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There is no life without water

There was huge excitement at NASA in 2020 when a lunar probe found evidence of water on the moon. And last year the Mars Rover found evidence of ancient floodplains and riverbeds on Mars, suggesting a watery past for the red planet. The reason for the buzz of excitement is that water undergirds life. Without water any kind of plant or animal life is impossible.

How ironic this is. Space travel reminds us of the extraordinary life-sustaining qualities of water - and yet we residents of planet Earth pay little regard for this wonderful substance, this gracious gift of God that is the collision of atoms of



hydrogen and oxygen. Water on Mars is extraordinary and thrilling. Water on Earth is nature's Cinderella – overlooked and despised. There has been much discussion recently about the quality of Britain's rivers, and how that has declined in the thirty years since privatisation. There has been shock at the level and frequency of sewage discharges in rivers that have dire effects upon fish and other wildlife. United Utilities, our local provider, has responded to criticism with a stated commitment to "kickstart river revival".

In Christian belief water is a powerful symbol. As Israel passes through the waters of the Red Sea they travel from slavery to freedom, a new start in their life with God. Jesus begins his ministry by being baptised in the River Jordan. This was "total immersion baptism" – plunging down into the waters and then being hauled back up. Later on, Jesus describes the news of saving love that he brings as "living water" – a source of spiritual refreshment and renewal that can never dry up.

In Whaley Bridge Parish we regularly baptise babies and young children, and some adults too. Baptism – or christening – is available to everyone who lives in the parish and is a joyful way of celebrating a new start with God in the life of that person. We don't need a riverful of water – just a bowl in the font does fine! If this is something you would like to explore do get in touch - you don't need to be a churchgoer.

I love the presence of water in Whaley Bridge. One of my most prayerful places is the little footbridge at the bottom of the steep cobbled path next to Taxal Church. The Goyt is quite shallow here and river gushes over the stones with a musical voice that is delightful and soothing. Standing in the middle of the bridge I'm reminded of the present moment and the flow of time – and of God with us both in the present and in the flow.

As spring turns into summer, why don't you remind yourself how good it is to spend time by the river? When we enjoy God's creation it helps us want to cherish and preserve it.

Every blessing

Frances

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Praying for the Streets of Whaley Bridge

The names of the streets to be prayed for in any particular week will appear on the church notice sheet and these streets will be remembered in our prayers.

31st March:	Ringstone Way, Rock Bank, Shallcross Avenue, Shallcross Mill Rd
7 th April:	Shallcross Road, Start Lane, Stoneheads, Stoneheads Rise
14 th April:	Taxal Moor Road, The Coppice, The Dell, The Paddock, The Rise
21st April:	The Sidings, Toddbrook Close, Tom Brad's Croft, Vaughan Rd
28th April:	Walter's Wood, Waterfoot Lane, Whaley Lane, Wharf Court
5 th May:	Wharf Rd, Wheatsheaf Rd, Whiteleas Rd, Williamson Cres.
12th May:	Williamson Rd, Woodbrook, Woodbrook Court, Yeardsley Green
19 th May:	Alder Rise, Beech Rise, Beech Rd, Bings Rd
26 th May:	Bingswood Ave, Bingswood Rd, Botany Mews, Bridge Street



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St James Taxal - Holy Trinity Fernilee - Kettleshulme



Services in April and May 2024

APRIL 2024

Sunday 7th April:

10.30am: Morning Worship at Holy Trinity.

Sunday 14th April:

10.30am: Holy Communion at St James Taxal.

Sunday 21st April

10.30am: Family Church at Holy Trinity.

Sunday 28th April:

10.30am: Short service and Annual Meeting at St James Taxal.

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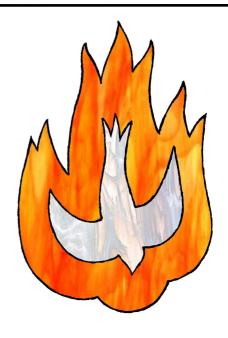
Sunday 5th May:

10.30am: Holy Communion at Holy Trinity.



