

# POSTLEBURY NEWSLETTER

## February 2024

### From the Rectory:

In the Church's calendar, this month usually opens with the feast of Candlemas on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February. However, Easter falls very early this Year on the 31<sup>st</sup> March, so we celebrated Candlemas earlier on the Sunday before- 28<sup>th</sup> January.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday which this year falls awkwardly on the 14<sup>th</sup> February, in acknowledgement of which the service will be at 11.00am at Wanstraw, leaving the evening free for those for whom St. Valentine's Day is a special occasion! During Lent the Home groups will be continuing with the evening Bible course, but there will also be a daytime Lent course starting on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 11.30am at Dallimore Mead, when, on this occasion, we will finish at 12.30pm for a Lent lunch. We shall be studying Tom Wright's book, 'Lent and Easter for Everyone'. (It won't be necessary to buy this book, but if you'd like a copy, I have a small discount with Eden books!). If anyone would like to host a subsequent Lent lunch, either at home or Dallimore Mead, please let me know.

After Easter, there follows our series of Annual Parochial Church meetings; details will follow, but Postlebury is on the 9<sup>th</sup> April, Leigh on Mendip on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April, and Stoke St. Michael on the 30<sup>th</sup> April.

Having written to Bishop Michael and the Church Commissioners, I take this opportunity to announce officially what many of you have known for some time, that I will be retiring from fulltime stipendiary ministry and leaving these parishes in June of this year to move to Herefordshire.

After a tricky start, and with the support of Christine, I have enjoyed much of the last twelve and a half years of ministry here. But looking after eight churches is a heavy burden- one which I couldn't have managed at all without good churchwardens and PCC members, and the provision of an increasingly essential administrator. Nevertheless, general tiredness and the emergence of one or two minor medical issues provide a periodic reminder that I'm less and less 'fighting fit,' (the ex-military will know what I mean!), and this year would be a good year for both Christine and I to retire. There will be an opportunity to say a formal goodbye at a last Combined Benefice service, which is provisionally planned for 26<sup>th</sup> May -Trinity Sunday. Until then, there is still much to look forward to!

With all good wishes and every blessing,

**Fr. Anthony**

# February 2024

Services in the United Parish of Postlebury  
churches and the East Mendip Churches

## Sunday 4th February - Candlemas/2nd Sunday before Lent

0930 Wanstrow	Holy Communion
1100 Leigh on Mendip	Family Communion
1500 Stoke St Michael	Christingle

## 8th February (Thursday)

1800 Wanstrow	Compline & Meditation
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## 9th February (Friday)

1000 Nunney	Holy Communion BCP
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## Sunday 11th February - Sunday next before Lent

0930 Stoke St Michael	Holy Communion
1100 Witham	Holy Communion
1800 Stoke St Michael	Soul Food ( <i>Chris North</i> )

## 14th February (Wednesday) - Ash Wednesday

1100 Wanstrow	Holy Communion
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## 16th February (Friday)

1000 Nunney	Holy Communion BCP
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## Sunday 18th February - 1st Sunday of Lent

0930 Marston	Holy Communion
1100 Stoke St Michael	Family Communion
1800 Downhead	Evensong

**23rd February (Friday)**

**1000 Nunney**

Holy Communion BCP

**Sunday 25th February - 3rd Sunday of Lent**

**0930 Nunney**

Morning Worship (*Sally Foster*)

**0930 Leigh on Mendip**

Holy Communion

**1100 Cloford**

Holy Communion

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*Services conducted by Revd Anthony Dickson unless otherwise stated*

**From the Registers - January 2024**

N/A

**Events for your diary:**

The memorial service for **Mary Grief** takes place at Nunney on **Thursday 8th February at 1300**, followed by light refreshments at The George. The family would be pleased to welcome as many of Mary's friends as can join them. If you hope to attend and have not already been contacted in some way, please phone Ali Taylor on 07462 173 249 or email her at [alison.b.taylor@btinternet.com](mailto:alison.b.taylor@btinternet.com) so further details can be forwarded to you in due course.

**Meeting of Postlebury PCC:** 20th February, 1930 at Wanstrow Village Hall.

**Warm space** is taking place on the first and third Tuesday of each month, in Nunney Village Hall Community Room, with homemade soup, cakes and coffee and tea. All welcome between 1215 and 1400.

**Wanstrow Church Chat cafe** takes place on the second Tuesday of each month (next occasion is 13th February) from 1000-1200. Hot drinks, teacakes and chat. All welcome.

**Little Saplings** Carers and Tots group, run by the Parish of Postlebury, takes place during term time Wednesdays at 0930 in Nunney Village Hall. All welcome. Voluntary donation of £3 per family. Free refreshments are provided.

**Life Groups** meet fortnightly on Mondays in Nunney, Trudoxhill and Stoke (with an online option). Anyone is welcome to come along and you don't have to commit to the whole term. The courses we'll be using (The Bible Course, and Romans) are both high quality, clear and thought-provoking, suitable for anyone who is interested in exploring or deepening their faith. For more information contact [nunneychurchwardens@gmail.com](mailto:nunneychurchwardens@gmail.com) or [justine.north@btinternet.com](mailto:justine.north@btinternet.com).

**Llangasty (Brecon Beacons) Conversational Retreat:** 24th-26th April 2024. £190 per person. Individual rooms. Shared transport available. For further information or to book please contact Revd. Martin Weymont at: [weymontmartin@gmail.com](mailto:weymontmartin@gmail.com)

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