involved in.

Buckland Drama Group have their spring performance coming up in March - note their new dates 17th-20th March.

I look forward to hearing how all of the events go over the next few months and hope to see lots of photos for the next issue of Outreach.

Thank you for **Rob Hinchley** who provided the photo for the front cover of this issue.

Best wishes,
Becky Butland
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Charleston Friendship Cafe

Trish Topham



At the Charleston Friendship Cafe we have welcomed new 'friends' to the fold who have settled in well and have joined in all the fun. We had a great session back in November making wooden Christmas trees lead by Keith Topham. Keith had made up 35 tree packs for us to assemble together, then decorate to our own taste. It was definitely a hive of industry with some amazing results.

Our 'Christmas Do' on the last session before Christmas was full of fun, from the Christmas jumpers, the delicious Christmas afternoon tea through to the hilarious 'Twelve Days of Christmas' complete with props, followed by lots of Christmas songs. We sang our hearts out!!

We joined with the Yelverton Luncheon Club for a wonderful Carol Service at St Andrew's. Beehive Nursery, the 'home schooled' children and the whole of Year 5 and 6 from St Andrew's School sang for us. It was a real community feel, from the youngest members of Buckland Monachorum to the eldest member of our Cafe at 90+.



2024 Dates:

2pm-4pm at

Buckland Monachorum Village Hall

14 th February	28 th February
13 th March	27 th March
10 th April	24 th April

For more information please contact:

Mandy (01822 855347);
Trish (01822 852163)
or Bella (01822 853291)

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful team of helpers who turn up each session. They are the backbone of the group, and we couldn't do it without them. We are very blessed!

There is always a welcome at the Charleston Friendship Cafe. Come and find out for yourselves.






The Church of the Holy Spirit – Milton Combe



The condition of the roof of The Church of the Holy Spirit at Milton Combe has become very poor in various places requiring remedial work to replace damaged slates, lead gutterings, valleys and flashings. Internally repair of the ceiling plaster is also required in several areas. Some roof timbers and battens also need replacing. Quoted costs for the repair work are high because of the listed building status and the presence of bats which have to be protected during any work. In addition to the roof repairs the heating system within the church needs upgrading with the possibility of installing solar panels. The total sum required for the proposed works is £50,000.

Monthly activities have been arranged to help towards the global total in addition to applications to various charitable trusts. Support from friends and local village residents for these events will be greatly appreciated. Bookings will be made through Eventbrite.

Month	Eventbrite reference	Community Activity	Location
January		Launch of Appeal	
Thursday 29 th February	AM PM  https://miltoncombe.ventbrite.com Art exhibition and sales from 29 th Feb through to 5 th March 2024	Art Exhibition and Master Classes with Clark Nicol. 9.00 – 11.30am & 1.00- 3.30pm £25.00 per session inc refreshments. Bring own materials.	‘Who’d have thought it’ Pub (Whodi) Numbers limited to 20 per session.
23 rd March	 https://miltoncombe.ventbrite.com	An evening with Peter Gorton Master Chef. Demonstrations Quizes, Prizes and Fun! £15.00	Milton Combe Village Hall Limit of 60
27 th April 7 -10 pm	 https://miltoncombe.ventbrite.com	Murder Mystery evening including meal and prizes £25.00	Milton Combe Village Hall Limit of 60
11 th May 9.00am		Guided walk, finishing with a brunch. £15.00	Whodi. Limit of 50

An Evening with Peter Gorton
Saturday 23rd March 7pm to 9.30
Milton Combe Village Hall



Peter is an award winning Masterchef of Great Britain and one of Devon's finest chefs. He began his career in 1980 at the age of 16 and trained at some of the best restaurants in Great Britain and around the world. Later becoming the chef/proprietor of the The Horn of Plenty before opening Gorton's restaurant in Tavistock. Peter's focus now is training young chefs of the future. Peter has opened a hospitality academy in Plymouth and also runs a consultancy business working with hotels and restaurants around the country and overseas.

Peter is coming to Milton Combe to provide an evening of entertainment, culinary demonstration, quizzes and fun. Funds Raised towards Milton Combe Church Roof. Pre-event meal, drinks and parking at 'The Who'd Have Thought it Inn' Opens at 6.00pm, tickets are £15 and are available at Eventbrite or call 01822 853313 (or bring your own drinks and nibbles to the event).



