

### Harvest Festivals in the Moreton Group

#### St John's, North Bovey – Sunday 6th October

The Harvest Service is at 6 pm and the Harvest Supper is at 7 pm in North Bovey Parish Hall, where there will be a two-course supper: £12. Bring your own bottle! For tickets, please contact: [stjohnsnorthbovey@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsnorthbovey@gmail.com)

#### St Winifred's, Manaton – Sunday 20th October

Harvest Communion will be celebrated at 11 am and be followed by lunch at the Parish Hall. No need to get tickets but a £5 entry fee on the door; there will be a cash bar and raffle.

#### Docombe Chapel – Sunday 27th October

We shall have a short Harvest Service at 6 pm, followed by refreshments. You are very welcome to bring some food and drink to share. Please note that it will be a candlelit service so you are advised to bring an appropriate torch!



*Harvest flowers at Lustleigh*

### Devon Historic Churches Day

The main fund-raising event is the *Devon Historic Churches Day*, incorporating Ride+Stride, which took place on Saturday 14th September with **Guy Sheppard, Mike Jeffery and Christine Walton** walking down the road towards Brinning, then the footpath to Narrowmore, on to Fursdon, down to North Bovey stepping stones and then to the church for light refreshments. They returned to Moreton along Youlden Lane, the footpath to Beelands and the top of Court Street to St Andrew's where they enjoyed lunch.

**They raised the astonishing total of £1,043 – CONGRATULATIONS !**



*(Left) Christine Walton and Mike Jeffery striding towards the final destination, and (right) Not all the going was straightforward! Photos by Guy Sheppard*

**See also the poster further down this issue for details of a special service of Evensong being held at St Andrew's in Moreton at 4 pm on Sunday 3rd November. Those intending to come are asked to indicate this by emailing [contact@devonhistoricchurches.co.uk](mailto:contact@devonhistoricchurches.co.uk)**

## CONFIRMATION



We are holding a Confirmation Service at St Andrew's, Moretonhampstead on Sunday 24th November at 11 am. Classes for candidates are on Monday evenings 6.30 pm to 8 pm

*The next sessions will be on:*

Mon 30th Sept – Jesus: Life & Ministry  
Mon 7th Oct – Jesus: Death & Resurrection  
Mon 14th Oct – The Holy Spirit  
Mon 21st Oct – The Church  
Mon 28th Oct – What Is Confirmation?

These will be held at The Rectory in Moretonhampstead

**\*\* REFRESHMENTS – including Coffee & Cake \*\***

*These classes are also open to anyone wishing to refresh their knowledge of the Christian faith, and to share their experiences*



*This event is being held in support of our two churches at Manaton and North Bovey*

**Tickets are £20**

**To book for this Barn Dance on Saturday 12th October, email [fosjnb@gmail.com](mailto:fosjnb@gmail.com) or phone 440470**

***News and events in our villages – mainly in date order***

**Church services may be found on the group website: [moretonbenefice.uk](http://moretonbenefice.uk)**

Lloyds mobile bank is open 10-12 every fortnight on Tuesdays 1st, 15th and 29th October at Moreton's Community Club in Court Street.

The Library in Moreton's Parish Hall (in the Peter Gunning Room) is open Tuesday 10-12, Wednesday 3-5, Saturday 10-12 **but is NOT OPEN on Tuesday 1st October**. Librarian Sarah is in charge on Tuesday and Wednesday, and volunteers on Saturday.

The Affordable Food Club is at the Moreton's Parish Hall on Thursday 9.15-11.30 – further details at [MoretonhampsteadParishHall.uk](http://MoretonhampsteadParishHall.uk)

The Lustleigh Prayer Meeting is at 9.30 am every Tuesday at Twyneo.

Moreton Parish Council is holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 28th September, from 10 am at the Community Club. Meet the Councillors and learn about the draft Emergency Plan.

U3A meets on the first Wednesday of most months – 10-12 at the rear of the Union Inn. Visitors always welcome (£2). The next meeting is on Wednesday 2nd October when the speaker is Mike Rego on *Life in the Icebox: living and working in post-Soviet western Siberia*.

Tea, chat and Bible study – open to ALL! The Bible study fellowship group continues this month and meets on Thursday 10th October at 2 pm, again at the home of Lisa Johns, Puddaven Farm, North Bovey, TQ13 8RJ (on the B3212 to Princetown – on the left just past the Lettaford turning). The journey through the book of Revelation has begun, and the next few gatherings promise to be full of interest and encouragement! Tea and cake, with time for chat. For more information, contact Lisa Johns (01647 433641 / [lisa.m.johns@outlook.com](mailto:lisa.m.johns@outlook.com))

**North Bovey Belles WI** meets at **7.30 pm on Thursday 10th October** in North Bovey Parish Hall, when Bill Hardiman will be speaking on *The Yanks are Here – WWII*. New members and visitors very welcome (£5 for guests), and refreshments are available.

