

The Athelney Magazine

A large, flowering white tree, possibly a cherry or plum, dominates the upper half of the image. Its branches are covered in dense white blossoms. In the foreground, a cemetery is visible with several gravestones. One prominent black headstone is inscribed with the names 'William John (Jack) Gibbons' and 'Kathleen Connelley'. To the right, a brick wall is partially visible, and a small tree with red berries stands near it. The ground is covered with grass and fallen leaves, and some yellow flowers are scattered around the graves.

Covering the church parishes
of Burrowbridge, Lyng, North
Curry and Stoke St Gregory

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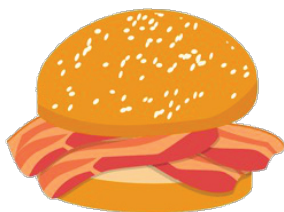
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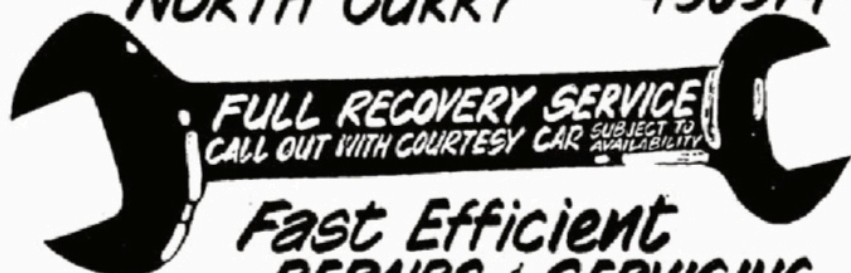
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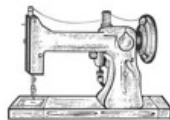
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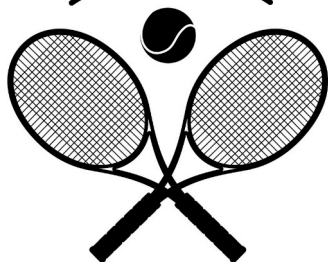
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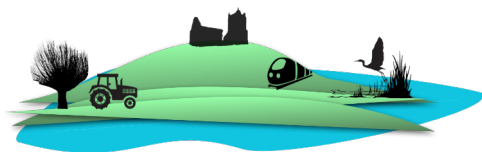


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The Athelney Benefice



The 167 hour disciple

by Revd Dr Simon Bale, vicar of the Athelney Benefice

A week is a long time in politics, apparently, but it flies by in the church. Politics is immediate. Christianity lasts forever and that is an awfully long time.

There are 168 hours in a week. I want to share with you some thoughts I have about the other 167 hours when Christians aren't in church. To clarify, I am speaking here not of the clergy who, if they're like me, spend at least three hours on a Sunday in a place of worship—sometimes more. Then, through the week, another half hour in the morning and various spurts of hours here and there according to funerals, weddings and baptisms. So, count me out of this calculation. (Anyway, as you'll be aware, clergy take the rest of the week off.)

Also, probably most churchwardens might be in and out of the buildings a number of times each week. So, I'm speaking of the laity in general, who come to church for an hour on a Sunday and do so for all their own personal reasons, but most of which are focused around a desire to worship, pray, praise and generally gather in fellowship with others who are likeminded and with whom they enjoy sharing their faith.

One hour. Pretty much. If you stay for a coffee, maybe 90 minutes. It also depends on how quickly the minister goes through the service. My Eucharist is about an hour. A close colleague in the Benefice is a tad speedier than me...

One hour. Is that all it's about? One hour? Does that do the job? Is that what being Christian is all about? One hour sitting on a hard wooden pew, standing to sing hymns and a bit more... one hour?

Of course not. You know where this is leading by now, surely?

Being a Christian isn't simply a Sunday experience, a one hour "drop-in" to get a bit of spirituality in the tank and then be off home for a roast and a sherry or whatever you fancy. Being a Christian is so much more than the sitting and standing and tea and biscuit experience on a Sunday morning (Evensong is also available). Being a Christian is not about a moment of worship in a beautiful and ancient building festooned with the memories of past lives.

Being a Christian involves all that of course. Living as a Christian is so enriching and our times of worship, when we give thanks and praise to God for all that is abundant in our lives, is a wonderful hour to experi-

ence. To join the liturgy: "It is right and good to give you thanks and praise..." Yes. To recognise and repent of what we might have done differently in the week gone and to receive the power and love of God's forgiveness through recalling his death for us. Yes. It all matters. To pray and sing—perhaps share in a psalm—and to listen to the word of God read out and then to listen to a sermon, hopefully(!) will make some sense about our faith. All good.

When I am part of a moment of worship, an act of thankfulness and of prayer, there are times when the world seems to stop and hold me tight in a kind of eternal and timeless paradox, where the Holy Spirit is present and when everything seems explainable. This moment of "Kairos", an eternal present, can be overwhelming but it is all part of the hour and it will be gone. The need to go shopping, to do the ironing and clean your teeth, to cook for the family or whatever of the many duties you may have that day and the rest of the week crowd in and the Kairos is gone.

That is when the 167 other hours begin and this is where the Kingdom of God can be truly discovered. The Gospels are abundant with explanations of the nature of the Kingdom. "The Kingdom of God is like..." we read time and again throughout the Gospels. But one verse reveals the deep truth. Luke 17:21: "in fact, the kingdom of God is among you." The Kingdom is described by Jesus as being "like..." a mustard seed, a crop of cereal, a loaf of leavening bread, treasure in a field, a fishing net, ... All those are what the Kingdom is "like" but Luke 17:21 describes where it can be found. "Among you".

