

POSTLEBURY NEWSLETTER

October 2024

Turning Points

With the Summer holidays now a thing of the past and the coming of Autumn we are on the cusp of a yearly Turning Point. Soon the days will grow noticeably shorter and the temperatures noticeably cooler. Lifestyle adjustments will have to be made!

Within the Gospels there appear some very definite turning-points in the life and ministry of Jesus and his followers. One of these takes place after Jesus and his disciples have left Galilee in general and Capernaum (their base of operation) in particular, and have entered the region of Caesarea Philippi. This particular turning-point is brought about by a couple of questions asked by Jesus:

“Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” And then he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter pipes up! He very likely puts into words what the others were thinking, but dare not say aloud! Peter takes up the role as spokesman (A role he often found himself in!) and answered him, “You are the Messiah”. (*Mark 8:27-30*)

It was following Peter’s moment of revelation that Jesus began to all the more earnestly teach his disciples what his Messiahship was all about.

We all experience turning-points. These significant and life changing events tend to come without invitation or warning. They seem to come quickly and unexpectedly. They are all but impossible to anticipate or prepare for in advance. They frequently catch us unawares! And when they do come, they colour, change and alter absolutely everything.

I wouldn’t want to claim that God creates or engineers every single turning-point in our lives. Most of us would agree that not everything that comes our way is heaven sent! Accident, injury, or illness are not generally thought of as being God

sent. Are they? However, accident, injury, illness and a whole host of other seemingly unavoidable things affect us and those who are close to us deeply. These things alter our perceptions about our selves and others, they influence our attitudes and they change the way we live. Even though numerous turning-points may not be God sent, they never-the-less provide opportunities for the Holy Spirit to work afresh in our lives. That is provided we allow the Spirit to do so.

God grant me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot change,
The courage to change the things I can,
And the wisdom to know the difference
Reinhold Niebuhr

Revd. Stephen Kivett

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

4th October (Friday)

1000 Nunney Holy Communion BCP (SK)

Sunday 6th October - 19th Sunday after Trinity

0930 Wanstrow Holy Communion (SD)

1100 Leigh on Mendip Family Communion (GW)

1600 Stoke St Michael Harvest Service (Lay led)

Thursday 10th October

1800 Wanstrow Compline & Meditation (SD)

11th October (Friday)

1000 Nunney Holy Communion BCP (DG)

Sunday 13th October - 20th Sunday after Trinity

0930 Stoke St Michael Holy Communion (CN)

1100 Witham Harvest Festival (Lay led)

21st October (Monday)

1800 Downhead Harvest Festival (GW)

25th October (Friday)

1000 Nunney Holy Communion BCP (DG)

Sunday 27th October - Last Sunday after Trinity

1030 Nunney Morning Worship (CP/HP)

0930 Leigh on Mendip Holy Communion BCP (CN)

1800 Wanstrow Harvest Thanksgiving (SK)

21st October (Monday)

1800 Downhead Harvest Festival (GW)

25th October (Friday)

1000 Nunney Holy Communion BCP (DG)

Sunday 27th October - Last Sunday after Trinity

1030 Nunney Morning Worship (CP/HP)

0930 Leigh on Mendip Holy Communion BCP (CN)

1100 Cloford Holy Communion (CF/SD)

From the Registers - September 2024

Marriages:

7th September, Leigh on Mendip: Theodore Williams & India Hiscox

Celebrant key:

CF - Bishop Christopher Foster

CN - Revd. Christopher North

DG - Revd. David Gatliffe

GW - Revd. Graham Witts

SD - Revd. Sally Davenport

SK - Revd. Stephen Kivett

HP - Henry Pomeroy

Dates for your diary:

DISCERNMENT DAY: On Sunday 13th October at 1500 in Wanstrow Village Hall, there will be an open meeting organised by the Benefice of Postlebury and East Mendip to present the results of our consultation with congregations and the communities which the benefice covers, about the future direction of our group of eight churches and to discuss them. This forms the core of the information we will be presenting to potential candidates for the post of vicar. Please do put it in your diaries and invite your neighbours. Tea and cake provided.

Sunday 27th October - 1230, Cloford: Harvest Lunch in the barn, £25pp. This is a convivial sit down lunch with great wine, and music by the brilliant Andrew Bramston. All proceeds to the parish. For more information or to book please contact Richard Mawer: richardjmawer@btinternet.com

Alpha Course (introduction to the Christian Faith) takes place in Frome this autumn at Holy Trinity, Frome. For more information, contact nunneychurchwardens@gmail.com

Nunney Life Group restarted on Thursday 12th September. Life Groups are informal evenings of chat, encouragement, learning & prayer - plus coffee & cake! We meet in houses around the village (contact Caroline & Henry Pomeroy hcphpomeroy@gmail.com for this week's location). This term we'll be continuing to look at the life of the early church as recorded in the book of Acts, and see what we can learn for our own lives. Why not join us? Stoke St Michael group will be resuming in October.

Little Saplings Stay and Play for all carers with under school age children every Wednesday morning 0930-1100 in Nunney Village Hall. If you can help on a rota for setting up/clearing away or welcoming the attendees please contact Felicity Evans at:allsaintslittlesaplings@gmail.com.

Coffee and Chat at Stoke St Michael Church- takes place every Friday morning 1000 to 1200.

Wanstrow Chat Cafe takes place on Tuesday 8th October between 1000-1200.

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