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**Copy deadline for November 2023
Outlook is Saturday 14th October**

Key dates in Morval Parish

October

- 7: Garden Club Coffee morning, toasted tea cakes, 10am – noon, Widegates Village Hall
- 19 – 22: Flower Festival, St Wenna's church
- 21: Celebration of St Wenna and Harvest, bring and share supper, 6.30pm
- 25: Garden Club Making willow birdfeeders and lanterns, 7.30pm,
- 27: Quiz evening, 7.30pm, Widegates Village Hall
- 31: Halloween event, 4 – 6pm, Widegates Village Hall

November

- 5: Garden Club Christmas Bazaar - stalls, raffle, refreshments, 2pm, Widegates Village Hall
- 18: Christmas Craft Fair, 11am – 1pm, Widegates Village Hall

Remembrance in November

The usual Act of Remembrance will take place at Morval's War Memorial on Sunday 12th November, assembling at 10.45, and followed, for those who wish to attend, by a Remembrance Service in St Wenna's church. This day has a particular focus on those who have given their lives in conflict, not just in the two world wars but in other conflicts around the world.

On the previous Sunday, 5th November, the usual Family Service at 11am will instead be a quiet and reflective time, giving an opportunity for anyone wishing to remember a loved one who has died in any circumstances to do so. There will be candles to light, and a space for photographs or other mementos to be displayed. Anyone wishing to speak about their loved ones can do so, but others might like to listen, join in with some gentle songs and prayers, or just be. We tend to forget that 'Halloween', which has taken on a very different and commercialised meaning, actually precedes All Souls or All Saints, which has always been a time to remember those who have died.



'Community Life' Flower Festival 19th - 22nd October, St Wenna's Church

The festival, organised by Marie Bersey and Sue Aunger with their very able band of helpers, will include displays representing various aspects of life in this community and surrounding areas. As fresh flowers and their air miles are very expensive, the displays will also feature an impressive array of crafts, creativity and imagination.

Opening times: 10am – 4pm Thursday, Friday and Saturday
12 – 4pm Sunday

Entry is free, but refreshments, including lunch, will be available, there will be a raffle, and donations will be very welcome. Funds raised will go towards the reordering project in the church, the aim of which is to create a small chapel and community room in the side aisle. Work has already started on this, in fact the space in question will be used for refreshments during the festival.

There will also be opportunities to donate food to our local Foodbank.

During the festival, there will also be a special evening on the Saturday, celebrating St Wenna, our very early Celtic Saint, and also Harvest Festival. Starting at 6.30pm, we will tell the story of St Wenna, interspersed with Celtic prayers and poems and the evocative moorland-inspired music of Ilow Splann, we'll sing some rousing Harvest hymns, and we'll finish with a bring-and-share Harvest Supper.



On the Sunday morning there will be a short informal Harvest Family service at 11am.

Please support the Festival – it represents a huge amount of work by many people in our parish, and provides a lovely informal opportunity to marvel at their creativity, indulge in some delicious food and enjoy friendly company.



Harvest – what does it really mean?

The weather has taken quite the autumnal feel in recent days and I have the lights on at only 6pm as I write this piece. The children have returned to school for a new term, and this weekend saw our first Benefice harvest festival with more to follow soon.

When I think of harvest festivals I am reminded of my own school days and ornamental bread (there was some here too), but I don't think I ever quite understood.

But what now? What do I take from this time of year now? What do we all take from the time of year, so important in the more rural areas of Cornwall, which surround us.

Harvest, it seems, can mean contrasting things.

Firstly of course we give thanks for all the hard work our farmers do over the year, we quite literally couldn't do without them.

But while we give thanks to them and the food they produce, my attention has become distracted by what we do with the food after the farmers have put in all that time and effort.

According to the UN, the farmers of the world produce enough food for 3 billion more people than there are in the world every year, yet 800 million people are categorised as starving. The same organisation tells us 10 percent of the world population are dangerously underweight, while 25 percent are categorised obese. Here in the UK, the Joseph Rowntree federation estimates around 30 percent of people in our area live at a level where the choice between food and warmth will come into play.

So harvest for me has become a time to reflect on not the crop itself, the farmers continually outdo themselves, but how we use it, how we share.

In the Gospel of Luke Jesus tells a story of a rich man who had so much food he had to build bigger barns to store it all (Luke 12: 16 – 30 please take a look). But the man did this while those around him had nothing. With statistics like those above, we have to ask if times have moved on at all in 2000 years.

So, harvest has come to be a reminder to me, that when we have enough, when we have a bit extra at the end of the month, perhaps we should not store away more for ourselves. But we should share.

