

BUCKLAND DINHAM • CHANTRY  
5 VILLAGES  
**FLOWER  
FESTIVAL**  
21-22 SEPT 2019  
MELLS • GREAT ELM • WHTATLEY

Celebrating Harvest  
with flowers, music,  
crafts and more.

## **PROGRAMME**

There are 12 Harvest Mice  
hiding in this programme!  
Can you find them all?

# THE GREAT HARVEST TRAIL 2019



The Great Harvest Trail will see the Harvest Torch moving around Somerset to celebrate British Food Fortnight: 21st September - 6th October 2019. There's more about it on the inside back cover.

British Food Fortnight is promoted by Love British Food and sponsored by the Coop.

The Mells Group of churches has worked with the Diocese of Bath & Wells, and Somerset Young Farmers' Clubs to organise the 2019 Harvest Trail.



Thanks to these local companies who are sponsoring the 5 Villages Flower Festival, Barn Dance and Harvest Trail.



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## Celebrating Harvest across five villages

I welcome you, on behalf of the Mells Group of Churches, to our wonderful Harvest celebrations. The five villages of Buckland Dinham, Chantry, Great Elm, Mells and Whatley have joined together for a very special celebration of the harvest season. In addition to our traditional harvest festival services and suppers, each village church is holding a flower festival, music, and activities for all the family.

Friends, according to recent research if we want to improve our health and higher psychological well-being, we are encouraged to spend at least 120 minutes a week in a park, woodland, country park, beach or elsewhere in nature. Recent research at Exeter University found that people who spend at least two hours a week walking among trees, listening to birdsong, and engaging with nature have lower stress and blood pressure. We can achieve that by enjoying this festival over the two days and we

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## Children!

There's lots for you to do at all the churches. We've marked them like this: **children**

 And there are 10 harvest mice hiding in this programme. Can you find them all?



The striking Harvest Torch celebrates the best of British

food. Commissioned by Love British Food from master blacksmith Andy Hall, it is the focus of harvest celebrations in a different cathedral each year. This year is the turn of Wells Cathedral, and it will pass through our five villages on 22 September.

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can walk cycle or drive between the churches and this programme will help us plan a great family day out.

To give our festival a context, the Bible describes the harvest as the gathering of all things planted, a natural time of reaping in joy what has been produced during the year in our agricultural communities. Jesus reflects on the harvest when he encourages us to ask and pray to the Lord of the harvest for labourers. God stands in control of the harvest time; it is part of his work.

Our response to God's love for us, our countryside and his creation goes back to planting and reaping. Offerings in Bible times came from the fullness of one's harvest. The Festival of Harvest or first fruits in the Bible came in the spring, which we now have as the service of the plough. Our farmers to do their part in the agricultural year in planting to be able to reap their harvest. But the focus, in scripture, on harvest revolved around the product and the work of the Lord in bringing it to completion and is celebrated at our modern harvest festivals. We are very grateful for our farmers in livestock, dairy, crop and cereal production and this festival is about thanking them for their hard work in all weathers and the uncertainty of their future.

This five villages harvest flower festival recognises the plight of our farmers which is why we are working with the Somerset Federation of Young Farmers' clubs celebrating 'British Food Fortnight' (21 Sept - 6 Oct). We are hosting the national Harvest Torch, which will be visiting many events across Somerset. The Torch will complete its journey at Wells Cathedral for a special 80th annual harvest service led by the Bishop of Taunton on 6 Oct at 7pm.

I hope you will enjoy this fabulous celebration of harvest. More details (including this whole programme) as things emerge are on this link [www.mellsgroup.church/what-we-d](http://www.mellsgroup.church/what-we-d)

Fr Clive Fairclough  
Rector, Mell's Group of Churches.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING?

## Flowers

Each church has been decorated by members of the local community with flowers from local suppliers and the gardens and hedgerows of North Somerset. The abundance of wonderful flowers and grasses in this area are a true cause of celebration. We also celebrate the plants that grow in the rocks and quarries, and the food produced from the land through our association with Love British Food.