Clark Nicol
29th February
9am & 1pm
Who'd Have
Thought It

Clark Nicol graduated in Fine Art at Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art in Dundee during which time he was a prize winner in the Scottish Open Art Competition and moved to Devon in 2002 where until recently was Head of Art at Plymouth College. His recent work has been exploring a more expressive approach to landscape painting.

Both sessions are suitable for beginners, emerging and intermediate level artists. Acrylic is the medium used. Please bring your own materials. A2 size canvas, hard board or art paper is recommended.

Cost £25 per session. Please book via Eventbrite for either or both sessions.



27th April; 7pm - 10pm approx.
Milton Combe Village Hall

A fun filled, exciting, intriguing and mysterious evening involving a home cooked evening meal. Become engaged in the murder mystery play and at the same time determine whom the murderer is.

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Buckland Monachorum News:



Buckland Monachorum Drama Group

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Drama Group's production of **"Wee Willie Winkie"** has been postponed from February to the end of March.

New performance dates are the **17th to 20th March** at **7.30pm**, with a matinee show at 2.30pm on the 20th.

Tickets remain on sale for all performances and are available from tickets@bucklandmonachorum.org.uk or from 01822 855336.

Village Market and Coffee Shop

Saturday, 10th February
Saturday 9th March
10am to Noon.

We have a range of stalls selling local produce at the Market, from bakery to handicrafts. You are welcome to book a table on 853796 if you have items to sell.

Please support your Village Hall, you never know when you might need it!



Buckland Monachorum Parish Garden and Allotment Association (BMPAGA)

David Cox

We are a membership organisation based on land leased from The National Trust at Buckland Abbey. We have 55 allotment plots, with some split into half plots, which are let on an annual tenancy agreement with plot holders able to grow fruit, vegetables and flowers.



We have work teams to help with field based tasks like receiving and storing manure, filling water butt's, cutting grass or more recently in building a communal apple orchard for the membership and we have a Chicken group on site for egg production.

We hold social events to share our produce and to eat and meet together and our AGM is in July and a summer BBQ.

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Buckland Community Orchard

On 29th December a team of members from the Buckland Monachorum Community Orchard (BMCO) gave the sleeping trees a little haircut. Wrapping up warm they pruned anything that fulfilled the three 'Ds' – Dead, Diseased, or Damaged. They also pruned for size, shape, assessed for any crossing branches, and ensured there was good airflow.

After a day spent carefully pruning the trees, the group headed home, knowing they have secured the trees' longevity for another year.

The BMCO will be holding lots of family-friendly activities throughout the year, so stay tuned via: Website: www.bmco.info; Instagram: @bmcodevon; Facebook: Buckland Monachorum Community Orchard



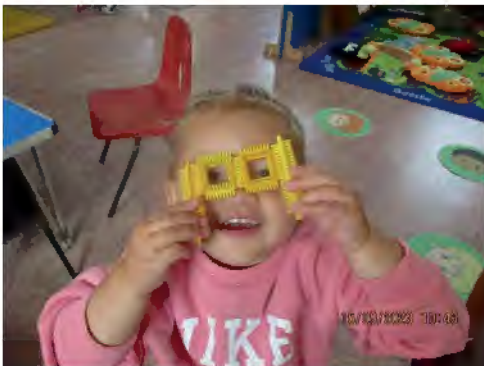


Buckland Beehive

Fun and learning at Beehive

We had such a lovely build up to Christmas, the children were amazing in their show and we were very privileged to be asked to perform in a Carol service in the Church one afternoon. The children took it all in their stride and sang beautifully, we were all very proud of them.

We welcome the new term learning all about Dinosaurs! Starting with a fierce Tyrannosaurus Rex, we will be making an exploding volcano, looking at fossils and making dinosaur footprints! As well as all the other messy activities that we all love doing.



Later on this term we will be receiving our incubator with 10 eggs waiting to hatch, so I hope to include some photographs in the next edition of Outreach.

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Tower Clock at St Andrew's Church, Buckland Monachorum

Roger Watkins, Church Warden

Introduction

Many residents in Buckland Monachorum felt quite upset when the Church Clock stopped working earlier in 2023. The regular chiming of the hours was no longer heard and the hands on the recently restored clock face remained stationary. St Andrew's Church and its clock are seen as such important features of the village. Life in the village seemed rather incomplete without the cherished clock in full working order. For some time, it appeared that time had stood still at either 12 noon or 12 midnight!