This is what we take out into the world for 167 hours each week. We can remind ourselves that the kingdom grows like yeast, or a mustard seed, or is a beautiful and precious treasure, or is filled with the bounty of a good catch, but the Kingdom actually IS within us and we need as Christians, to live that out in the 167 other hours when we are not in church.

If the only time we think about our faith in God, who loves and forgives all the time, for all eternity, is when we are in the ancient buildings then we are missing the point. If the moment we leave the church and go back into the (currently) damp and gloomy world then what is the point?

Come to church (of course!) and be renewed, enriched and nourished. But go back out as we all must to be a follower of the way we have heard about. "I am the way and the truth and the life" (John 14:6) says Jesus.

The way is found through the church door and it stretches out before us, in truth, giving us life to live and to share that life with those we meet. Being a Christian is a 168 hour affair.

You are allowed to sleep, however. Honest.



From Bishop Michael

New life for all the world

By Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells



Sowing seeds, chitting potatoes, choosing varieties. Easter acts as starter's orders for the gardening year. Beds are cultivated, lawns mown, plans for all the growth and new life that spring and summer will bring made and then turned into action.

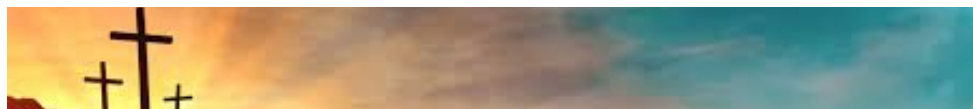
There's a much greater connection between gardening and Easter than it merely being the time to dust off forks and spades. For in the Bible, a garden is the setting for Easter itself. In John's Gospel (Jn 20:1-18) Mary Magdalene meets the risen Jesus in a garden. Indeed, Jesus's appearance to Mary is so unexpected that at first she can't believe it's really him. So she mistakes the man she meets 'supposing him to be the gardener' (John 20:15).

In John's account, all the new life contained in the first Easter chimes with a much earlier story set in a garden too. This is of the new life of another man and woman, the creation story of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden and contained in the book of Genesis (Genesis 2:4-3:24). In that story, Adam is the gardener (Gen 2:15), only for things to go wrong. In John, Jesus is portrayed as the new Adam – come to bring new life that has no end.

What would happen if we were to think of our churches as gardens, primed to welcome the spring that is the new life of Jesus this Easter? What would happen if we imagined ourselves called to be gardeners – like our father Adam and the new Adam, Jesus? What would we expect to grow? What might need pruning or weeding? What new plans for the coming season would we make and turn into action? What would be the harvest that we'd sow for, tend and then reap?

For I reckon we should see Easter as the starting point of all that God wants to do among us and with us. Jesus's resurrection opens us to being part of God's new creation. Easter offers us a fresh start for life, relationships and the life of our churches: new life for all the world.

Happy gardening and a very Happy Easter to you all.



Martin's Musings

Those who know me well know that physical activity is not one of my hobbies. I am a great believer in PEC - to the uninitiated - Personal Energy Conservation. It is my own personal contribution to in the fight against global warming and without undue modesty, I am rather good at it.

For me, a gentle stately totter from my front door to my car is the equivalent of a good work out, because if the Almighty had intended us to walk far, he would have never given us the motor car. So, it will come as a surprise to you to reveal what I have been doing throughout January.

In two words: Extreme Gardening!

For, you see, when I moved into Broughton House the extensive grounds only had two plants in them. A rather lovely mahonia and a lilac tree. So, I have spent the last few years filling in the gaps with a delightful assortment of trees, roses and shrubs. However, malicious nature being what it is, decided to fill in the gaps with weeds euphemistically known as wildflowers. Now, luckily, this has coincided with a now fashionable fad in gardening - much in evidence at the Chelsea Flower Show - going under the pseudonym of natural horticulture.

So, once again, I have got away with it! However, this does mean that - once a year - I must mount a campaign of slashing and green binning the results. Most weeds are fine to deal with, but the brambles are unspeakably horrid. This exhausting endeavour is essential, because if I followed my natural instincts of conserving my precious energy, all my lovely plants would disappear permanently from view.

Luckily, I do have two secret weapons which are essential to this noble endeavour. One is my faithful portable chair which can be carried around to the current scene of battle providing necessary rest periods from the conflict for it is indeed, a battle between myself and the weeds. The other is my strimmer which efficiently executes them.

The final stage of this epic endeavour is to deluge the beds in well-rotted manure which not only feeds the good plants but hides the decapitated weeds, causing the garden to appear unusually tidy.

This type of gardening may indeed be unusual, but it works for me. Just don't let on to Monty Don - he would probably be shocked!



Safe Families: An Update

By Lauren Jewhurst, Community Volunteer Manager, Safe Families UK

In a recent catch up over coffee with Revd Simon, we spoke about what Easter means to us. I shared about my experience of Easter 2020, when we had not long entered the national lockdown, and how experiencing Easter in those unprecedented circumstances gave me a greater understanding of the “in-between” time of Easter Saturday. We focus on the pain and suffering of Good Friday, and the

joy of Easter Sunday, but how often do we think about the Saturday? The time when Jesus’ disciples, followers, friends and family had witnessed the unthinkable pain of his death and buried his body in a tomb.