Sunday 12th May: (Christian Aid)

10.30am: United service at the Uniting Church.



Sunday 19th May: (Pentecost)

10.30am: Family Church at Holy Trinity.

Sunday 26th May:

10.30am: Holy Communion at St James Taxal.

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Celebrating all creatures great and small

On Sunday April 21st our monthly Family Church at Holy Trinity at 10.30am will be a Pet Service. We will be welcoming a special guest, local farmer Amy, who will be bringing a lamb to show us how she cares for it.

We invite you to bring your pets calm, well-behaved dogs are welcome, providing they will sit quietly next to you! This is especially important because there will be a lamb in church.

Please bring any cats or small animals in a suitable safe carrier or cage.

Join us as we thank God for the animal life of creation and celebrate the happiness that our pets give us.

Eco Rap with a positive message

Yo, it's the eco crew, and we need you, To up your game and join in too.

There's issues out there, I'm sure you know, The land, the sea, the valleys we know.

It's care we need, some more respect To turn this around and create effect.

There's a question you should ask yourself, Do you need the stuff, it's bad for your health!

The plastic, the power, the waste you create, It's about time you appreciate.

Create a better world and put it right, We need to solve this problem r-r-right.

Rot, reuse, recycle...let's go!

By Joe, Felix, Max and Rudy, who are the eco-ambassadors in Hillside class at Kettleshulme St James Primary School.

Easter Holiday Club in April

Churches Together in Whaley Bridge offer a popular Holiday Club every year for one month during August.

We have built on the success of this by offering one-day Holiday Clubs at other times of the year.

On offer are games, crafts, stories and songs – with an emphasis on having fun!

We offer a welcome to children from Reception through to Year 6.

Our Easter Holiday Club runs at the Uniting Church on Monday 8th April from 9.30am – 3pm.

Booking is essential: via email to whaley-churches@gmail.com who can also answer any queries you may have.

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There is a choice of freshly made main course and vegetarian option, also a choice of four tasty and varied home made sweets. Apple crumble to die for! Followed by tea or coffee.

Open to anyone, but if interested it would be a help with catering to ring Stella Whitehurst on 01663 732132.



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White Chocolate Cheesecake

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- 1. Crumble the digestive biscuits, add the melted butter and mix well.
- 2. Press the biscuit crumb into a loose bottom 20cm flan tin lined with cling film.
- 3. Melt the chocolate gently in a microwave or over a pan of simmering water.

- 4. Mix the cream cheese, cream and sugar together until smooth.
- 5. Add the melted chocolate and swirl through the cream mixture.
- 6. Spoon onto the biscuits and smooth the top.
- 7. Decorate with raspberries and chill.



RECIPE

Ingredients

180g digestive biscuits

75g melted butter

100g white chocolate

300g cream cheese

200ml double cream

75g sugar

150g raspberries

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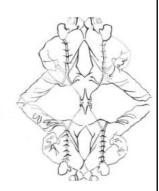
The class will also include Qigong exercises.

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NEW CLASS

10am on Tuesday mornings at The Mechanics Institute

Wednesday evenings Mechanics Institute Whaley Bridge SK23 7AA For any enquiries contact Debbie on 07879114836 Or debbiemccall@gmail.com



Gardening Group – Buxton U3A

We are the happy gardening group from Buxton U3A,

We meet each Friday morning when we all have a lot to say,

"How's your plants all getting on?"
"They don't look well just now",

"Well put some compost on them, mixed with muck from cow",

"Have you got your seeds in yet?" "My dear it's much too early,

The ground is much too cold and damp, they'll sulk and go all surly".

"Girls have you studied your viburnum, of where it grows and why?"

Our leader gives a hard stern look and you try to dodge her eye.

We're really quite well organised, we exchange plants one week.

Then we swap our seeds and some rare ones we all seek.

We visit many gardens of various shapes and sizes,

Some are too beautiful for words, we ought to give them prizes.

We put our seeds in in the spring, the blooming things won't grow,

They all rot off with the cold and wet and a covering of snow.