## Displays, art, music

In the churches you'll find a range of displays, from children's artwork to informative displays on topics such as the different kinds of bread. Don't miss the new altar frontal in Whatley which has been made by local sewing group, the Mell's Stitches.

## Services

On Sunday, services of harvest praise will be held at all the churches. You're very welcome to join in. However, please note that Harvest Suppers have a limited number of places so please call to reserve one (phone numbers are on page 16).



## The Harvest torch timetable

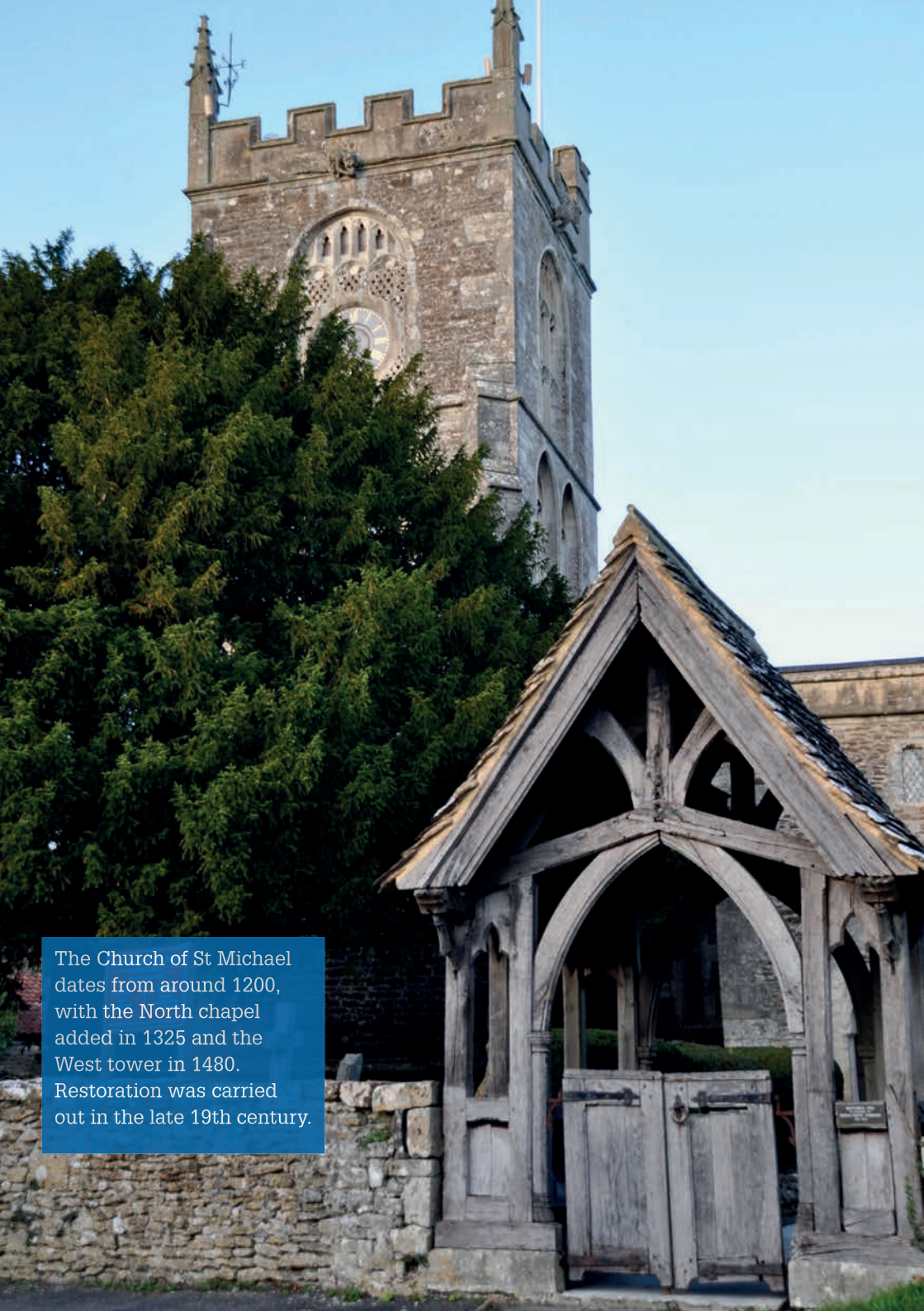
The harvest torch will be visiting the villages throughout Sunday 22 September. You can catch up with it at the times below.

