

POSTLEBURY NEWSLETTER

January 2025

With the rush and stress of Christmas now in the past, the quiet days between Christmas and New Year offer a brief respite before the year runs away with us...and suddenly it is June!

In recent years, I have experimented with the idea of annual planning, of taking some time to sit down and reflect on what is really important to me. Yes, life is full of busyness, but to articulate (assisted by the relentlessly upbeat Shaun from Sacramento on Zoom) what I want to achieve, what is central to my well-being and equally important, what am I going to lay aside.

Perhaps as important as looking ahead, is the chance to look back over the year that has been - to notice how far things have moved or maybe not; to recognise what I feel disappointed about and what surprised me.

As a benefice, you have all encountered a big change as Anthony retired. I have been privileged in my role as Area Dean to attend some of your meetings and I have been encouraged and impressed by the way that life has carried on. There is a growing vision and commitment to work together which tends the needs of the present whilst setting the scene for what is to come. This has been a good time to reflect and reshape

Journeying forwards in faith is somewhat different to planning, not least because we are bound up in God's timings and intentions rather than our own. But prayerfully and hopefully, there is a priest out there whose heart is being stirred to look for a new place to be. Let's look forward to meeting them in 2025.

All blessings

Revd Liz Dudley

JANUARY 2025

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

Sunday 5th January - 2nd Sunday of Christmas

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

9th January (Thursday)

1800 Wanstrow Compline & Meditation (SD)

10th January (Friday)

1000 Nunney Holy Communion BCP (DG)

Sunday 12th January - 1st Sunday of Epiphany

0930 Stoke St Michael Holy Communion (CN)
1100 Witham Holy Communion and Baptism of Charlotte
Helen Stevens (SD)

17th January (Friday)

1000 Nunney Holy Communion BCP (SK)

Sunday 19th January - 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

0930 Marston Holy Communion (CF & SD)
1100 Stoke St Michael Family Communion (CF & SD)
1600 Downhead Evensong (GW)

24th January (Friday)

1000 Nunney Holy Communion BCP (DG)

Sunday 26th January - 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

0930 Nunney Holy Communion (SK)
1100 Cloford Matins (JC)

31st January (Friday)

1000 Nunney Holy Communion BCP (DG)

From the Registers - December 2024

Wedding:

5th December, Nunney: Louis Johnson & Natasha
Priest

Funeral:

16th December, Wanstrow Terry Nicholls

18th December, Nunney and Mendip Crematorium:
Elizabeth Legge

Celebrant key:

CF - Bishop Christopher Foster

CN - Revd. Christopher North

DG - Revd. David Gatcliffe

GW - Revd. Graham Witts

JE - Jane Evans

JC - Jonathan Cheal

SD - Revd. Sally Davenport

SK - Revd. Stephen Kivett

Dates for your diary:

Monday 6th January 1800 Nunney Village Hall A benefice-wide discussion about the issues around LLF (Living in Love and Faith) or same sex relationships and the Church and our response to the proposals. The discussion will be led by Bishop Chris Foster. For more information, please contact Jennifer Brook (jenniferbrook250@gmail.com)

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

Wanstrow chat cafe 14th January 1000-1200 in Wanstrow Church.

Nunney Warm Space -Thursday 9th January 1215-1400. Come and enjoy a bowl of soup and chat with neighbours in Nunney Village Hall. No charge but donations welcome.

The Post of the Vicar of Postlebury, Stoke St Michael and Leigh on Mendip with Downhead will be advertised in early January in the Church Times and on the Diocese of Bath and Wells website. If anybody would like an electronic copy of the details to pass on to their contacts, please email Jennifer Brook on jenniferbrook250@gmail.com.

The Bereavement Journey is a six session course exploring aspects of grief and loss, through films and guided discussion. It takes place on Fridays from 1230-1500 in St Mary's Hall, Frome starting on 10th January and is open to all. Soup is provided. For more information, contact admin@christchurch-stmarys-frome.co.uk

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