

All Hallows Parochial Church Council (PCC) 2026

Rev Oli Long was appointed new Rector of the Modbury Mission Community in the Autumn of 2025.

Works to note completed last year include:

- Improvement to the church path to allow better wheelchair access.
- Removal of corroded bars from the large vestry window, which were damaging the wall.
- Minor roof repairs.
- Addition of an internal screen covering one of the open tower slatted windows as water ingress was causing damage to the boiler.

Outstanding works:

- Repair of bell headstock for which an expert report is awaited.
- Rerouting of the boiler flue to allow roof door to be repaired to further prevent water ingress.

There has been a change in Treasurer due to Michael Tagent's ongoing ill health. We thank Michael for all his hard work over the years. A new Treasurer, Mary Wilson, has now been appointed.

Results of PCC Elections May 2026

Churchwardens: Gil Snook and Heather Hinkley

Secretary and Electoral Roll Officer: Tracy Hyde

Treasurer: Mary Wilson

Safeguarding Officer: Kate Snook

Elected member: Yvonne Turpin

Deanery Synod Rep: Gil Snook

Home Communion is offered to those who are unable to attend church. There is also a weekly house group on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 12pm with no need to be a church attender. In addition, there is a prayer group which can be contacted by anyone who has a prayer request. Confidentiality is always maintained.

Church cleaning is usually undertaken on the last Friday of each month from 10am until about midday. Churchyard clearing is also carried out by volunteers. Very many thanks to all who give up their time to keep All Hallows looking neat, tidy and polished.

High days in the church calendar are always well attended but the aim is to always try and boost attendance. The average is 17 weekly which is good for a small parish.

Ringmore WI May 2026

Following our annual meeting last May, we celebrated VE80 day with a fish and chip supper supplied by Fryer Tucks followed by homemade trifle. The event was open to the village and 60 people attended in the WI garden. It was a truly memorable occasion.

Also in May, we had an enjoyable talk and a guided walk through the village and down to Aymer Cove, with Rebecca Hosking telling us how and what to forage

Our June meeting was a flower painting workshop, presented by our talented artist member, Judith.

Sadly, in July poor weather and lack of interest meant our games / barbecue evening was cancelled.

Although in September our speaker cancelled, the Taste the Difference evening went ahead, ably managed by Tracy Hyde. It was good fun though attendance was disappointing.

The Group meeting in October was at Aveton Gifford and was the last one for Ringmore WI. We didn't enter the competition of a Bridge collage, but 8 of us attended and enjoyed listening to the speaker and the tea. We have now resigned from the group to comply with our members' wishes.

The November meeting was an interesting talk by Emma Cunnis about Dartmoor. The Christmas Celebration was a good social occasion, with carols, mulled wine and a raffle as well as Jackie's Tagent's cake stall.

The ladies-only Christmas meal at the Journeys end was well attended.

2026 started with a "Question of Sport" quiz. This was great fun and the ticket price included chilli, wine and traybake dessert. Huge thanks to Tracy and Michael for putting this together.

Our February meeting was a day of gardening ideas, including lunch and 2 talks by Adrienne Blake from Stockenham Garden Society and Lorna Howell co-owner of Lukesland Garden. An enjoyable visit to Lukesland Gardens followed on 29th April.

Our annual meeting was brought forward to March. Thanks go to Tracy for making this change a smooth one. Jane Baker stepped down from the Secretary role but remains on the committee. Many thanks to Jane for all her hard work as Secretary and President prior to that. Yvonne Turpin came off the committee and thanks to her also. We welcome Sarah Dobson to the WI and to the role of Secretary.

President and advertising: Heather Hinkley

Treasurer and hall maintenance and bookings: Tracy Hyde

Secretary: Sarah Dobson

Committee members: Jane Baker, Mary Naylor

Ringmore Parish Room May 2026

The Committee has lost the services of Michael Tagent as Treasurer, due to ill-health.

Helen Kent has joined us as nominee for the PCC. The committee still includes Heather Hinkley (secretary) and Patrick Sims (Chair and acting Treasurer).

We are planning to hold the AGM in May and hope for additional support from the community as members of the Committee.

Last summer we employed contractors to clear the shed roof of brambles and ivy, which were contributing to the dampness inside. The Parish Room rear roof was cleared of moss and the gutters cleared.

A working party spent a full morning cleaning the Room and the pathways and Paula Hewlett kindly volunteered to mend the stage curtains that were in a poor state.

We had been retaining Debbie Moseley for fortnightly cleaning of the Room, particularly the toilet, but on reflecting on the lack of funds available, this was stopped. Cleaning is now on a voluntary basis by users.

We are still struggling to achieve control of the bank account: this will hopefully be resolved in the next month or so. With the help of ex-chair Eamonn Byrnes we are fairly up to date with transactions.