9am	Great Elm
10:30am	Mells
11am	Chantry
2pm	Whatley
6pm	Buckland Dinham

**Entry is free... but donations are welcome**



Entry to the churches is free, as are the activities. However, we would ask you to make a contribution towards the festival where you can. Money raised will go towards supporting these beautiful churches, and a donation will also be made to the Farming Community Network charity. There is more information about them on page 17.



The Church of St Michael dates from around 1200, with the North chapel added in 1325 and the West tower in 1480. Restoration was carried out in the late 19th century.




# BUCKLAND DINHAM

Our theme at St Michael's church is "The Glory of Harvest". Please come and join in another great village day – the church will be full of flowers and friends.

## Saturday 21 September

- 10am – 12pm Coffee and cake
- 1.30 – 4.30pm Music from local musicians
- Trail for (mostly) **children** in the church and grounds

## Sunday 22 September

- 10am – 12pm Tea, coffee and bacon sandwiches for sale
- 1.30 – 4.30pm Open mic for **children**
- 6pm  Arrival and blessing of the Harvest Torch
- 6.15pm Service of Harvest Praise
- 7pm Harvest supper. To book a place, contact Debbie Cary on 01373 462022

## More information

**Opening times** Open between 9am and 6pm each day.





The Church of the Holy Trinity is a perfectly preserved small Victorian church, designed by George Gilbert Scott, famous as the architect of the Midland Grand Hotel at St Pancras Station, and the Albert Memorial.



# CHANTRY

At Holy Trinity church our theme is "Corn, wheat and the bread of life". Please come and see this unique and beautiful Victorian church, full of flowers.

## Saturday 21 September

11.30 – 4.30pm

### Making corn dollies with Shirley Inch

Come for a fascinating demonstration of how to make corn dollies. Make your own from instruction leaflets we provide.

Children can make their own simple corn dollies too, with drinking straws to practise on.