History

The Church Clock was originally installed in 1906 by John Smith and Sons of the Midland Clock Works based in Derby and is described as a flatbed, strike clock. At the turn of the 19th century, the Parishioners and friends of Rev. Richard Hayne were instrumental in raising funds to restore and rehang the bells in the church tower which call the congregation to worship and also to provide and install the church clock. Richard Hayne had been Vicar of St Andrews for a very impressive 50 years!



Other clocks made and installed by John Smith and Sons include the cathedral clock at St Paul's Cathedral in London (1898), and the Town Hall clock in Grampound, Cornwall (1894).

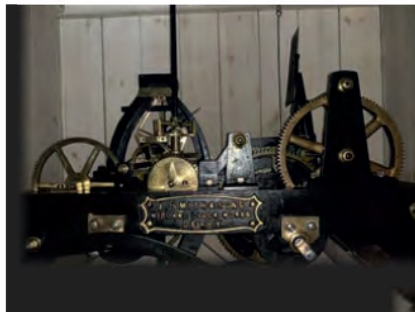
Recent repairs

For several years the clock in the tower at St Andrew's had been serviced and maintained by Smith of Derby, the firm originally established by John Smith in 1856. Last year it was noted that various parts of the clock mechanism had become worn, in particular with excessive wear of several of the bearings on the going train, thus making the clock more difficult to service. Despite regular servicing the clock

stopped working completely in April last year. Significant repairs were needed and some of the estimates obtained, including that from Smith of Derby seemed very expensive.

However, a more reasonable quotation for repair was obtained from a local firm, South Hams Clock Servicing. Following extensive repairs by their engineer, Rob van Es, the clock is now in good working order, chiming each hour as before.

It was particularly pleasing that the clock was able to chime in the New Year, always appreciated and especially by those gathered in the village to see out the old and welcome in the new.



We are most grateful to Stephen Fryer for overseeing the repairs to the clock. As he has for many years, he continues to wind the clock on a regular basis, adjusting it to ensure that it keeps good time and thus providing a much-appreciated service to the local community.

For the future

We have a two-year guarantee from the South Hams Clock Company who will now continue to service the clock. We hope and pray that we will have a functioning clock for the foreseeable future. However eventually it may be that at some stage the mechanism is no longer serviceable and a complete rebuild or even a new clock may be required.

The tower at St Andrew's continues to attract many visitors when it is opened each year during the Buckland Monachorum June Fair. In addition to viewing the bell-ringing chamber and enjoying the splendid view from the top of the tower, visitors can also see the mechanism of a beautiful clock now almost 120 years old, working well and keeping good time.



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Parish News:

Pond life

Sue Woollacott



In our “Natural wetlands conservation” area in Crapstone we have a new pond, having got a grant from The Tamar Valley National Landscape (formerly AONB) about 12 months ago.

We decided to site it in the far corner of the area (the old muddy bit in the corner) and what a perfect place for it. A combination of water and mud regularly fills it to the delight of hedgehogs, mice, frogs, a badger or two, lots of furry winged insects and not so furry ones, even the birds join in the fun.

Surrounded with brambles and grass this time of year it looks good and with spring on the way we will soon see our first tadpoles surrounded by flag irises, buttercups and daisies what a perfect picture that will be.

New Cemetery Gate

The Parish Council have installed new gates for the upper cemetery, the old gates were in a bad state needing to be lifted to open.

These new gates match the same design as the gates for the lower cemetery and were installed in time for Christmas .



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INTERNET NEWS

Well here we are at the start of another year and there's so much to talk about. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is being talked about everywhere it seems but what does it mean for the likes of you and me? I hear that your vacuum cleaner will soon 'know' all about your floors and set itself accordingly, and AI fridges will be ordering your usual items before they run out. Yikes! Fraudsters will, of course, be using AI to create more sophisticated scams, while security companies will be using it to defeat said scams.

Please, please remember to put the phone down on any 'out of the blue' phone calls, no matter what. I heard of someone who 'lost' £20k+ before Christmas with a 'your accounts are under attack and you need to move your money' scam which has been doing the rounds for quite a while, thankfully they were refunded.