Like the long and lonely days of lockdown and isolation, they were no doubt anxious and fearful of an uncertain future, and they were yet to know the joy that was to come. But that joy would come – for those who discovered the empty tomb, for Mary who heard her name spoken by a familiar voice, for those who enjoyed breakfast with Jesus on the beach. And for those of us over 2000 years later who once again were able to embrace our loved ones, we too knew the joy that comes after a time of turmoil.

At Safe Families we work with families who are in the “in-between” time. For them isolation and loneliness are not confined to the days of lockdown, they are an ongoing challenge making it hard to get by day to day. They have been through difficulties and trauma, feeling anxious and fearful of the future, with no concept of what joys may lie ahead. A Mum fleeing domestic abuse in temporary accommodation with her children. A Dad feeling the pressure of providing for his family in a cost of living crisis. A child living in a chaotic home with no space or time for themselves. A Grandparent who finds themselves suddenly guardian of their young grandchild and is struggling to meet their needs.

These are just some examples of the families we support by giving them a friend to break the cycle of loneliness and help them to see the joys ahead. Our volunteers meet with families regularly to offer a listening ear, a chat over a cup of coffee, or a trip to the park. We help parents access local community groups and sometimes help with practical tasks such as decluttering or sorting paperwork. Our volunteers help families see that hope is coming and that they do not need to face dark days alone.



Safe Families

Like our volunteer K, who supported a single mum of 3 children for whom life was a challenge. Mum had difficulties reading and writing, so couldn't respond to important letters or fill in forms to get her the help she needs. Her children were struggling in school and so had been unable to access full time education for a number of years. This Mum was facing a lot of stigma, and shame and felt really isolated and alone. K met with her once a week to go through paperwork and to offer a listening ear for her to offload and share her struggles. K showed this Mum that she mattered, and gave her hope to face the future.

Find out more about Safe Families

We are seeing an increasing number of families referred to us in the Taunton and Bridgwater areas, who we know with a bit of support could get back on their feet. Could you join our family of trained volunteers to come alongside them and offer hope? Or would you consider joining us as a financial supporter or prayer partner? If you would like to know more you are welcome to join one of our online information sessions (visit <https://safefamilies.uk/infosessions/> to book a place) or ring Lauren on 07771453209 for an informal chat. If you have a heart for struggling families and would like to know how to support them, we would love to hear from you.



If you're at a loose end at 6.30am on Easter Day, why not join us for sunrise worship on the Mump? We can't promise a cloudless sky, but there will be prayer, wonder and reflection.

Burrowbridge

Coffee, Cakes and Conversation at Burrowbridge

Towards the end of 2022 we had a few “focused” conversations about how to increase our times of fellowship at St Michael’s. It’s always good to have such chats now and again, to check you’re doing what you can to spread the goodness of God’s work in the world. The “Kingdom of God” is so much more than just the Sunday morning worship, powerful and valuable though that is (read the Vicar’s “bit” above...).

We decided to organise a coffee morning of the first Saturday of the month and see what happened.

My goodness...

We kind of knew this, but it was good to have it confirmed: people like cakes and people like to natter and people like to drink tea and coffee. It’s quite simple really, but until you see it on front of you can be a bit unsure.

Now, almost eighteen months down the line since the first coffee and cake in Burrowbridge, we have a large and regular gathering of people who sit and chat. We eat the delicious, utterly scrummy cakes provided by Julie and Sue and others. The fellowship that this brings out is deep and straightforward. The more we share over a cuppa the more we build The Kingdom.

“The Kingdom of God is like...” is a common refrain in The Gospels, and in Burrowbridge it is like a chocolate cake or a lemon drizzle or a fruit packed with sultanas and cherries. It is found in a cup of tea or a glass of squash. It is discovered in the chat you have with passers-by on a cycle ride through the village. It is as simple as that. Thank you to all who join in!



Monthly Market at the Coronation Hall

The second Saturday of every month, 10.30am to 12.30pm.

West Yeo Road, TA7 0RH

A time to gather and chat and to buy locally sourced food, goods and other produce.

Tea, coffee and breakfast rolls also available

Lyng



Mothering Sunday

Our service for Mothering Sunday this year will be at 4pm in the afternoon, giving everyone plenty of time to go out for lunch, perhaps, or cook lunch for their mum at home, do the dishes and then still have time to come along to St Bartholomew's to give celebrate together.

The short service will be followed by tea and cakes, so the celebration can continue in fine form! All are welcome.



Cleaning Rota

12th & 19th March: Ruby Barrington & Di James
26th March: Angie Martin & Jennie

Flowers at Lyng

To be placed during Saturday 30th March



Rotas at Lyng Church

If anyone would like to join the Lyng rotas please contact Alison harveyfudge@icloud.com or 07470 838707.

The more the merrier!

Flowers are just two small brass vases on the altar and the small container on the war memorial.

Thank you to everyone who helps with all this already!



North Curry

North Curry Coffee Shop

We continue to be very busy serving our weekly lunch specials which range from homemade quiche to pork pie and salad for just £5. A range of homemade bakes are also on offer or maybe a cheese scone and chutney or a cream tea may take your fancy! Local arts, crafts, cards and jewellery stocks are refreshed every 6-8 weeks so keep an eye out for our new displays. Our opening hours are Tuesday-Sunday 10am-5pm. If you would like to join our friendly team of volunteers please leave a message for Alison Stone on 01823 491414 or coffeeshop@northcurry.com, the hours you work go towards a donation to your chosen charity. We look forward to welcoming you.