## Sunday 22 September

11am



Arrival and blessing of the Harvest Torch

11.15am

Service of Holy Communion

1.30 – 4.30pm

Another chance to see corn dollies being made, and to make them yourself

## More information

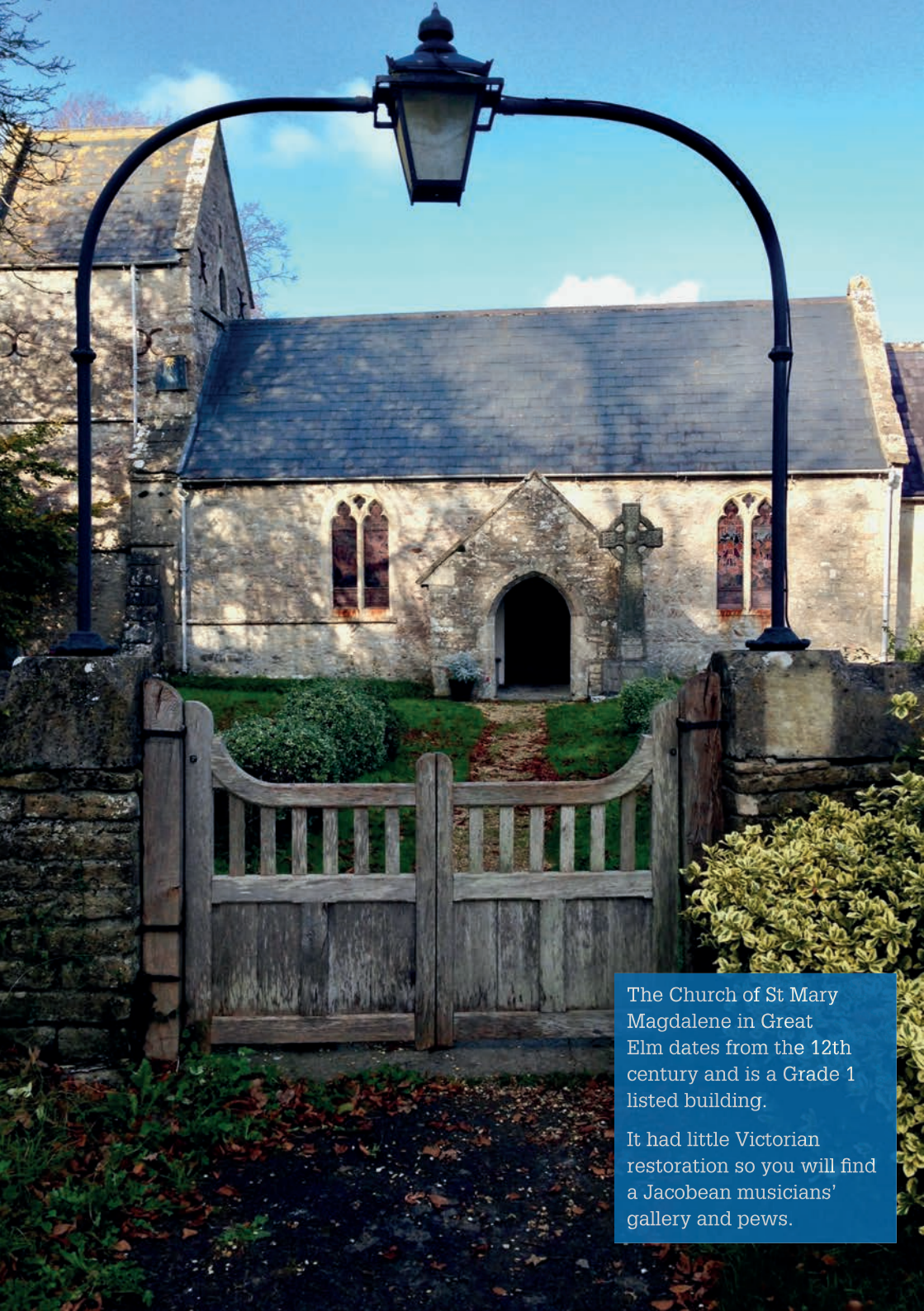
Opening times

Open between 9am and 6pm each day.

Service of Harvest Praise and Harvest Supper

Our Harvest Festival service is on Sunday 15 September at 6pm, followed by a Harvest Supper at Birdshadows. To book a place, contact Hazel Tovey, Churchwarden (01373 836384).





The Church of St Mary Magdalene in Great Elm dates from the 12th century and is a Grade 1 listed building. It had little Victorian restoration so you will find a Jacobean musicians' gallery and pews.




# GREAT ELM




Our theme at St Mary Magdalene's is "Pollinators and Produce". Come to see displays and installations, including sculpture and film echoing the theme of flowers, vegetables and fruit. There will be a film projection of seasonal change in the surrounding countryside.

## Saturday 21 September

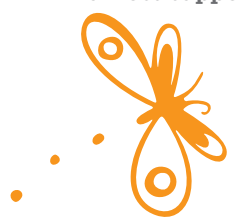
- 10am – 4:30pm Musical performances throughout the day
- Tea, coffee and light refreshments
- For **children**: Enhancing willow flower heads in the churchyard
- For **children**: Hunt the harvest mouse 

## Sunday 22 September

- 9.30pm  Arrival and blessing of the Harvest Torch
- 9:45am Service of songs, poems and readings on the theme of Harvest.
- 10am – 4pm Drawing workshop in Great Elm village hall
- Tea, coffee and light refreshments
- For **children**: Enhancing willow flower heads in the churchyard
- For **children**: Hunt the harvest mouse

## More information

- Opening times** Open between 9am and 6pm each day.
- Harvest supper** Our harvest supper is on Saturday 5 October at 7pm in Great Elm village hall. To book a place, contact Judy Duffus, Churchwarden 01373 813215





# MELLS WITH VOBSTER




At St Andrew's church our theme is "Life in all its Fullness". Please come and join in. There'll be music, teas, a raffle, floral displays and exhibits.