Amazon have been targeted with their 'unique delivery code' system, where the courier demands a code (sent by Amazon) before handing over the parcel. You then get the parcel, only to find it is empty, or has dog food or similar inside, because someone has pinched the contents. But of course, you've now accepted the parcel.

What would you do if you found you'd had a parcel delivered you weren't expecting, and then found the courier had come back saying the parcel had been wrongly delivered? Would you hand it over? Well don't. Someone could

have ordered a phone using your address. It is sent to you unexpectedly and you return it to the 'courier', then sometime later you are chased for payment. Never hand over the parcel, open it and contact the sender first. Make a note of all calls etc if making a return to the sender. Also check your bank account for unusual payments.

Two factor authentication (2FA) is becoming more usual now. Even logging into Google on a new laptop/phone needs the OK from another device you use first. It is a 'must' that you regularly check your settings in accounts (such as Google). Is your recovery phone number correct? It should definitely be a mobile number as you will be sent a code by text message. Do you have an alternative email address set up as well, so that you can unlock your phone or tablet if you forget the password or pin? This can be as easy as using your partner's (or sensible child's) email address. And of course regularly change your password. I covered creating passwords way back in August 2020 and you can read the article on www.bucklandcomputers.com/weblog.

Finally; if you ring the shop phone number you won't, for some reason, here a ringing tone while waiting for me to pick up. No idea why. The phone is re-routed to my mobile when I'm not there so it's a good number to ring as it will usually find me.

Stay Safe.
Stephen Fryer
Buckland Computers





During December we visited our local Parishes with Santa and his sleigh, which always proves to be an enjoyable time warmly supported within the communities. We also did static collections with the sleigh at Tesco Roborough and Tesco Tavistock, finally collecting on Saturday 23rd December at the Yelverton shopping forecourt. Thank you to all for the generous support given again this year raising £1,936, which will go towards the spring tea party, the children's fun day as well as other worthy causes we support.



Our January speaker evening was provided by five members Nightingales UK Group, unpaid volunteers dedicated to providing much-needed medical aid to Ukraine hospitals, and sourcing 4 x 4 vehicles to deliver to the front line. The commitment and dedication was an inspiration to us all.

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February

- 1st Tavistock Workhouse
Nikki Gurr
- 22nd Lundy Island
Simon Dell

March

- 7th Travelling through Devon
Kevin Dickens
- 21st Quiz and Supper
Yelverton Golf Course

The Case for Little Wins

I am of an age when I remember when Britain didn't have many Olympic successes or score highly in the medal table. I remember when we cheered along only a few 'big names' in athletes like Daley Thompson or couldn't believe we actually had two excellent middle distance runners in Steve Ovett and Sebastian Coe competing in the same race. For goodness sake, in Atlanta 1996 we won only a single Gold Medal and came 36th in the medal table behind Kazakhstan. Then came along David Brailsford and his vision for the British Cycling Team. (There was also National Lottery funding and other strategies as well but I am going to concentrate on this one).

Sir David is well known for his concept of 'marginal gains' or in other words 'the one percent margin for improvement in everything you do'. They may be small but when they are added up together they lead to remarkable improvements. This was adopted by the cycling team and by the 2000 Olympics they were seeing impressive results with people like Bradley Wiggins and Chris Hoy becoming household names. Fast forward to the 2012 Olympics and need I say more... Now I am not saying we have to all become Olympic cyclists or enter any other sport at a competitive level, but the principle can be applied by everyone, everywhere in their daily lives.

Most of us would have heard of the acronym SMART in terms of goal setting.

- Specific - Measurable - Achievable - Realistic - Timely

Well what is more achievable than a small specific change? You want some ideas? There are podcasts, articles and courses to go on. Go for the ideas that spark something in you and are reliably backed up with science (celebrity endorsed money making schemes are to be avoided!) Changes, when repeated over and over become habits and habits, as the saying goes, last a lifetime. Tiny modifications to our behaviour or our thoughts in areas such as our food, sleep and movement will go a long way to making 2024 a healthier and happier year. So give it a try and be amazed by the results.