White Street News 200 Club

Congratulation to these winners: M Steer, Cricket Club member and M Leach

Big Bash 2024

Planning is underway! Please let us know what you think of the Big Bash (our main fund-raising event) and any suggestions you may have. Just drop a note to: whitestreet@northcurry.com

200 Club winners February

1st Lesley Dennis
2nd Kathleen Male
3rd Jane Atwood

200 CLUB

The 200 Club still has room for one more! Players must be 18yrs+ to join. Only £18 per year (£1.50/month). Prizes each month £30/ £20/ £10, plus a special Christmas bonus draw of £60. Proceeds for churchyard maintenance.

To sign up, contact Sue Bethune on 01823 490179. Cheque payments to North Curry PCC, Standing Order/ BACS payments to North Curry PCC, Account No: 00514650, Sort Code: 30-98-45



Wednesday 20th March: The Monmouth Rebellion by Richard Peters

Who would choose to do battle on the sodden Somerset Levels? What were they fighting about?

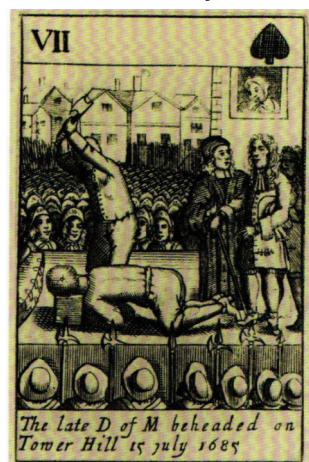
After a career in the military, steeped in battlecraft, Richard Peters became a Battlefield Guide. In this talk he probes the history of our own local military engagement, the last set-piece battle fought on English soil.

We meet in North Curry Village Hall, generally on the third Wednesday of each month for talks on the environment and heritage of the village and its surrounds and the wonderful people who live and have lived nearby. With refreshments from 7.30pm, talks start at 8pm. Members (Annual Subscription £15) and visitors (your £5 entrance fee will be credited to

you if you decide to join) are assured of a warm welcome.

Contact Details

For further details, please contact the
Chairman, Colin Trim 01823 490337,
colinhtrim@gmail.com



North Curry and Curland Methodist Church

Good Friday Taizé Service

On **Good Friday, 29th March 2024** at 7.00pm a Taizé service will be held in the Methodist Church at North Curry.

Rev'd Deborah Kirk will lead our worship. We welcome everyone to share in this quiet, contemplative form of worship.



**KEEP THE
DATES FREE!**



North Curry Music Festival

14th-16th June 2024

Folk group
The Mellstock Band - 14th June

International classical trio
Kosmos Ensemble - 15th June

Free Families Event
Magic Flute Reduced - 16th June

and much more!

North Curry Prayer Fellowship: All Welcome!

"It helps me get my thoughts in order, look back on what's happened and look ahead", "I am pleased to get to know people in the village who go to other churches", "I have come away encouraged - it is helping my faith to grow", "I find it refreshing to be with others who want to pray"

We meet usually on the 4th Saturday of the month at 9.30 in the morning to pray together for North Curry. We follow a simple pattern of giving thanks for God's goodness, reflecting on our own lives and then praying for the village. Our longing is that God's love will be known more and more and we pray for God's blessing in many different areas of life.

None of us are 'prayer experts' some share words of prayer aloud, some like to pray silently, we believe God hears what is in our hearts and everyone who comes along is a great encouragement. See church notices for venues. Next gathering: 23rd March, 9.30am



Performances at North Curry Parish Church: Some reminders...



There are adverts in the magazine with more details, however...

Saturday 16th March, we have Sax-22's fundraising concert in aid of the 2024 North Curry Music Festival. The group are five talented musicians (four saxophones plus electric bass) who live in Somerset or adjacent counties and who play a wide variety of music from Bach to Blues, Jazz Standards to Ragtime, as well as contemporary items. Tickets £15.

The following **Friday 22nd March** Max Calaf Sevé does his funny, personable, dramatic and energetic act on the dais beneath the bell tower: a circus show like no other, with breathtaking trampoline skills and hilarious clowning. Tickets £15, reductions for teens, and no charge for accompanied younger children.

Tickets for these events are now on sale at the village Post Office.

The Village Choir's Spring Concert on **Saturday 20th April** led by Miles Quick, music director at Taunton Minster, will include Fauré's Requiem in full, as well as Haydn's furious *Insanæ et vanæ curæ*, SS Wesley's rather more tranquil *Ascribe unto the Lord*, and a rather nice sea-going piece by Sumsion.

SAX-22

Four saxophones plus
electric bass playing a
wide variety of styles -
something for everyone!

16 MARCH 2024
7.30PM

**NORTH CURRY PARISH
CHURCH**

Tickets £15 available from North Curry Post Office



***Profits will go towards funding the upcoming
North Curry Music Festival 14th-16th June***

North Curry and Curland Methodist Church with North Curry Parish church

Learning together and Praying together: the gathering of the people of God in a Covenant of Union.