## Saturday 21 September

- 12pm – 1pm** Music from harp guitarist Jon Pickard
- 1:30 – 4:30pm** Harvest trail around the churchyard  
For **children**: Making felt flowers
- Mells art group will be painting in the churchyard – come and join them
- 2pm – 3pm** 'The Potter's clay' – an interactive demonstration of pottery making on the wheel and what this ancient art form can teach us about our relationship with God, by Jessie Alcaraz
- 3pm – 4.30pm** Tea and cakes

## Sunday 22 September

- 9:30am** Service of Harvest Praise – produce welcome. Mells choir.
- 10.30am**  Arrival and blessing of the Harvest Torch
- 12:30 – 1:15pm** Christening service. You are welcome to enter the church and enjoy this occasion with the family.
- 1:30 – 4:30pm** Harvest trail around the churchyard  
For **children**: Making felt flowers
- 2pm – 3pm** Music from harp guitarist Jon Pickard (see left page)
- 3pm – 4:30pm** Tea and cakes
- 3pm – 4pm** Bulb planting for **children** in the churchyard
- 4pm** Raffle draw

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- Opening times** Open between 9am and 6pm every day.
  - Barn dance** Friday 27 September at 6:30pm. See page 16 for more details.

Jon Pickard is a local musician specialising in the mysterious 23 string harp guitar. His music has been described as "beautiful, atmospheric... profoundly emotional and spiritual" (*Fine Times Recorder*, March 2019)  
[www.jonpickard.co.uk/harp-guitar](http://www.jonpickard.co.uk/harp-guitar)

Jon's schedule:  
**Saturday 21 Sept**  
10.30am Whatley  
12pm Mells

**Sunday 22 Sept**  
2pm Mells





# WHATLEY




Join us at St George's. Our theme is "Harvest flowers and apples". Come and see our new altar frontal and art by Whatley adults and children.

## Saturday 21 September

- 10:30 – 11:30am Music from harp guitarist Jon Pickard
- 11:30am Coffee
- 1.30 – 4.30pm For **children**: Hunt the Dragon, with legend and fact sheets, colouring and dragon drawing (with lots of little prizes)

## Sunday 22 September

- 9.30pm Matins service
- 10.30 – 4.30pm For **children**: Hunt the Dragon, with legend and fact sheets, colouring and dragon drawing (with lots of little prizes)
- 1.45pm Whatley wine and local nibbles
- 2pm  Arrival and blessing of the Harvest Torch

## More information

- Opening times** The church will open between 9am and 6pm each day.
- Harvest Festival and Harvest Supper** Our Harvest Festival service is on Sunday 6 October at 6pm, followed by a Harvest Supper at 7pm. To book a place, contact Katie Gay, Churchwarden (01373 836175).

The church of St George in Whatley is a Grade 1 listed building, dating from the 14th century.

In the South Chapel is an effigy of Sir Oliver de Cervington who died around 1348. Cut out of a single piece of stone, the effigy is a remarkable piece of mediaeval sculpture, not only providing a lasting representation of a notable Whatley personage, but also recording accurately the military fashions of the time.



Whatley church's new altar frontal will be on display. It is being designed and made by the Mells Stitches, a group of creative sewers from the 5 churches.



