

# POSTLEBURY NEWSLETTER

## MAY 2021

Last month was marked by the death of Prince Philip, whose funeral, planned to the last detail by himself, was solemn, restrained and dignified. For someone determined in life to stay out of the glare of the media, much was found to say in the previous week about his public life, his many interests and achievements; not least in setting up the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme, and his work with the World Wide Fund for Nature. He would, no doubt, have taken particular interest in these times, as the world, (in most places) begins to recover from COVID 19, and with renewed effort we take up once again the many challenges of environmental recovery, with an eye to the UN Climate change conference-COP26- in the autumn.

One unexpected theme that arose at this time was how to cope with the grief that comes with the loss of a loved one: a grief shared by the Royal family with so many who have lost friends and relatives in the pandemic. Through the many conversations on radio and television, I was struck again by how death is a subject we give little attention to, so that when it comes it often finds us unprepared, with emotions we find difficult to handle. (As a response to this, 'Grave talk', a Church of England forum, and its secular equivalent: 'Death Café', enable individuals to raise questions around death in safe, informal spaces.) Queen Elizabeth shared with Prince Philip a strong faith, and the belief that death is not the end of our identity. In this Easter season in which we recall the grounds for our Christian faith, this will have brought the Queen much comfort.

Eastertide is the time we begin to think about Confirmations which usually take place at Wells Cathedral, in November. Please be in touch if you would like to know more about what is involved. The course is tailored to those participating, (to date more adults have been confirmed in these parishes than children!) and there is no obligation to be confirmed at the end of the course, but it does provide thoughtful guidance on being a full member of the Church of England.

**With Every Blessing, Fr. Anthony**

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

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

09.30 Wanstrow	Holy Communion
11.00 Leigh-on-Mendip	All Age Service
18.00 Stoke St Michael	Evensong - <i>Jane Evans</i>

### 7<sup>th</sup> May (Friday)

10.00 Nunney	Holy Communion BCP
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### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

09.30 Stoke St Michael	Holy Communion
11.00 Witham	Family Communion

### 13<sup>th</sup> May (Thursday) ASCENSION DAY

19.00 Cloford	Holy Communion
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### 14<sup>th</sup> May (Friday)

10.00 Nunney	Holy Communion BCP
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### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

09.30 Nunney	Holy Communion
11.00 Stoke St Michael	Family Communion
18.00 Downhead	Evensong

### 21<sup>st</sup> May (Friday)

10.00 Nunney	Holy Communion
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### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – PENTECOST – WHIT SUNDAY

09.30 Leigh-on-Mendip	Holy Communion
11.00 Marston	Family Communion
11.00 Cloford	Matins - <i>Jonathan Cheal</i>

**28<sup>th</sup> May (Friday)**

**10.00 Nunney**

Holy Communion BCP

**29<sup>th</sup> May (Saturday)**

**14.00 Marston**

Wedding of Barnaby Charles and Cordelia  
Francis

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May – TRINITY SUNDAY**

**10.00 Leigh-on-Mendip**

Holy Communion  
COMBINED BENEFICE SERVICE

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**4<sup>th</sup> June (Friday)**

**10.00 Nunney**

Holy Communion BCP

**6<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**09.30 Wanstrow**

Holy Communion

**11.00 Leigh-on-Mendip**

All Age Service

**18.00 Stoke St Michael**

Evensong *Jane Evans*

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

### **From the Register: April 2021**

The Wedding of Sharon Twohig and Wayne Daniels took place in Nunney church on April 3rd 2021

The ashes of Greta Bryant were interred at Leigh-on-Mendip on 15th April 2021

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## LIFE GROUP

Want to dig deeper into the bible? to understand its relevance to 21<sup>st</sup> century life? to share the journey of life with others? Life Group starts on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30-9pm on Zoom. As soon as we are able to meet in person, we'll split into two (or more) groups meeting in homes and online for those who prefer not to travel. If you are interested, contact Caroline & Henry Pomeroy (above)

### Changing communications in Postlebury

If you are willing to receive this newsletter by email each month, please let us know by emailing [postleburynews@gmail.com](mailto:postleburynews@gmail.com) and tell us your name, email address and village – or phone 01373 837444.

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From the Church of England Diocese of Bath and Wells ☩

May 2021

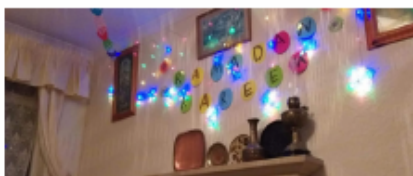
## North Somerset welcomes Syrian families

**I**n the last few years Nailsea has played its part in welcoming Syrian families from war-torn areas and refugee camps.

Elaine Atkinson co-ordinates a team of volunteers brought together by Christians Together in Nailsea and District (CTNAD). They support refugees who have arrived in Nailsea with the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme (SVPRS).

She says, "We now have two families here and are keen to welcome others. We work closely with North Somerset Council who will welcome 12 more families to the county. The main obstacle to doing this is finding suitable private landlord rental accommodation."

Two families living in Nailsea have shared their stories about life here. One mother says, "As for moving to Britain, it was a little hesitant decision. People, home, country. Everything, will be different. The



English language was difficult for me. We found a voluntary job for my husband and my son started going to pre-school and found great friends. All the people were wonderful and accommodating and welcomed our presence with them. This was our first two years and it was difficult, different, and stressful, wonderful things happened, and difficult things too. Then everything became better and better. Language and self-confidence. We adapted to society."

If you are a landlord or looking to invest in a rental property, contact the Refugee Resettlement Team on 01934 427275 or email [caroline.crossley@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:caroline.crossley@n-somerset.gov.uk). Find the full stories from the two Nailsea families at [www.bathwells.anglican.org/north-somerset-welcomes-syrian-families/](http://www.bathwells.anglican.org/north-somerset-welcomes-syrian-families/)

# An absolute delight

Bishop Peter reflects on his time as Bishop of Bath and Wells as he prepares to retire early on medical grounds.



Only in Somerset: Bishop Peter on Glastonbury Festival's Pyramid Stage.

**W**hat moments stand out for you?  
It has been an absolute delight to visit so many churches to share in worship, preach and to see all that clergy and congregations are doing or planning. Every confirmation service has been a real joy and privilege and the Cathedral confirmations have been inspiring.

**What will you miss most?**  
I shall hugely miss the visits to schools, colleges and universities. To see young people learning, exploring and thinking about the world we live in has been a joy. I shall also miss the

sitting down with Clergy, Readers and church leaders to talk and pray with them about the challenges and joys they are finding in ministry. Jane, our dog Juno and I will miss the glorious scenery and wonderful countryside.

**What gives you hope for the future of the Church in Bath & Wells?**

I can't think of a day when I haven't been encouraged and hopeful about the future of the Church here in the diocese. This past year has been difficult for everyone but I am confident that despite the issues we face that the diocese is in good heart and in good hands.

**What will you take away from your time in Somerset?**

I have wonderful memories of being the Bishop 'outside a church setting'. Going to the Bath and West Show, meeting our rural and farming community, or speaking at civic occasions. Speaking on Glastonbury Festival's Pyramid Stage will never leave me - it was both terrifying and uplifting.

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