

POSTLEBURY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2026

From the Rectory:

Lent is upon us. Traditionally a season which Christians have used to deepen their relationship with God, through inner self-examination, in preparation for Holy Week and Easter.

In Matthew chapter four, we read:

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights.

Lent has its origins in this time of personal reflection which Jesus spent in the desert. He ate no food during that remarkable retreat, spending extended periods in prayer and reflection.

The devil tempted Jesus to give in to his hunger pangs, put his heavenly father to the test by throwing himself off the highest point of the temple, and worshipping the devil instead. Jesus fought back with scripture, the devil fled, and Jesus emerged out of the desert triumphant. He was ready to begin his journey which would lead from Nazareth to Jerusalem, as he fulfilled his mission on earth, to become the one perfect sacrifice, for the sins of the whole world.

I wonder, do you have any specific plans for how you might mark Lent this year? In writing these words, I am conscious that I don't yet myself!

Perhaps I will make a deliberate effort to find some quiet places to commune with our heavenly father, being sure to turn off my mobile for a while, open my bible, and listen to the wonderful sounds of nature which we enjoy in our parish.

May God bless you this Lent!

Keith

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

Sunday 1st March - Second Sunday of Lent

0930 Wanstrow Holy Communion
1100 Leigh on Mendip Holy Communion
1800 Stoke St Michael Evensong [Sung]
(Jane Evans)

6th March (Friday)

1000 Nunney Holy Communion BCP (Revd. Stephen Kivett)

Sunday 8th March - Third Sunday of Lent

0930 Nunney Holy Communion and Baptism of Mike Burdock
1100 Witham Family Communion (Revd. Graham Witts)

Sunday 15th March - Fourth Sunday of Lent/Mothering Sunday

0930 Marston Holy Communion
1100 Stoke St Michael Holy Communion with Stokers
1800 Downhead Evensong

20th March (Friday)

1000 Nunney Holy Communion BCP (Revd. David Gatcliffe)

Sunday 22nd March - Fifth Sunday of Lent

0930 Stoke St Michael Holy Communion
1100 Cloford Matins
(Jonathan Cheale)

Sunday 29th March - Palm Sunday

1000 Nunney Combined Benefice Service

All services taken by Reverend Keith Johnson unless stated otherwise

From the Registers:

January 2026

Funerals:

27th January, Stoke St Michael: Memorial Service to Hazel Tucker
29th January, Wanstrow: Memorial Service to Marion Reeves

February 2026

27th February, Cloford: Eileen George

Events for your diary:

Lent Study Groups are taking place over a number of weeks in Lent, in Nunney Rectory on Wednesday afternoons (contact keiththevicar@gmail.com) or in the Life Group which meets in various houses, on Thursday evenings (contact nunneychurchwardens@gmail.com). Both groups will be studying the Beatitudes.

Little Saplings Stay and Play for all carers, babies and pre-school children. Term time Wednesdays 0930-1100 in Nunney Village Hall.

Tuesday 10th March - 1400-1600, Wanstrow Church Afternoon Chat Cafe. All welcome.

Sunday 15th March, 1830 Holy Trinity, Frome: On behalf of Frome Deanery, Holy Trinity Church is hosting Riding Light's new passion play, "Night Falls". This will be a powerful evening of drama – highly recommended. See attached poster for more information.

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