## Harvest services and suppers

	Harvest Festival Service	Harvest Supper you'll need to book	Contact
<b>Buckland Dinham</b>	Sunday 22 Sept, 6pm at St Michael's church	Sunday 22 Sept, 7pm at Buckland Dinham Village Hall	Suzanne Westlake, Church warden. 07817 059651
<b>Chantry</b>	Sunday 15 Sept, 6pm at Church of the Holy Trinity	Sunday 15 Sept, after the service, at Birdshadows	Hazel Tovey, Churchwarden 01373 836384
<b>Great Elm</b>	Sunday 22 Sept, 9.30am at Church of St Mary Magdalene	Saturday 5 Oct, 7pm at Great Elm village hall	Judy Duffus, Churchwarden 01373 813215
<b>Mells</b>	Sunday 22 Sept, 9.30am at St Andrew's church	Friday 27 Sept, 6.30pm at Mells Tithe Barn	Tickets from Mells Village Shop
	Thursday 3 Oct 2.30pm, Mells School Harvest Service at St Andrew's church		
<b>Whatley</b>	Sunday 6 Oct, 6pm at Church of St George	Sunday 6 October 7pm Church of St George	Katie Gay Churchwarden 01373 836175

## BARN DANCE ♡ FRIDAY 27 SEPT 6.30PM, MELLS TITHE BARN 🐾

Ploughman's supper with local produce, music and barn dance led by ceilidh dance band, the Somerset Levellers. Tickets from Mells Village Shop (Adults £15; Students £10; under 12s £5).



[www.somersetlevellers.co.uk](http://www.somersetlevellers.co.uk)

## FCN THE FARMING COMMUNITY NETWORK

A donation from the proceeds of the Great Harvest Trail will be made to the Farming Community Network (FCN) which is a voluntary organisation and charity that supports farmers and families within the farming community through difficult times.

Farming can also be a very isolating and lonely occupation, with farmers often spending long hours out in the field with little or no social interaction. On top of their responsibilities on the farm, they may also have to deal with issues in their personal life, such as relationship breakdowns, physical health problems and bereavement.

And as Britain prepares to leave the European Union, many farmers face great uncertainty about the future of their farm business.

All of this means that farmers and farming families across the UK are highly susceptible to poor mental wellbeing, including stress, anxiety and depression – and sadly, approximately one farmer a week dies by suicide in the UK.

### Our Mission

To be the first port of call for pastoral and practical support of all those in need in the farming community, with a particular focus on farmers and farming families.



### What does FCN do?

We have a network of over 400 volunteers across England and Wales, many of whom are involved in farming, or have close links with agriculture, and therefore have a great understanding of the issues that farming families regularly face. They provide free, confidential, pastoral and practical support to anyone who seeks help, regardless of whether the issue is personal or business-related.

And we run a confidential national helpline and e-helpline.

Our volunteers will 'walk with' anyone who seeks support and help them find a positive way through their problems – for as long as it is needed.

We have helped thousands of people deal with a variety of issues, including financial difficulties, animal disease, mental health and family disputes.

*For information, go to [fcn.org.uk](http://fcn.org.uk) or phone on 01788 510866 between 9am to 5pm on weekdays, or email us at [help@fcn.org.uk](mailto:help@fcn.org.uk).*

# WORD SEARCH

Can you find the villages and activities which we've hidden in the grid?

## EASY

Can you find these words?

- HARVEST
- MOUSE
- FLOWER
- FARMER
- TORCH

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## HARDER

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| SUPPER   | MUSIC      | BEES      | VOBSTER        |
| MOUSE    | POTTER     | WHATLEY   | GREATM         |
| FLOWERS  | WILLOW     | SOMERSET  | CHANNY         |
| BULBS    | TORCH      | CATHEDRAL | BUCKLANDDINHAM |


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# THE GREAT HARVEST TRAIL 2019