**Manaton Monthly Market – 10.30-12.30 on Tuesday 15th October.**

**Moreton History Society** meets at **7.30 pm on Wednesday 16th October** when Jonathan Turner will be speaking on *Exeter's Way to the Sea: an illustrated history of the quay, basin & canal from 1830 to 1970*. Jonathan Turner is Chairman of South-West Maritime History Society. *Meetings begin at 7.30 pm at the Union Inn, 10 Ford Street, Moretonhampstead, TQ13 8LN. Non-members welcome – £4 at the door (free if in full-time education).*

**Manaton Discussion Group** meets at **2.00 pm on Thursday 17th October** at Water Mill.

**Moretonhampstead Makers' Market** is **Saturday 19th October, 10 am-1 pm**, at the Community Club. For information on being a stall-holder, please ring Caroline on 07854 482349.

A talk is being given on *The Glaciation of Dartmoor* on **Wednesday 23rd October at 7:30** in Moreton Parish Hall, when Richard Horsham will discuss the effects of frost and ice processes on Dartmoor and the physical features that are left in the landscape today. Entry is £8 which includes tea/coffee and cake. **Bookings need to be made in advance through the Dartmoor Society website at [dartmoorsociety.com/events](http://dartmoorsociety.com/events)**

**The Lustleigh Society** meets in the Village Hall at **7.30 pm on Wednesday 30th October**, when Rosemary Yallop will speak on *'To charm the eye and captivate the soul.'* *John Nash, Humphrey Repton and the Architecture of the Picturesque in Devon and England's special contribution to landscape and architecture in the decades around 1800*. You are invited to come for a glass of wine from 7.15. Non-members very welcome. Further information from Lynn (07852 998153).

Moreton's **Charity Market** in September (including sale of plants outside and produce at the back of church) raised £196.49. The next Market is on **Saturday 2nd November** at the Community Club in Court Street.

### Everyday Faith app



#### **Remember this from last month?**

One of our Lustleigh readers downloaded the app, and sent in this comment: *Early days but I would recommend the app – it provides a short Bible reading, reflection and prayer which you can read or listen to – I really like the audio element and it's only about five minutes so easy to fit into the day. I've also set a notification so I get a daily reminder, too. Definitely worth a try!*

**For information and to download the app, visit:**

[churchofengland.org/faith-life/exploring-faith/everyday-faith](http://churchofengland.org/faith-life/exploring-faith/everyday-faith)



**The Two Moors Festival** runs this month, on both Exmoor as well as Dartmoor. The nearest performance is in Chagford (**on Saturday 12th at 11.30 am**). Details may be found at: [twomoorsfestival.co.uk](http://twomoorsfestival.co.uk) and on publicity leaflets.

**FRIENDLY FRIDAYS** in Moreton are continuing at The Union  
10 am till 12 noon – refreshments: £1 per head.

**DEVON DAY TRIPPERS** for over 55s who are finding it harder to get out and about continue this month. Bookable by contacting [torie@wellmoor.org.uk](mailto:torie@wellmoor.org.uk) / 01647 478378.

This month's programme so far is as follows:

Tuesday 1st: Exeter – The Quay and bowling. Bus/taxi.

Thursday 10th: Finch Foundry at Sticklepath- River walk and café. Bus.

Tuesday 22nd October - Teignmouth. Bus and train with taxi back.

= On all days, meet at 9.30 at Station Road car park, Moreton =



## Two notable hymn-writers

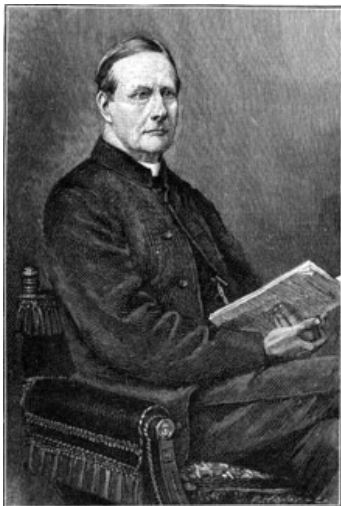


The highly acclaimed hymn-writer **Timothy Dudley-Smith** died in August at the age of 97. Many of his hymns will be familiar to most of our four congregations. Over 60 years, he wrote 450 hymns, mostly while on holiday at Ruan Minor on the Lizard in Cornwall, early in the morning before the family woke up! Among the most familiar of his hymns are *Lord, for the years* and *Tell out, my soul*. The late Poet Laureate John Betjeman described the latter as ‘one of the few modern hymns that will truly last’.

Bishop Dudley-Smith was ordained in 1950 and later went on to serve as Archdeacon of Norwich and then as Bishop of Thetford until his retirement in 1991. In 2003 he was awarded an OBE for services to hymnody.

