

## POSTLEBURY NEWSLETTER

### SEPTEMBER 2024

Take a break! In my letter for the diocesan mailing in August I invited us to take the opportunity of the summer's change of routines to regain and refresh our perspective on the beauty and privilege of being a follower of Jesus. Perhaps you read it when Claire, our administrator, circulated it.

We are urged to 'Take a Break' by signs on the motorway as we drive. But there's another warning on those signs, 'Tiredness can Kill.' Weariness can be a threat and risk harm or injury.

A few months into a vacancy, and with an appointment of our new parish priest likely to be well into next year, we might become weary of the roles and ministry which falls to those who hold positions of leadership and responsibility in our parish and its church communities. We might too be frustrated that the process of discerning the right person, God's person, to be our next parish priest takes longer than we'd like. Our churchwardens, lay minister and pastoral assistants, and other officers value our prayers and support, and we are very grateful to them for all they offer us and our village communities during this time of waiting.

I'm pleased that we have the time and opportunity to listen and consult widely, in our wider village communities as well as among the worshipping congregations, to understand what they – not just we – need in our next priest. We have made space in five Sunday services to open conversations and our churchwardens are gathering thoughts and suggestions in many dialogues with village residents, along with the opportunity we all have to send in by email our suggestions as we look forward to our service and witness in the coming years.

Far from being tired or weary, perhaps you like me are refreshed by the sense of discovering where together we will head as church communities in the next years, with the spiritual, pastoral and missional leadership of our next priest. I've been struck both by the individuality and the special calling of each of our various church communities in the villages – something to treasure and to hold as we respond to the needs of our neighbours and friends – and also by the wonderful sense of wanting to do as a parish and grouping what serves our shared calling.

God calls us to follow our risen Lord Jesus into new life. What's new is never tedious or tiresome. We seek together and in our distinctive churches to be ready to welcome a new priest and a new chapter, refreshed and renewed in Jesus Christ.

***Bishop Chris Foster***

# September 2024

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

## Sunday 1st September - 14th Sunday after Trinity

0930	Wanstrow	Holy Communion (CN)
1100	Leigh on Mendip	Family Communion (CN)
1800	Stoke St Michael	Evensong (JE)

## 6th September (Friday)

1000	Nunney	Holy Communion BCP (SK)
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## 7th September (Saturday)

1300	Leigh on Mendip	Wedding - Theodore Williams & India Hiscox (GW)
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## Sunday 8th September - 15th Sunday after Trinity

0930	Stoke St Michael	Holy Communion (GW)
1100	Witham	Holy Communion (GW)
1800	Nunney	Soul Food (HP/CP)

## 12th September (Thursday)

1800	Wanstrow	Compline & Meditation (SD)
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## 13th September (Friday)

1000	Nunney	Holy Communion BCP (DG)
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## Sunday 15th September - 16th Sunday after Trinity

0930	Marston	Holy Communion (DG)
1100	Stoke St Michael	Family Communion (DG)
1800	Downhead	Evensong (GW)

## 20th September (Friday)

1000	Nunney	Holy Communion BCP (SK)
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## Sunday 22nd September - 17th Sunday after Trinity

0930	Nunney	Harvest Communion Service (CF/SD)
1100	Cloford	Matins (JC)
1500	Leigh on Mendip	Harvest Service (GW)

## 27th September (Friday)

NO SERVICE

**Sunday 29th September - 18th Sunday after Trinity/St Michael & All Angels**

**1000 Stoke St Michael Combined Benefice Service (CN)**

***From the Registers - August 2024:***

**Weddings:**

**17th August, Cloford:** Katherine Riley & Luke Tree

***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:**

**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 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.

**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. **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 and all are welcome.

**Somerset Art Weeks: 21<sup>st</sup> September to 6<sup>th</sup> October** - including Wed-Sun Primitive Methodist Chapel, Wanstrow – Christine Richards and Lutz Krainhofner. [www.somersetartworks.org.uk](http://www.somersetartworks.org.uk)

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