On Sunday the 28th of January the congregations of St. Peter and St. Paul Parish Church and North Curry and Curland Methodist Church gathered at the Methodist Church for their joint covenant service. It was a time of joyful fellowship.

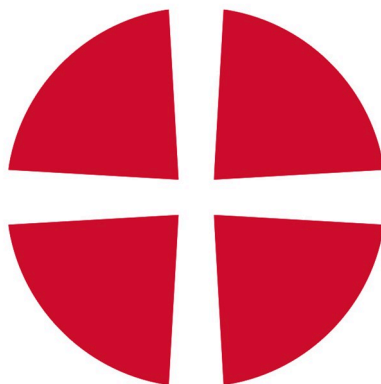
This annual service was conducted by the Revd Simon Bale, for the Parish Church and the Rev Deborah Kirk for the Methodists with input by our student Methodist Minister Ildikó Haraszti.

There were readings from the law, the prophets, the epistles and the gospel by members of both the Parish Church and the Methodist Church. The address was given by the Revd Simon Bale. After the service our two congregations gathered in fellowship for conversation, tea, and cakes.

This service holds a reminder of the various biblical covenants God made with his people throughout our story of faith, and gives an opportunity for us to solemnly commit, together and individually, our lives and discipleship to God.

The Covenant prayer contains the words:

I am no longer my own but yours.
Put me to what you will,
rank me with whom you will;
put me to doing,
put me to suffering;
let me be employed for you,
or laid aside for you,
exalted for you,
or brought low for you;
let me be full,
let me be empty,
let me have all things,
let me have nothing:
I freely and wholeheartedly yield



all things
to your pleasure and disposal.
And now, glorious and blessed
God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
you are mine and I am yours. So
be it.
And the covenant now made on
earth, let it be ratified in heaven.'

These are weighty words, and ones which cannot be said without faith that the grace of God will enable the one who prays to live in the light of that intention.



North Curry and District Amateur Gardeners

Alpines in Troughs, Richard Horswood: Friday 1st March 7:45 for 8pm at North Curry Village Hall

Richard will be showing us how to put together an alpine trough, what plants to use, the most suitable compost and where to position your plants. A trough can be a really useful feature for a smaller garden or a corner that you would like to brighten up and make more interesting.

Our next talk will be on Friday April 5th: Martin Young on "Born in the USA". We are a lively friendly club and guests and new members are always welcome. So do come along and join us for the talk and stay for refreshments and a chat afterwards. Any queries or questions, call Sue on 491658.

The North Curry Calendar 2025

SOLD OUT! Not the above but the 2024 edition! The search is now on for images with impact and atmosphere to grace the walls of our homes throughout 2025. If you live in the parish then we want your photos of the village and village life taken throughout the calendar year. Great images can be achieved in all weather conditions, and we look forward to receiving the fruits of your creativity. A panel of judges, appointed by the PCC, will select the 14 photographs we need after the closing date of 31st August. Your submissions are eagerly awaited!

Rules and Conditions

1. Photos must be in landscape format (longer edge at the base!).
2. Photos must be high-resolution digital images (not less than 200 dpi) to enable quality printing at A4 size. NB most mobile phone cameras provide this level of definition.
3. Individual files must be accompanied by the name and address of the photographer, the location of the image, and preferably, but not essentially, a title and the month the image was shot. The photographer must declare possession of the copyright.
4. Mail files to magazine@athelneybenefice.com by the closing date (31st August 2024).
5. Please note that no fees will be paid to entrants and that the proceeds of the sale of the calendar are to the benefit of the parish church. Selection of the images will be based on photographic merit and suitability for the requirements of the calendar.

Prayer Across the Benefice

Prayer is at the heart of the Christian faith. It is a time to speak to God. Prayer is not simply kneeling and holding your hands together. It is not necessarily about sitting quietly and looking ever so Holy. Prayer can be a time of extreme frustration or a moment of utter joy when you can't stand still. It may happen when you read a poem or sing a song. Perhaps you have a favourite way to pray. Revds Simon and Martin can be found praying "the daily office each Tue (SSG), Wed (BB), Thu (Lyng) and Fr (NC). All are welcome

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Over the years several actors have played the role of Phillip Marlowe, private investigator, such as Dick Powell, Humphrey Bogart & Robert Mitchum. Last year, Liam Neeson joined the list. One of the best will star on Saturday March 9 as Elliott Gould plays the laconic detective in a 1970s version: *The Long Goodbye*. Not to be missed!

The Village Hall opens at 2.30pm with the film starting at 3pm. Entry £5. We also have intermission for tea & cake (donation requested).

By popular demand, on March 27, we are re-showing the wonderful *Cinema Paradiso*. A heart-warming story and gorgeous music by

Morricone. A film to watch again and again...

Doors & bar open at 7pm, with the film starting at 7.30pm. Also open to non-members (£5).



Please see our website for trailers: www.northcurry-filmclub.org.uk or use the QR code.

We also have a Facebook page (follow the QR code)



A man with dark hair and a beard, wearing a white t-shirt and brown trousers, is hanging upside down from a trampoline. He is holding a brown leather suitcase in his right hand. The background is dark and textured.

Anyday

with Max Calaf Sevé

A circus show like no other and a day in a life like no other! Max lives on a trampoline, with only his little pet bird for company. Every day his life is the same, but Max decides he wants a change, so they embark together on an adventure.