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The Nightingales' team is made up of 5 dedicated volunteers in Milton Combe plus a Ukrainian refugee, who lived in the village for a year before moving to Plymouth: Denise Ullmann a senior paediatric consultant; Anton Horwich, a retired marketing manager and local businessman; Dr Rupert Jones, a retired GP and medical researcher; Tracey Halton, a retired neo-natal intensive care nurse, Dan Halton, a qualified mechanic with experience in transport and logistics and Olena Vorona, who provides a vital link to the local Ukrainian community and to the relevant medical teams and authorities in Ukraine.



During one of their recent aid trips, Dr Denise Ullmann and Dr Rupert Jones visited the Malyatko Children's Rehabilitation Centre in Uzhhorod, western Ukraine just as a group of children from the Kharkiv area arrived for a fortnight's respite from the war. "It was a moving and sobering experience," says Denise.

"We are immensely grateful to the Buckland Monachorum community for funding the purchase of one of our 4x4s, which has already gone to Ukraine and we are constantly refining our operation with each trip. We are now only sourcing **long wheelbase** 4x4s, as these are able to carry a stretcher with an injured soldier," says Dan Halton. "It costs £5000-£6000 to purchase a suitable vehicle, fill it with aid and drive it to Ukraine and we are always in need of additional funds." Nightingales UK has already held several fundraising events and the recent "Dance for Ukraine" day held in Princetown raised a staggering £6000!

Nightingales UK already has promised funding to buy the next 4x4 vehicle but urgently needs further funds to purchase medical aid. It is happy to make presentations to local societies and groups and is planning a number of fundraising events. Groups interested in hosting a presentation should email nightingalesuk@gmail.com

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“Archaeological discoveries at Sherford”- a talk by Stephen Reed

Stephen’s talk took us through the amazing discoveries that have been made at the Sherford development, east of Plymouth where archaeologists have conducted geo-physical surveys looking for anomalies in the landscape such as ditches, pits and walls.

Early finds were of late Mesolithic hunter-gatherer flint tools and Neolithic pottery bowls with decorations made with bird feathers. Numerous post holes suggested Bronze Age roundhouses and rare examples of large earthen barrows yielded cremation cemeteries. A large pile of stones when cleared revealing a kistvaen (burial chamber) with an upturned urn and found to contain human bones and a copper knife. After expert analysis these were thought to be from a Bronze Age man aged between 35-45 with disc degeneration.

Maps created by the surveys showed a well-made but disappearing trackway, covered with shale dug out from old side quarries, a possible Roman road – maybe a military supply route. Ancient stone querns used for grinding grain were also found. A wet area contained burnt stone in the shape of troughs. It’s thought that these were for heating water, cooking, washing clothes and textiles, brewing, rituals, or even ancient saunas.

In 2022 came the most important and astonishing discoveries for perhaps a century or more. In an area of limestone a sinkhole revealed an underground cavern which brought work to a halt. The subsequent excavations revealed over 200 clusters of extinct megafauna bones dating back to the last Ice Age 35-60,000 years ago. They include woolly mammoth, woolly rhinoceros, wolf, hyena, horse, reindeer, mountain hare and red fox, as well as bats and shrews. It is thought that some of the creatures fell into a pit and were unable to escape, and carnivorous scavengers followed and met a similar fate – or the animals died elsewhere and the bones washed into the area over a period of time. The archaeological team have carried out environmental sampling and removed the bones for detailed analysis and recording. It is hoped that the bones will eventually be displayed in the Plymouth Box Museum.

The underground space has been conserved; no construction will take place on top of it. Though the entrance will be closed to protect the historic site and ensure public safety. Stephen’s hopes were that perhaps eventually some suitable memorial and information space could be made available near the site.

More information can be found on the Box website – www.theboxplymouth.com

Future Events:

Tues Feb 20th - “Excursions in the Tamar Valley” by Helen Wilson

Tues Mar 19th - “The Civil War in the Tamar Valley” by Paul Reid

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A Missionary's South Pacific island life in the 1880s

Melanie Hilton Pierce



"We are so sorry about the Queen," said the Polynesian man. "You see we were British once . Inside we still are!" We had just arrived in French Polynesia on September 9th with the aim of finding the grave of William Richards, a missionary working for the London Missionary Society, who was the husband of my Great Grand Aunt Libbie Wragg.