It's May! It's warm! It's sunshine, oh isn't this a treat.

Then you wake up in the morning and there's a covering of sleet.



POETRY CORNER

Thank you to Mary for her suggestion of a gardening theme for Poetry Corner.

This poem was written by the late Phyl Coulson who was a member of Buxton U3A Gardening Group.

On page 11 is a great favourite of Mary's by Rudyard Kipling.



But don't despair, July is here (we lost June on the way)

And the roses are all blooming with a colourful display.

It's Autumn now and harvest time, it's come round pretty quick,

But Mother Nature can't be changed, she doesn't miss a trick.

We've had a lovely gardening year in spite of all the weather,

We've learned some Latin names, I think Erica means heather,

And we're going to have a party, so roll back all the rugs,

There's just one thing we haven't done, and that's get rid of slugs!

The Glory of the Garden By Rudyard Kipling

Our England is a garden that is full of stately views,
Of borders, beds and shrubberies and lawns and avenues,
With statues on the terraces and peacocks strutting by;
But the Glory of the Garden lies in more than meets the eye.

For where the old thick laurels grow, along the thin red wall, You'll find the tool- and potting-sheds which are the heart of all, The cold-frames and the hot-houses, the dungpits and the tanks, The rollers, carts and drain-pipes, with the barrows and the planks.

And there you'll see the gardeners, the men and 'Prentice boys
Told off to do as they are bid and do it without noise;

For, except when seeds are planted and we shout to scare the birds, The Glory of the Garden it abideth not in words.

And some can pot begonias and some can bud a rose,
And some are hardly fit to trust with anything that grows;
But they can roll and trim the lawns and sift the sand and loam,
For the Glory of the Garden occupieth all who come.

Our England is a garden, and such gardens are not made
By singing:—"Oh, how beautiful!"
and sitting in the shade,
While better men than we go out and start their working lives
At grubbing weeds from gravel-paths with broken dinner-knives.



There's not a pair of legs so thin, there's not a head so thick,
There's not a hand so weak and white, nor yet a heart so sick,
But it can find some needful job that's crying to be done,
For the Glory of the Garden glorifieth every one.

Then seek your job with thankfulness and work till further orders, If it's only netting strawberries or killing slugs on borders; And when your back stops aching and your hands begin to harden, You will find yourself a partner in the Glory of the Garden.

Oh, Adam was a gardener, and God who made him sees
That half a proper gardener's work is done upon his knees,
So when your work is finished, you can wash your hands and pray
For the Glory of the Garden that it may not pass away!
And the Glory of the Garden it shall never pass away!

Celebrating mothers and children at CATS Praise

CATS Pre-School Praise was busy in February. The theme was 'God Loves Everyone', whatever their shape, size, or colour. The children enjoyed the craft activities, which



included making chameleons using paint and bubble wrap, and creating paper plate animals.

Fourteen children and their carers attended the March meet-up at Holy Trinity. On this occasion, the craft activities included decorating crosses and making Mother's Day cards.

Beryl's story was about Jesus, who was resting when a number of mothers with children came to see him. At first, they were told they could not see him, but Jesus overheard them and invited them to come to him. He said he loved all children, and mothers were particularly important as they were the ones who took care of them.

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If you are interested in joining us, CATS Pre-School Praise is held on the first Wednesday of each month at Holy Trinity Church (morning). It is designed for pre-school age children and their carers. It's lots of fun so do come along if you have little ones.

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WHALEY BRIDGE PEOPLE

Who are you?

Hi. I'm Mark Butland and I've lived in Whaley Bridge for about five years. I'm semi-retired now but previously worked as an outdoor pursuits teacher.

What's the best thing about living here?

It's really convenient for the water with having the canals nearby! Having easy access to the airport is nice too.

What's the worst thing about living here?

Parking can be difficult, especially from nearby holiday homes.

What's your connection with water around Whaley Bridge?