Follow the two friends in their funny, bouncing daily routine, with breathtaking trampoline skills and hilarious clowning, in a brilliant and unique new show for all the family.

Set to an original score by Matt Huxley, Anyday is a charming tale that transmutes the clangs and boings of unbearable hope to make our spirits soar.

Friday 22nd March

6.30pm North Curry parish church (doors open at 6pm). Tickets available from the Post Office £15, students £10, accompanied under-12s free. Ticket includes a welcome drink

North Curry Parish Council



NORTH CURRY

Footpaths Reminders: Unfortunately we've received several complaints about the footpaths recently so would like to issue some reminders, to help keep the footpaths enjoyable to all. To walkers: please remember to stick to the

footpath route and keep dogs under control. Please also ensure to pick up after your dog, especially in grass fields! To landowners: a reminder that it is an offence to obstruct a footpath, so if placing electric fencing across a footpath you must ensure that the fence is easily openable by the public.

March Litter Pick: The community litter pick event will be held on Saturday 23rd March, starting at 10:30am at the Village Hall. Litter pickers, bags, and Hi Vis jackets are provided. Please wear sensible shoes, hopefully there won't be a need for raincoats! It is always wonderful to see so many of you attend to help keep the parish tidy and free of rubbish, we hope for a great turnout again this year.

Annual Parish Meeting: We are currently planning this year's Annual Parish Meeting (APM), to be held on Wednesday 1st May at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. We are very excited that this APM will also host the launch of our Neighbourhood Plan- there will be information stands for you to learn more about what's going on. We are arranging for some interesting speakers to come, and will be providing not just teas and coffees, but cheese and wine! If you have any suggestions for what you'd like to see at our APM, please email us and we'll see what we can do.

The Parish Council Office opening hours are:

Wednesdays 10:00am – 1:00pm

Thursdays 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Telephone No: 01823 490136 or contact us at parishcouncil@north-curry.com

Parish Council Diary for March 2024: see the Parish noticeboard, our Website and Facebook.

Our Parish Council Meetings are the second Wednesday of each month, plus just for any extra planning meetings needed the last Wednesday of the month, both in the Meeting Room of our Village

Come & Sing Gabriel Fauré's Requiem

*Enter into the Holy Week journey through
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Palm Sunday

24 March 2024

2.30pm for 3.00pm ~ 6.00pm

Ellen Steward Soprano ~ Gregory Steward Tenor
John Bodiley Organist ~ Miles Quick Conductor

*The Choir of Taunton Minster
will form the welcoming backbone for singers to join in with*

*The whole congregation is invited to join in
with the 'Libera me' (Deliver me) section*

**Registration and music issue from 2.30pm
Rehearsal 3.00pm with a tea break**

Performance 5.00pm (all welcome)

£ pay-what-you-can donation to cover costs

**To book (please state voice part) or for further information:
email: music@tauntonminster.org or tel: 01823 272441**

Stoke St Gregory

Mothering Sunday Service and Tea Party, 13th March at 3pm

We are taking a slightly different approach to our Mothering Sunday Service this year and holding a celebratory service in the afternoon, followed by tea. This will be a perfect opportunity to attend a family-friendly service at your Parish Church and bring all generations of the family to take part in that and then enjoy a slap-up tea in the School Room (formerly known as the Church Room).

If this sounds like a good way to treat your Mum on the day then please get in touch with Jane or Pat (numbers inside the front cover) to let us know likely numbers (we don't want to risk running out of cake!). Any donations will be used towards the repairs in the Lady Chapel.



There will be posies for the children to present to their Mums. If you would like to be involved in making these then please come to the School Room soon after 9am on Saturday 12th to meet Amelia who is in charge of all things flowery at the church. If anybody has small flowers or greenery they could give for the posies then she would be extremely grateful.



The Stoke Levellers

Stoke St Gregory OAP group has evolved!

Now known as The Stoke Levellers we are a lively and friendly group who meet on the third Tuesday of every month at 2.00pm for an afternoon of entertainment, refreshments and good company at Williams Hall, Stoke St Gregory. During the summer months we have coach trips to various destinations and also enjoy getting together for afternoons such as cream teas.

If you would like to join us and become a member of our group you would be very welcome. Our very lovely chairman is Martin Mudie, and if you would like more information please ring Martin on 01823 490371, Jane Smith, Secretary on 01823 491428 or Jenny Priddle, Treasurer on 01823 490740

During Lent no flowers. Date for your diary: Saturday 30th March when we decorate Church for Easter. With thanks from Amelia Holt!



Stoke Stampede - New Date

Unfortunately the Stampede on the 7th had to be cancelled for safety reasons for people competitors getting to the event and the flooding on the course.

A new date has been set: **SUNDAY 10TH MARCH**, same time, 11.00am from the old Roe & Crown and The Square will be closed between 10.30 and 1.00pm, full details available on the website (stokestampede.co.uk)

St Gregory Players AGM

We have our Annual General Meeting planned for 14 March 2024 when we will be reviewing the past year and re-electing our committee.

We'd love to see you there - this is open to anyone connected with the group, to anyone who would like to get involved, or simply anyone who would like to find out more about us.

Our last production, Tons of Money, was staged in November/December and went down well with our audiences. We are now planning a production for Autumn 2024 and casting the net wider for performers and helpers - anybody who wants to be involved is welcome.

The AGM will be on Thursday 14 March at 7.30pm in the function room, upstairs at the Royal Oak in Stoke St Gregory.