Put an extra item in the food bank or give to another charity to help locally or abroad.

30 percent. 1 in 3. If we think in terms of our own street, there are 6 houses in my road. On average that means 2 of my neighbours may struggle this winter.

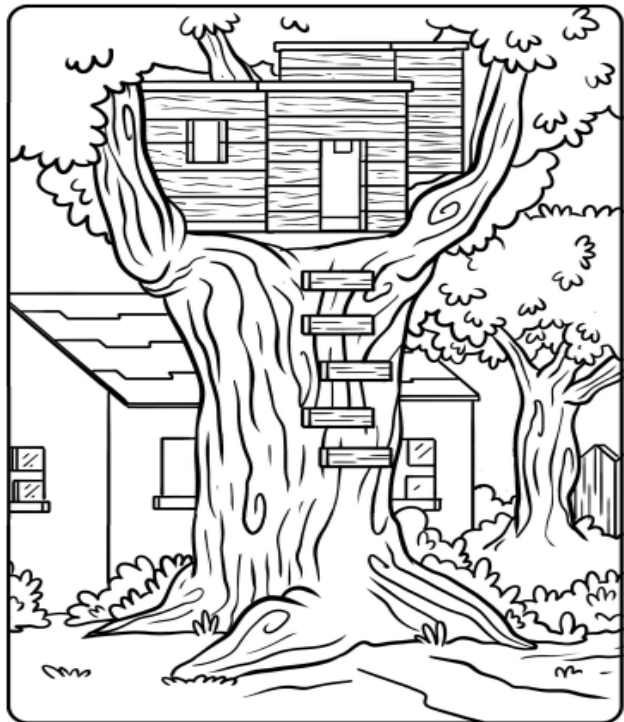
So this autumn as nights draw in, and the temperature drops, please do attend a harvest festival and celebrate the great work going on in the fields around us. But also, if you can, please help make sure the harvest they worked so hard for is shared more equally than ever before.

Rev'd Steve Guffick, Curate of Morval

Quiz evenings at Widegates Village Hall

September's quiz was well attended, and a good time was had by all. Scoring was close, but the winning team, called 'Praying for a miracle' did particularly well and clearly had their prayers answered. Everyone is welcome to these light hearted events, so please put your thinking caps on and join in the next quiz on 27th October.

Can you spot the 8 differences between these two pictures?



Solution: turn page upside down

top left leaves, tree house window edge, tree house door top edge,
bottom tree house step, hut front window bars, hut side window size,
fence beside tree, bottom grass tuft

MORVAL Parish Council has welcomed moves to promote the economic advantages of having Bodmin Moor registered as an International Dark Skies Landscape.

Having previously heard from one local tourism operator that anything to increase the 'out of season' holiday trade was desperately needed, the council decided to support in principle Caradon Observatory and Cornwall Council's efforts to boost the local economy through the dark skies initiative.

The UK's first Dark Sky Park was established in Scotland in 2009 and Visit Scotland chiefs now believe that the Galloway project is worth about £500,000 a year to the tourism industry.

Morval, of course, is only peripheral to the Bodmin Moor site but, since no financial involvement is required from parishioners, councillors felt that an expression of support and, therefore, a commitment to all business interests within the parish, was eminently appropriate.



WIDEGATES resident Toni Patterson was co-opted on to the council to replace Andrew Kennedy who stood down earlier this year.

Toni, who has always lived in the parish, is already a member of the village hall committee and is keen to work hard for the benefit of the parish.

Cornwall councillor Armand Toms noted that the new councillor had already attended many council meetings in recent months as a

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member of the public and joked about how she had cut the average age of the council at a stroke. "More importantly," he said, "we need young people to be involved going forward."



PARISH Council chairman Andy Jackson is meeting with neighbouring parish councillors to press Cornwall Council once again for more road safety measures in the parish.

The renewed push follows yet another fatal accident on the B3252.



THESE are your Parish Councillors...

Andy Jackson (chairman), John Collings (vice-chairman), Jasmine Fullalove, Stuart Hutchins, Debra Kirkland, John Kitson, Toni Patterson, Clive Pearn, Ben Pengelly and Graham Tamblyn.

The Council meets at Widegates Village Hall at 7.00 pm on the first Wednesday of the month.

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Volunteers vital to Outlook, (it could be YOU!)

We are looking to recruit volunteers to help ensure that Outlook continues to be delivered to all Morval homes, especially in the area of the parish around Bindown Stores.



For anyone who can help, please be reassured that we ask you how many houses/flats you feel happy to deliver to within 5 days of the magazines getting to you. There are 10 editions each year, and they are ready-folded.

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