I learned to canoe with the scouts in Bamford. I've always been an informal educator and always



There's no such thing as bad weather. On a cold day, just wrap up warm, put your waterproofs on and wear thicker gloves!

worked in adventure education as professional full time youth worker, including many years in Tower Hamlets. I did all kinds of things: canoeing, sail boarding, Dragon Racing (Ed: large canoes with about 18 people in them, great for competitions). I've been teaching canoeing for over 30 years. I currently have six canoes, though some are in a process of repair and rebuilding.

What is it that you like about being on the water?

Every day is different. It could be the weather or the wind. It's always different. There's no such thing as bad weather. On a cold day, just wrap up warm, put your waterproofs on and wear thicker gloves! It's great having access to lots of canals round here. You can get all the way to Bollington.

Do you run activities on the canals or other things to do with water?

I help out with the scouts at Combs and teach canoeing to them. I'm also one of the Flood Wardens in Whaley Bridge, along with Barry Rudd. We clear gullies and drains and keep an eye on any problems which arise. We try to get the authorities to clear the drains. I wish they would live up to their responsibilities, though it's





complicated as between the Borough and County Councils.

We hear a lot about pollution on the waterways. What's your take?

You do sometimes see pollution on canals. People need to take care emptying effluent and so on. British Canoeing have a clean-up campaign underway and the Scouts will do a clean-up on our canal later this year. Councils need to mend the drains and it would be helpful if there was a laundrette available for people who live on the canals.

Better parking would help people have more access to the canals round here or maybe to connect the High Peak cycle trail to Whaley Bridge.

How can people get into canoeing?

Go on a course or join a club. There are clubs at Buxton or Bollington. High Peak Scout District has a

paddle sports team which is based at Coombs sailing club and there's a canoe club at Bollington called Macclesfield and District Canoe Club We definitely need more outdoor education in the county. Despite Derbyshire being such a rugged place, kids just get to do a couple of weeks at the outdoor centre. It would be great if they were funded to do things during holidays. I think the County council should prioritise youth provision. The outdoor centres have the equipment but kids are missing out on opportunities.

How can people get in touch with you?

Via Nev at the Transhipment Warehouse or the Town Council.

A last word?

Use it or lose it! Please tell your councillors about the need for youth provision. And clean out your drains and gullies!

News from Whaley4Wards and the Town Council

There are numerous social media sites that do a great job covering our area, but it's often said "Oh I don't do Facebook or the like so I don't know what is happening..." Well, I am the current Chair of the volunteer group known as W4W (Whaley 4 Wards). We're a non political group of local volunteers who turn up and get things done that need doing in our town.

We work closely alongside the Town Council and carry out practical projects in and around our area to benefit our communities.

I wonder if you have noticed the community gardens that have popped up in the last couple of years? We have created a total of six so far and are working on clearing nettles and weeds along the Linear path from the tunnel to the sub-station and making this area into a wild flower area. A huge shout out and thank you to all those people who have been kind enough to donate plants, seeds and bulbs. Just brilliant.

We're coming to that planting seeds and gardening time of year so we're holding a seed and bulb swap at the market at the Transhipment Warehouse on the 13th of April 2024 from 10am-12 noon. Come along and top up your gardening requirements! If there's a demand then we can also hold a similar event later in the year.

Our top gardening volunteers, Wendy and Gill, will also be selling plants that they have grown. Monies made are then put back into the purchase of other plants and bulbs.

Around and about the town we carry out maintenance and painting projects and our very own 'Banksy', Bill Carr, took it upon himself to carry out painting projects at Fernilee Chapel and Taxal Church. (Editor: Huge thanks to Bill for

By lan Kidd

the repaint of the gates and doors at Taxal. They look fantastic and we're so grateful).

We help out with other groups like the Carnival Committee and the Friends of the Park when it comes to traffic control for events. In fact, we are here to help in any way we can.

We already have a number of projects lined up for the coming months such as tidying up footpath 60 (running up to Mevril Rd behind the Scout hut), siting flagstones at the entry to the main carpark in front of the notice boards, and putting up some posts to prevent cars running over the grassed area.