Parish Council Report

By Heather Venn

The Council met on Monday 12th February at the Village Hall on the second Monday of the month (12th February 2024). Parishioners are always welcome to attend and speak to us at the beginning of the meeting, during Public Question Time. PC surgery times are also available at the Cafe, the next being between 10 and 12 on 9th March.

The Chair of the Playing Field Committee attended to update us on the erecting of the Youth Shelter. Great news for the Village. I hope it's enjoyed by users of the Field.

We are currently working on placing 2 further defibrillators in the Village, one at Meare Green and one in Curload. Residents offering to place these is key; at the time of writing we still need somewhere in Curload that is roadside and accessible.

Roads have been an ongoing issue with floods and roadworks. Keeping up to date is sometimes challenging. One recommendation is to use the one.network website.

As a PC we are looking for people to assist with repairs that occasionally are required around the Village. If anyone would be willing to help with this then please let us know.

We currently have a Councillor vacancy as well; details can be obtained from the Parish Clerk (ssgparishclerk@hotmail.co.uk) The deadline for application is 8th March.

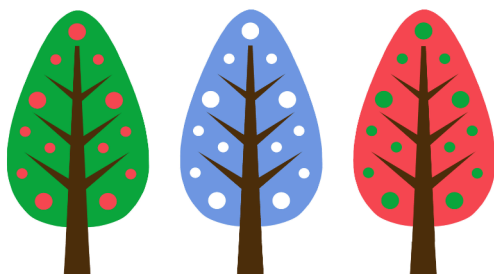
Charity Lunch, Monday 25th February in the Church School Room (formerly "Church Room")



The Charity Lunch for March will in aid of Air Ambulance. Please do come along and support this extremely important cause. As always we are looking for more volunteers to give a lunch for their favourite cause. It's fun to have a good chat with a n excellent lunch. Please get in touch with Annette (01823 490297) if you are interested.

New Life

Following a short break over the winter period, the volunteers and helpers from Stoke Environment Group are hard at it again! I am sure the cold and inclement weather will make another appearance before long, but at the time of writing it feels like Spring has well and truly sprung.



Stoke Environment Group

Work is now underway to build on the hard work of 2023 and we started by carrying out more tree planting in the Community Orchard. A number of apple, plum and pear trees were planted in the orchard only two or three years ago, and they are already showing pleasing signs of providing great, free fruit for all-comers. One tree has been replaced but we have also added four more cordon apple trees and two beautiful crab apples. By the end of February, we hope to have planted about a dozen soft fruit bushes too. With all this fruit, animal habitats installed and a couple of picnic benches, all we need now is some fine weather!

SEG is hoping to work with Project Play - being run by a dynamic team of parents and helpers - to provide a new play facility for all ages in Stoke St Gregory. Plans are at a very early stage but we hope with a lot of inspiration and goodwill, some of the ideas we have will become visible by the end of the year. Working in partnership with other volunteer groups is dear to the hearts of SEG volunteers.

We are also gearing up for our fourth Envirofair which takes place (diar-ies at the ready) on Saturday 1 June from 10am until 4pm. The event, which will be attended by about thirty organisations will be run from the village hall in Dark Lane. Lots to see, to do and to eat and drink. Fun for all ages! This is a unique event in this area and it is free (donations are accepted!) so we hope everyone in the Parish can come along. Now put the date in your diary.



With the recent report that 2023 was the first year where the average global temperature exceeded the pre-industrial revolution average by 1.5°C, it is more important than ever that we all do our best to reduce our carbon emissions and pollution. We must not wait until we are personally impacted - there are many countries and communities that will suffer be-

fore we do, so we have a moral obligation to act now. Helping nature thrive, caring for our countryside and challenging ourselves to reduce our impact on the planet are all things that will make a telling contribution to fighting climate change. And what's more a thriving environment is actually good for our wellbeing – a win-win outcome. Wherever you are, please think about working with your community environment group to make a change for the good.

If you would like more information on working with SEG or you are just inquisitive, please contact us on envirostoke@yahoo.com or 07837 764367. More information can be found on our Facebook page, Envirostoke.



The Langport Mummers are returning!

Due to popular demand, the Langport Mummers will be returning to the Community Pub/Hub, The Royal Oak Stoke St Gregory on Sunday 14th April at 12 noon. The troupe have devised a new “play” based loosely around the story of Alfred.

The “Langport Mummers” will perform The Alfred play, based on King Alfred and his battle with Guthrum, the Viking. Alfred is known to have been based close to Stoke St Gregory, before his battle with Guthrum’s Great Heathen Army around the 8th century.

Stoke folk can expect much merriment from this eccentric colourful local troupe, who perform traditional Mumming play with contemporary twists! It’s family friendly, FREE and there is no need to book. On one of their recent visits to Stoke, they loved the welcome at the Royal Oak, a spokesperson said “we encountered a very generous audience at Stoke and we collected £183 for the Red Cross which we have paid directly to the charity.

The Royal Oak is a shining example of a community pub and we look forward to performing there again!”



The Mummers have done some home-work on their Alfred and the Viking play, so you will find some new lines and the usual rumbustious burlesque! and the happy ending with Viking Guthrum coming alive in Stoke.



Heart of the Village – we're in it together!