In an article to mark Bishop Dudley-Smith’s 90th birthday in 2016, he was described as ‘one of the outstanding hymn-writers of our generation. His hymns are to be found in books of every denomination and tradition throughout the English-speaking world, and translated into a dozen other languages.’

*And a footnote:* Bishop Dudley-Smith wrote a hymn for the tenth anniversary of Compass Braille (the Braille Bible production unit once based in Moreton’s former Methodist Chapel in Cross Street). This hymn was sung at a service in St Andrew’s celebrating the anniversary in 2000. He and his wife Arlette, who predeceased him, once attended an early Communion service at St Andrew’s while staying locally.



Another notable hymn-writer of an earlier vintage and especially well known in Devon was **Sabin Baring-Gould** who died 100 years ago at the age of 90. His former Rectory in Lewtrenchard (just off the old A30, 11 miles west of Okehampton) has recently served as a boutique hotel.

The son of a country squire and retired army officer, Baring-Gould was born in Southernhay, Exeter, in 1834. He was descended from the Devon Gold (or Gould) family, and from the Exeter Barings, including the celebrated bankers and merchants. Much of his childhood was spent touring Europe; so his early education was spasmodic.

He was ordained in 1864, and then became priest at Horbury Brig in West Yorkshire. Here, he met and fell in love with 14-year-old Grace Taylor, the daughter of a mill-hand. The engineering of Grace’s social transformation may have been thinly disguised in his first full-length novel, *Through Flood and Flame*. The marriage lasted until Grace’s death, 48 years later, and produced 15 children.

In 1872, on the death of his father, Baring-Gould inherited the 3,000-acre Devon family estates of Lew Trenchard. Nine years later, on the death of the incumbent (his great-uncle), he appointed himself to the living of the parish, and remodelled his squarson’s home, Lew Trenchard Manor.

Once ensconced in his Devon living, Baring-Gould began collecting the lyrics and music of local folk-songs. Dozens of versions of hundreds of songs flowed in, including, in 1888, the words and music of *Tom Pearse, Tom Pearse* – the first of many versions of *Widcombe Fair*. Baring-Gould travelled on song-collecting expeditions to the furthest corners of Dartmoor, and on into Cornwall. He also collaborated with other collectors of folk-songs, including Ralph Vaughan Williams.

His prolific literary output included more than 1,000 articles, and books (such as a biography of Parson Hawker of Morwenstow), while his biggest sellers were his novels; his first novel was published in 1856, while he was still an undergraduate at Cambridge.

Baring-Gould also composed and published more than 100 hymns, a fraction of which survive in the church’s repertoire. On the fateful evening of 14th April 1912, in the second-class dining saloon of *The Titanic*, about 100 of the ship’s passengers attended a hymn service, which included Baring-Gould’s *On the resurrection morning* and *Now the day is over* (which was also sung at his graveside by the children of his parish). Shortly afterwards, the ship collided with an iceberg.

Baring-Gould bequeathed to us two enduring carols. The first was his paraphrase, *The Angel Gabriel*; and the other, *Sing lullaby!* Perhaps his most famous hymn, *Onward, Christian soldiers* survives in the hymnbook used in three of our churches, but in it has been rewritten as *Onward, Christian pilgrims*.



**DEVON HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST**

Dedicated to providing funding for our church buildings in their hour of need

You are warmly invited by the Trustees to celebrate the work of

## **Devon Historic Churches Trust**

**at a service of Choral Evensong**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 4pm



St Andrew's Church, Moretonhampstead

Followed by Wine and Cheese

RSVP by email to

Lady Mary Burnell-Nugent

[contact@devonhistoricchurches.co.uk](mailto:contact@devonhistoricchurches.co.uk)

Please park in the Station Road Car Park TQ13 8NH

There will be a collection during the service in aid of the DHCT



## **SPIRIT OF PLACE**

ROSIE SANDERS AND DOMINIC WELCH

GREEN  
HILL  
ARTS

**Green Hill Arts, announces the exhibition *Spirit of Place*,  
featuring works by artists Rosie Sanders and Dominic Welch –  
from Friday 13th September till Saturday 2nd November.**

**Green Hill is at the top of Fore Street in Moreton, close to St Andrew's Church.**

# Turning Aside

## Re-imagining Rural Ministry

The Bright Field Community is a group of rural church leaders with a common desire to discern how God is at work in rural and multi-parish ministry and a concern for the sustainability of the inherited model.

### Join us to

Listen to God  
Hold the unresolved questions  
Share the 'Good News from the Country'  
Be encouraged!

**17<sup>th</sup> October, 10-4pm**

**St John's Church, Bridgetown,  
Totnes TQ9 5AD**

To reserve a place

Email: [revgurner@btinternet.com](mailto:revgurner@btinternet.com)

by end of September.

£20 to include lunch