Also, rebuilding and strengthening the wall at the bottom of the Shallcross Incline, painting the benches on the incline and along the Linear path, clearing the Ivy from the bridge by the White Hart then repainting it black, assisting with the painting at Furness Vale club, an organised litter-pick, and clearing the cobbles along the incline between the Blacksmiths and Bridge St... and this is just for starters! We're looking forward to a busy summer of doing good stuff in and around our town.

We welcome anyone of any age who would like to get involved with the group. Please don't think "Ah!, they probably have loads of volunteers, I wouldn't know what to do..." THERE IS ALWAYS ROOM FOR YOU. The group is genuinely welcoming and friendly.

The High Peak is a beautiful place to live, we are so lucky, let's keep it this way for future generations.

I can be contacted either via the Mechanics or directly by my email, igkidd@hotmail.co.uk





Saturday



Our footpaths are safe for walking after W4W effort

Volunteers worked on clearing Footpath 60 recently; this is the footpath that runs up to Mevril Rd behind the Scout hut off New Rd, writes lan Kidd.

The path was totally overgrown but, more importantly, we removed a considerable amount of old barbed wire that had become entangled in the brambles and grasses.

On Saturday 24th February 2024 volunteers cut back the overhanging bushes on Buxton Road near the bridge and opposite the school. These bushes were jutting out, catching people in the face and restricting the width of the pavement. You are now safe to walk along without losing an eye!

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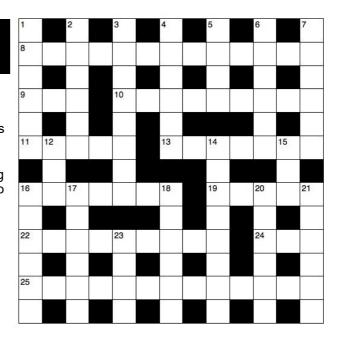
- 8 'He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the ' (Isaiah 53:12) (13) 9 'When they had sung a hymn, they went to the Mount of Olives (Matthew 26:30) (3) 10 Comes between Galatians and Philippians (9) 11 'Your heart will and swell with
- (7) 16 Ten ears (anag.) (7) 19 Under (poetic abbrev.) (5) 22 How Abram

joy' (Isaiah 60:5) (5) 13 Muslim holy month

- described himself to God when he complained that his inheritance would pass to a servant (Genesis 15:2) (9)
- 24 'Go to the , you sluggard' (Proverbs 6:6) (3)
- 25 Debar from receiving Communion (13)

Down

1 My — for His Highest (Oswald Chambers' best-known book) (6) 2 Festival of the resurrection (6) 3 'His sons will prepare



for war and — a great army' (Daniel 11:10) (8)

- 4 'Let not the string his bow' (Jeremiah 51:3) (6)
- 5 Name of the River Thames in and around Oxford (4)
- 6 'From then on Judas watched for an opportunity — him over' (Matthew 26:16) (2,4)
- 7 'But Christ is faithful ——— over God's house' (Hebrews 3:6) (2,1,3)
- 12 Long-handled implement used to till the soil (Isaiah 7:25) (3)
- 14 Order to which monks and nuns

devote themselves (8) 15 Appropriate

(Proverbs 15:23) (3)

16 I, uncle (anag.) (6)

- 17 'They gave him —
 of broiled fish' (Luke 24:42) (1,5)
- 18 'Weren't there three men that we — and threw into the fire?' (Daniel 3:24) (4.2)
- 20 Mountain where
 Noah's ark came to rest
- (Genesis 8:4) (6) 21 'Don't you know that friendship with the
- world is towards God?' (James 4:4) (6)
- 23 Prominent architectural feature of large cathedrals such as St Paul's (4)

Answers on page 20

COFFEE MORNINGS at the MECHANICS

6th April: No booking at time of press

13th April: Whaley Bridge Labour Party

20th April: No booking at time of press

27th April: No booking at time of press

4th May: No booking at time of press

11th May: Horwich End WI

18th May: Chapel Mobile Physio

25th May: No booking at time of press

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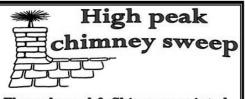
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New bookings welcome for coffee mornings at the Mechanics

All charity and community-based organisations are warmly invited to book a coffee morning at The Mechanics Institute in Whaley Bridge. Coffee mornings are held on a Saturday morning from 10 am-12 noon. This is an opportunity to support our local groups in Whaley Bridge and the wider community.