By Paul Fielding, Chairman

There have been some recent changes on the Management Committee. Mike Blair has recently stepped down as Chairman, and is followed in that role by yours truly, Paul Fielding, with Martin Keswick recently appointed as Vice Chairman, Emma Simon as Secretary, and Mary Nash as Treasurer following Graham Gleed's decision to step down. The rest of the committee is made up of Ann Woods, Trevor Daniels and Tom Duxbury, and Mike Blair stays with us until the end of business year. Many thanks to those departing, and to the new faces stepping forward. During Phil's recent time away from the pub, we took the opportunity to refurbish the dining area in the upper bar – why not pop in and take a look?

As always, this would not have been possible without the help of our hard-working volunteers, so many thanks to them. If you would like to join them, to help in any way, you will be more than welcome. Just contact Jo in the shop, or Phil in the pub, or Ann Woods, who will take your details and get you started.

Both the café and the pub spaces are being used increasingly for group gatherings, from

both outside the village (eg cycling groups) and within (sewing group, book club, Levellers). If you'd like to use the Royal Oak for your own gathering, be that small or large, please contact Jo or Phil to see what we can do for you.

Did you know that the café can cater for family events? Ask Jo for details.

Looking ahead, we are gearing up for our Phase 3 development, with the benefit of grant funding from Valencia, which will give us improved toilet facilities, including disabled toilets, and an enlarged

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café area, with work due to start in the next few weeks and be complete by early October. There will be a fair amount of disruption while the works are underway, so please bear with us.

Future plans include a ramp from the patio level up to the garden to improve disabled access at the main gate and also provide disabled access to the Function Room

It is encouraging that we are still attracting share investment, both from new shareholders and also from existing shareholders buying more shares. Share application forms are always available on request in the shop.

We have identified the need to agree a new, updated, business plan for HOTV, and the Committee aim to have that in place for the new financial year in April. In addition to an updated financial plan, I'm hoping to foster improved links with other groups in the village, hopefully contributing to a more joined-up community.

Thank you for your support.

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Stoke St Gregory WI

"Popular Music in Edwardian Somerset" is the interesting title for the next members meeting of Stoke St Gregory WI on Tuesday 12th March, commencing at 7pm. Barbara Parsons is giving the vote of thanks, Kathryn Astin and Janice Pearce are the tea hostesses and Sue Dare is running the trade stall.

We have gained a number of new members recently, expanding the friendly group. Why not come along? You will receive a warm welcome! £4:50 for visitors. New members are always welcome.

Amelia Holt, President

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Holy Week (24th to 31st March)

25th March (Monday of Holy Week)

6.30pm	Stoke St Gregory	Compline (lay led)
6.30pm	Burrowbridge	Meditation

26th March (Tuesday of Holy Week)

6.30pm	Stoke St Gregory	Compline (lay led)
6.30pm	Lyng	Meditation

27th March (Wednesday of Holy Week)

6.30pm	Stoke St Gregory	Compline (lay led)
6.30pm	North Curry	Holy Communion

28th March (Maundy Thursday)

5pm	Lyng	Stripping of Altars
5.30pm	Burrowbridge	Stripping of Altars
6.30pm	North Curry	Holy Communion, foot washing stripping of altars
8pm	Stoke St Gregory	Holy Communion, stripping of altars

29th March (Good Friday)

11am	Stoke St Gregory	Reflections at the Cross (with Baptists)
2pm	Burrowbridge	Stations of the Cross
2.20pm	Lyng	Meditation at the Cross
2.40pm	North Curry	United Benefice Stations of the Cross
7.30pm	NC Methodists	Ecumenical Taizé Worship

30th March (Easter Eve)

8pm	North Curry	Benefice Easter Vigil & Fire
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31st March Easter Day

6.30am	Burrow Mump	Sunrise worship (Mump or SSG Baptist)
10am	Burrowbridge	Eucharist
10am	Lyng	Eucharist
10am	North Curry	Eucharist
10.30am	Stoke Baptists	All Age Easter Celebration
11am	Stoke St Gregory	Eucharist
11am	North Curry Methodists	Service

Services across the Benefice

3rd March: Third Sunday of Lent

8am	North Curry	Prayer Book Eucharist
9.30am	Lyng	Eucharist
10am	North Curry	Eucharist
10am	Stoke Baptists	Messy Church starting with breakfast
11am	Stoke St Gregory	Eucharist
11am	North Curry Methodists Service	

10th March: Mothering Sunday

8.30am	Stoke St Gregory	Prayer Book Eucharist
10am	Burrowbridge	Mothering Sunday worship
10am	North Curry	Eucharist
10am	Stoke Baptists	Messy Church starting with breakfast
11am	North Curry Methodists Service	
?3pm	Stoke St Gregory	Mothering Sunday worship
4pm	Lyng	Mothering Sunday worship

17th March: Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passiontide)

8am	North Curry	Prayer Book Eucharist
9.30am	Lyng	Service of the Word
10.30am	Stoke Baptists	Family service
11am	Stoke St Gregory	Eucharist
11am	North Curry Methodists Service	
4pm	North Curry	Evensong

24th March: Palm Sunday

9.30am	Burrowbridge	Eucharist (with Lyng)
9.40am	Queen Square NC	Liturgy of the Palms and procession
10am	North Curry	Eucharistic Liturgy of the Passion
10.30am	Stoke Baptists	Family service
11am	Stoke St Gregory	Eucharist
11am	North Curry Methodists Service	