The difficult political situation in the late 1880s was the backdrop to William's life and work on the Society islands of Raiatea, Tahaa, Bora Bora and Maupiti. Formerly claimed by Britain (Captain Cook), France now wanted to take the group over, but the islanders wanted to remain under the British Protectorate.

Libbie, aged 21, had left England for Australia with £5 sewn into the hem of her skirt (just in case). She had not seen her fiancée for 3 years since he had been ordained, but they were married the day after she arrived and a couple of weeks later set off for Raiatea .

Travel to and from his churches and schools was by boat or pirogue which could take hours or many days if he was visiting another island group. William suffered with sea sickness and also T.B. For a couple of years William worked hard to keep his mission churches and schools going and also trained native theological students. Libbie worked beside him teaching until their son Aroma (named by the islanders) was born. A thousand people attended Aromas baptism at Williams main church on Raiatea.

In March 1888 the French fed up with passive tactics to get the people to accept French rule issued an ultimatum. William got in his boat and after two hours reached the rebels in their valley hideout and managed to turn their war council into a prayer meeting. He was desperate to avoid bloodshed. His contribution as peacemaker was commended by both the L.M.S. and the French Government.

In August 1888 a boatload of islanders from Rurutu, 432 miles away, arrived asking William to bless their newly built church. Returning a month later he succumbed to exhaustion and his tuberculosis. Three days later he died aged just 32 .

It took us three days but eventually we found his grave halfway up the mountain above his church. All Williams churches are still there and his legacy lives on in the generations of lives he saved.

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CHURCH CALENDAR for February 2024

St Andrew Buckland Monachorum and Church of the Holy Spirit Milton Combe

2 nd Friday	8.00 am	Morning Prayer BCP via Zoom**
4th Sunday	8.00 am	Holy Communion BCP (St Andrew's)
2 nd before Lent	9.15 am	Morning Worship at Milton Combe
	10.30 am	All-Age Family Communion Service
	6.30 pm	B2 Evening Services (St Andrew's)
7 th Wednesday	8.00 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom**
	8.00 pm	Central Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
9 th Friday	8.00 am	Morning Prayer BCP via Zoom**
11th SUNDAY	9.15 am	Holy Communion at Milton Combe
Sunday before Lent	10.30 am	Morning Worship
14 th Wednesday	8.00 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom**
	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Communion service (St Andrew's)
16 th Friday	8.00 am	Morning Prayer BCP via Zoom**
18th SUNDAY	9.15 am	Morning Worship at Milton Combe
1 st of Lent	10.30 am	Holy Communion
21 st Wednesday	8.00 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom**
23 rd Friday	8.00 am	Morning Prayer BCP via Zoom**
25th SUNDAY	9.15 am	Morning Communion at Milton Combe
2 nd of Lent	10.30 am	Morning Worship
28 th Tuesday	8.00 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom**

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CHURCH CALENDAR

for March 2024



St Andrew Buckland Monachorum and Church of the Holy Spirit Milton Combe

1 st Friday	8.00 am	Morning Prayer BCP via Zoom**
3rd SUNDAY 3 rd of Lent	8.00 am 9.15 am 10.30 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion BCP (St Andrew's) Morning Worship at Milton Combe All-Age Family Communion Service B2 Evening Service (St Andrew's)
6 th Wednesday	8.00 am 8.00 pm	Morning Prayer via Zoom** Central Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
8 th Friday	8.00 am	Morning Prayer BCP via Zoom**
10th SUNDAY 4 th of Lent	9.15 am 10.30 am	Holy Communion at Milton Combe Morning Worship
13 th Wednesday	8.00 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom**
15 th Friday	8.00 am	Morning Prayer BCP via Zoom**
17th SUNDAY 5 th of Lent	9.15 am 10.30 am	Morning Worship at Milton Combe Holy Communion
20 th Wednesday	8.00 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom**
22 nd Friday	8.00 am	Morning Prayer BCP via Zoom**
24th SUNDAY Palm Sunday	9.15 am 10.30 am	Holy Communion at Milton Combe Morning Worship
27 th Wednesday	8.00 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom**
28 th Thursday	7.30 pm	Maundy Thursday BCP communion (St Andrew's)
29 th Friday	10.30 am 12.00 pm	Good Friday All Age Service Good Friday Hour at the Cross Service (Milton Combe)
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