

Changing communications in Postlebury

It is no longer possible for us to publish Postlebury News every month because of lack of volunteers and subsequent cost. However, during the pandemic we have been experimenting with other ways to communicate.

If you do not use email, we will continue to deliver a monthly newsletter like this one, with information about services and events taking place in the Postlebury churches and, if there is space, in the villages as well. If you are willing to receive this by email each month, it will save the volunteers a lot of walking! Please let us know by emailing postleburynews@gmail.com and tell us your name, email address and village or phone 01373 837444.

We will also be publishing the information on a new Postlebury Churches website which we hope to have up and running in the next couple of months. It will also feature links to village organisations and notices of events.

Finally, we will be publishing an annual Guide to Postlebury, free of charge, delivered to every house in the Parish of Postlebury once a year and funded by advertising. It will include information about the churches, the villages, local organisations and tradespeople.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Zoom on Monday 19th April 2021. This is the open meeting for all on the Electoral Roll of the Parish to elect the churchwardens and PCC members and to hear the annual church reports and receive the accounts of the Parish. The annual Report and Accounts will be published next week and the Yearbook will be placed with the Accounts in each parish church. If you would like to receive an electronic copy of the Report and Accounts or if you would like a Zoom link to the meeting at 7.30 pm on the 19th April please email postleburysecretary@email.com

POSTLEBURY NEWSLETTER

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From the Rectory

The month of April opens with Easter, one year on from the first Covid lockdown, after a Lent which feels as if it has lasted for that whole year. Lent is traditionally an austere period in the Church's year, and this year has certainly been one of austerity and deprivation; one shared with all of our neighbours, way beyond the Christian community.

Sadly, for many, this year has been a Good Friday experience too: one of loneliness and pain, fearfulness and tragic death. If we have not experienced a personal tragedy from COVID19, nearly everyone knows someone who has, and felt the shock of an unexpected bereavement. (I write this on the Tuesday we are being encouraged to have a 'moment of reflection' on the anniversary of the first Lockdown.)

Yet the story of Holy week and Easter tells us that however hopeless things may seem, there is always the possibility of renewal, transformation and new growth. This was the experience of the first disciples, after the desolation of Good Friday: death had not defeated Jesus and yet his risen body was no longer limited by space and time.

With the availability of vaccines has come the slow lifting of restrictions and there is a feeling expectation in the air, with hope on the horizon. The effect of the pandemic has caused us all to have a major rethink about the way we do things. (You are holding one of these in your hand! See back page for details.) An upside to the story of the last year has been the opportunity to reassess our priorities, our plans, and the true value of the resources at our disposal. In the light of the hope that lies before us, in this season of Resurrection, I wish everyone a very HAPPY EASTER.

Fr. Anthony

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

PALM SUNDAY 28th March

09.30 Leigh-upon-Mendip Holy Communion

11.00 Marston Family Communion

11.00 Cloford Matins (BCP) *Jonathan Cheal*

MAUNDY THURSDAY - 1st April

19.00 Stoke St Michael Holy Communion

GOOD FRIDAY - 2nd April

14.00 Downhead Last Hour of the Cross

EASTER EVEN - Saturday 3rd April

20.00 Marston Service for Easter Even

*EASTER SUNDAY - 4th April

09.30 Wanstrow Holy Communion

11.00 Nunney All Age Service *Henry Pomeroy*

11.00 Leigh-on-Mendip Holy Communion

18.00 Stoke St Michael Holy Communion

Friday 9th April (Friday)

10.00 Nunney Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 11th April - 2nd Sunday of Easter

09.30 Stoke St Michael Holy Communion

11.00 Witham Family Communion

Friday 16th April

10.00 Nunney Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 18th April - 3rd Sunday of Easter

09.30 Nunney Holy Communion

11.00 Stoke St Michael Family Communion

18.00 Downhead Evensong

Friday 23rd April

10.00 Nunney

Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 25th April - 4th Sunday of Easter

09.30 Leigh-on-Mendip Holy Communion

11.00 Cloford

Friday 30th April

10.00 Nunney

Sunday 2nd May - 5th Sunday of Easter

09.30 Wanstrow Holy Communion

11.00 Leigh-on-Mendip All Age Service

18.00 Stoke St Michael

*To book a place at services on Easter Day please email
wanstrowchurch@icloud.com or tel 01749 850571

nunneychurchwardens@gmail.com or tel 01373 837444

All services are led by Rev. Anthony Dickson unless otherwise stated.