Parish Room users: the Table Tennis Club continue as regular users on Tuesday evenings. Another regular session is planned for beginners and less serious players if it is warranted by the demand.

Diddie Sims' music group has started using the Room on a regular basis on Monday afternoons.

Steve Comley is now a regular user of the Room for dog training.

Unfortunately the Room is still not in sufficient use to generate surplus income for periodic maintenance.

Grants: we are aware of the possibility of obtaining grants for improvements. We have identified that the toilet area though functional is a bit tatty and might deter some potential users from using the Room, so have asked Andy King to have a look to give some suggestions and a quote.

Ringmore Historical Society (RHS) May 2026

The RHS has been part of the fabric of the village for many years. Residents have been meeting for a chat and a glass of wine whilst enjoying some educational entertainment.

Traditionally the society met in the WI hall five times per year. These meetings were commonly attended by up to 30 people but more recently numbers have declined significantly, and this is now not financially viable.

Approximately 14 years ago the Society transferred the paper archive on to the internet with open access to everyone. Maintaining the website without additions costs £100 per year at present. The Society holds modest funds to invest in its future.

Over the last year only the Archive has been maintained with requests from people wanting to search ancestors being acted upon.

Recently Rebecca Hosking gave a talk at the Journey's End pub on its history and this was well received and attended by 83 people. Rebecca's talk was made possible by the wealth of information provided by the Society's archive. There is also a WI organised guided Walk around Ringmore on June 11th with stories of past times and the people who lived here. It is hoped that both events will enthuse people to support the society and join the committee.

The Society is currently determining whether there is sufficient interest to keep it going, what activities would interest people and how to raise sufficient funds to meet its costs.

Chairman: Richard Baker

Committee members: Kathy Pratt, Heather Hinkley

Ringmore Fair 2025

The Fair was very successful helped by excellent weather and making a provisional amount of £1894, from which £894 was given to Devon Air Ambulance and leaving £1000 ringfenced in the parish account for the 2026 Fair.

INCOME:

Saturday Ceilidh, hog roast and bar

132 tickets @ £20, £2640

Raffle £378

Bar £1442.67

Total Saturday income £4460.67

Sunday Jazz band and Bar

70 tickets @ £15, £1050

Bar £698

Total Sunday income £1748

Monday Fete (13 stalls, games, cream teas and bar)

CASH only - Gate £416; Cream teas £217; Cakes £322; Tombola £345; Games £125; Stalls £65; Bar £243. Card readers - £986

Total Monday income: £2719

A slight issue was highlighted with the 3 card readers in that they all register each other and, therefore, it was not possible to identify the individual sources of the sales (e.g. gate, bar etc) on the Monday. This may be resolved in future by registering each reader to a different email address for a specific point of sale.

A donation of £800 from South Hams District Council Locality Budget was kindly arranged by Bernard Taylor

MAIN EXPENSES:

Hatch marquee and Portaloo, £3165.55 incl. VAT

Generator, £518.40 incl. VAT

Hog roast, £700

Ceilidh band, £200

Jazz band, £750, plus workshop £100

Bar (over the 3-days), £1515

Saturday Sweet bites and Monday Scones were kindly donated.

Heather Hinkley

Ringmore Fair 2026 proposal

3 days as previously:

Saturday Ceilidh

Hog roast - Andrew Fish booked £700 (same cost as 2025)

Band and caller booked £200 (same cost as 2025)

Sunday Band plus bar

Band booked £500 (£250 less than 2025)

Workshop Duncan and Louise Anderson booked £100 (same cost as 2025)

Monday Fete

13 stalls booked so far

Tombola

Sea shanty singers booked

Langage Ice cream van booked

Catering Van Mel Hamer booked

Cream teas

Bar

Bar

JE 3 barrels of ale, some wine

Salcombe Brewery (Steve Chapman) pumps – larger, pale ale booked

Tesco – bottles of beer and cider, cans Guinness plus cider zero and Guinness zero

Bernard Taylor has kindly pledged £1000 towards costs.

Additional Costs:

Hatch booked (no deposit required, full amount to be paid 10d before)

21x 9m marquee, Lights, 5 Portaloos (kept costs as before),

30kVA generator with 24 hour running time -will be monitored remotely.

Total £3564.44 + £712.89 VAT (to be reclaimed).

TENS licence £21 to be purchased nearer the time

Changes from 2025:

- Register 4 card readers to different emails so can identify Monday sales clearly.
- Monday gate charge £2 adults, £1 children, family ticket £? No charge for games.
- Only run team games – egg and spoon; 3 legged; sac race; tug-o-war; egg throwing. Simplify prizes for games.

I Include children's treasure hunt?

Charity?

St Lukes

Fisherman's Mission

Heather Hinkley