If you would like to book a coffee morning at The Mechanics Institute please call 01663 733068.



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ACROSS: 8, Transgressors. 9, Out. 10, Ephesians. 11, Throb. 13, Ramadan. 16, Nearest. 19, Neath. 22, Childless. 24, Ant. 25, Excommunicate.

DOWN: 1, Utmost. 2, Easter. 3, Assemble. 4, Archer. 5, Isis. 6, To hand. 7, As a son. 12, Hoe. 14, Monastic. 15, Apt. 16, Nuclei. 17, A piece. 18, Tied up. 20, Ararat. 21, Hatred. 23, Dome.

The Bible version used in our crosswords is the NIV.

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Do you remember your own PIN number?

Nearly one in five of us can't. We are so used to paying by contactless that when we have to withdraw cash or type our PIN into a card reader, our minds go blank. 'Contactless' payments hit a record high last year. A staggering 93.4 per cent of all in-store card transactions up to £100 was

made using contactless, rather than cash or PIN and card reader.

Contactless technology was introduced by Barclaycard 17 years ago. It had a spending limit of £10. The limit was increased during the pandemic, rising to its current £100 limit.



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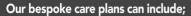
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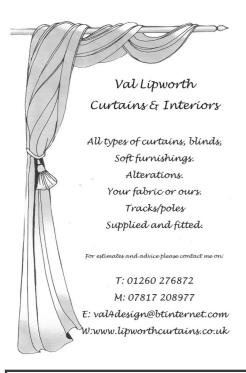


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Activities at Holy Trinity Church:

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Monday

3.00-9.00pm: **Jayne Roy School of Dance**. Contact Jayne: jayneroy1@gmail.com

Bell Ringing Practice from 7.00pm -8.00pm *at St James Taxal*.

All ages, but must be 4ft 10in tall or ten years old. We are a friendly bunch and welcome newbies, but as we have few teachers it's always good to let me know beforehand so I can arrange a lesson.

Contact: Victoria Shelmerdine vshel250@gmail.com 01663 719430.

Tuesday

10.00am **Praying Together** at Holy Trinity.

Thursday

BKJJA Ju Jitsu Club. Junior class ages 5+, women's only class ages 11+. No upper age limit. Classes are held upstairs at Holy Trinity Church. Please meet by the rear side entrance to church.

6-7pm Juniors/ 7-8pm Women only. Contact Emily on 07494 991871 or email needham955@gmail.com

Friday

9.30am – 12.30pm: **Trinity Stitchers.** Come along and chat while doing your own craft projects.

Contact: Sue Mellor themellors32@gmail.com

12.45pm-3.30pm: **Warm-hearted Fridays.** Keep warm in a café-style drop-in, with reasonably-priced

home-made soup, hot drinks, table games and crafts available, read a magazine or just enjoy a chat.

3.00pm – 9.00pm: **Jayne Roy School of Dance.** Contact Jayne: <u>jayneroy1@gmail.com</u>

MONTHLY

Saturday (Third)

10.00am – noon: Baby & Children's Clothes and Toy Swap. Contact: Sue Mellor 01663 732005.

CATS Pre-school Praise on the first Wednesday of the month. For pre-school age children and their carers. Contact: Beryl Axcell 01663 732612.

Churches Together Lunch Club
Once a month on the second
Thursday of the month at 12
o'clock at the Uniting Church.

Contact Stella Whitehurst 01663 732132 or Marion Lacey 01663 733717. Tickets £5.00.

If you would like information about the **Mothers' Union** please contact Eveline Hughes on 01663 733597.

Messy Church at Holy Trinity is about families having fun creating crafts on our Bible story theme and sharing a meal together. Lasts about an hour and a half.

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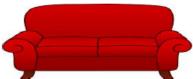
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