

# POSTLEBURY NEWSLETTER

**August 2024**

Six mornings a week I walk to my cousin's farm to help with all the daily jobs essential in running a dairy farm. Most weeks on that walk I will find some litter, all thrown out of cars, I pick it up and dispose of it in the correct bin at the farm or my own. It grieves me that those who drop the litter have no respect for our beautiful countryside.

I was reminded of the wonders of God's creation by two of the hymns chosen for the memorial service for Gwen Bentley held in Stoke Church on 17th July 'For the beauty of the earth' and 'All things bright and beautiful'. The first, a Eucharist hymn was written in 1863 by Folliott S Pierpoint, at the age of 29 he sat on a hilltop outside his native city of Bath, admiring the country view and the winding Avon River he was inspired by the view to think about God's gifts in creation and in the church. The second was written in 1848 by Cecil Frances Alexander that elaborates on the clause within the Apostles Creed that describes God as 'maker of heaven and earth'. Gwen loved the countryside, her garden and all the birds that came to the many feeders she kept well stocked.

Genesis 2 : 15 tells us that we are stewards of God's creation and should take care of it.

Would that when I next walk to the farm I see no litter.

***Jane Evans, Churchwarden - Stoke St Michael***

**Church Services in the Benefices of Stoke St. Michael, Leigh on Mendip and Downhead and in the Parish of Postlebury**

**2nd August (Friday)**

**1000 Nunney** Holy Communion BCP (CF)

**3rd August (Saturday)**

**1500 Stoke St Michael** Wedding - Christopher Cooper & Eleanor Phillips (CN)

**Sunday 4th August - 10th Sunday after Trinity**

**0930 Wanstrow** Holy Communion and consultation on the benefice (CF/SD)

**1100 Leigh on Mendip** Family Communion and consultation on the benefice (CF/SD)

**1800 Stoke St Michael** Evensong (JE)

**8th August (Thursday)**

**1800 Wanstrow** Compline & Meditation (SD)

**9th August (Friday)**

**1000 Nunney** Holy Communion BCP (DG)

**Sunday 11th August - 11th Sunday after Trinity**

**0930 Stoke St Michael** Holy Communion and consultation on the benefice (CF/SD)

**1100 Witham** Holy Communion and consultation on the benefice (CF/SD)

**16th August (Friday)**

**1000 Nunney** Holy Communion (SK)

**17th August (Saturday)**

**1330 Cloford** Wedding - Luke Tree & Kat Riley (DG)

**Sunday 18th August - 12th Sunday after Trinity**

**0930 Marston** Holy Communion (CF/SD)

**1100 Stoke St Michael** Family Communion (CF/SD)

**1800 Downhead** Evensong (GW)

**23rd August (Friday)**

**1000 Nunney**

Holy Communion BCP (DG)

**Sunday 25th August - 13th Sunday after Trinity**

**0930 Nunney**

Pet Service (HP/CP)

**0930 Leigh on Mendip**

Holy Communion BCP (GW)

**1100 Cloford**

Holy Communion (CF/SD)

**30th August (Friday) - no service**

**From the Registers: July 2024**

**Baptisms:**

**28th July, Marston - Somerset Symes**

**Weddings:**

**6th July, Witham - David Marshall & Teresa Dennett**

**27th July, Cloford - Steffan Griffiths & Hermione Cheal**

**Funerals:**

**4th July, Marston - Mary Coke**

**11th July, Wanstrow - Molly Nicholls**

**12th July, Nunney & Mendip Crematorium - Margaret Hodder**

**15th July, Mendip Crematorium - Gwendoline Bentley (memorial service and burial of ashes 17th July - Stoke St Michael)**

**22nd July, Nunney & Mendip Crematorium - Owen Hillier**

**23rd July, Mendip Crematorium - Anthony Steele**

***Celebrant key:***

***CF - Bishop Christopher Foster***

***CN - Revd. Christopher North***

***CP - Caroline Pomeroy***

***DG - Revd. David Gatcliffe***

***GW - Revd. Graham Witts***

***JE - Jane Evans***

***SD - Revd. Sally Davenport***

***SK - Revd. Stephen Kivett***

***HP - Henry Pomeroy***

### **Events for your diary:**

**Coffee and Chat at Stoke Church-** takes place every Friday morning 1000 to 1200. All welcome to join us for a coffee, cake and a chat- come on your own, bring a friend, meet and catch up with old friends and make some new ones! More details available from Justine North- 01749 840412 / [justine.north123@gmail.com](mailto:justine.north123@gmail.com) or from the church website <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10959>

**Wanstrow Church Chat cafe** takes place on the second Tuesday of each month from 1000-1200. Hot drinks, teacakes and chat. All welcome.

**Every Sunday afternoon from 21st July to end August -** 1430-1630 Marston: Cakes, teas and Live Music in the beautiful surroundings of Marston Church. Parking next to church.

**Praying for our Vacancy-** please join us as we get together as a group of churches to pray for our Vacancy process- praying for Fr Anthony as he and Christine start their new life; for us as we continue doing God's work in our communities, and as we seek our new vicar. Every 4th Sunday of the month at 1800, at different churches around the group. All members of the congregations are welcome and encouraged to attend. **NB - there is no meeting in August. The next meeting is on 22nd September in Nunney.**

**There will be an Alpha Course (introduction to the Christian Faith)** taking place in Frome this autumn starting on Wednesday 11th September at 1915 in Holy Trinity, Frome. Each Wednesday evening there will be a meal, video presentation and discussion groups - as ever it's totally free. More information is attached. Please do invite friends and neighbours to come and find out more about it. If you are able to help with setting up each week or putting away or leading a discussion group, please contact Revd. Ian Snares, [vicar@holytrinityfrome.com](mailto:vicar@holytrinityfrome.com). There will be a planning session for volunteers on Wednesday 4th September in Holy Trinity at 1915.

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