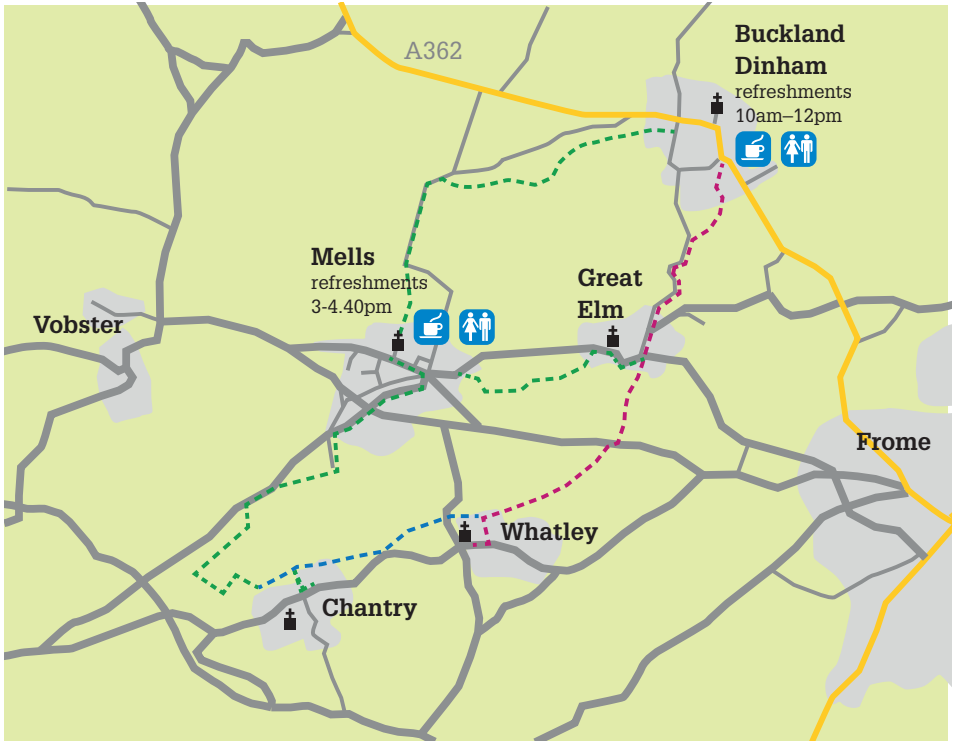
## The Harvest Torch tours Somerset

The Great Harvest Trail will see the Harvest Torch touring Somerset with Somerset Young Farmers Clubs, travelling to different events throughout the county and ending with a service of harvest celebration at Wells Cathedral.

- Sun 1 September** Wick St Lawrence: North Somerset ploughing match\*
- Sat 21 September** Taunton: Somerset Young Farmers 85th anniversary dinner and dance\*
- Sun 22 September**  The Mells group of churches: The 5 Villages Flower Festival
- Wed 25 September** Yoxter: Mendip ploughing match\*
- Fri 27 September** Mells Tithe Barn: Harvest Festival Barn Dance
- Wed 2 October** Bath and West showground: The Dairy Show 2019\*
- Thur 3 October** Mells First School Harvest Festival Service (2.30pm)
- Thur 3 October** Standerwick: 7pm Harvest Festival service at The Standerwick Centre, Frome Market
- Sat 5 October** South Petherton: Ploughing match\*
- Sun 6 October** Thanksgiving service at Wells Cathedral.

\* please go to [www.somersetyfc.org.uk](http://www.somersetyfc.org.uk) for more details, and to check the final programme, which may change.





## Getting around

This map is to help plan drives, walks or bike rides between the churches, but please don't rely on it.

## For walkers

For footpaths, we recommend you look at the Ordnance Survey Explorer map 142, which you can also download to a smartphone.

— — — The route between Buckland Dinham, Great Elm and Whatley is part of the Macmillan Way, and marked on OS maps. It takes around 35 minutes from Buckland Dinham to Great Elm, and around 40 minutes from Great Elm to Whatley.

Note that between Great Elm and Buckland Dinham, part of the route is on the road.

— — — The route between Whatley and Chantry is marked on OS maps as the East Mendip Way. It takes around 25 minutes.

— — — Other routes are shown in green.

The walk between Chantry and Mells takes you around the quarry, and you get a spectacular view of the works. It will take around 50-60 minutes. It follows the road for a short time.

The walk between Mells and Great Elm is a popular walk that follows the Mells river past the disused iron works. It takes around 30 minutes.