

# POSTLEBURY NEWSLETTER

August 2021

## From the Rectory

With the lifting of COVID 19 restrictions on July 19th, public life was supposed to return to normal and we were all looking forward to taking up former pastimes and enjoying long-planned-for events, many of which have been delayed for well over a year. But with the resurgence of the virus, especially in this part of Somerset, common sense dictates that we should err on the side of caution. When it comes to public worship in our churches, you will find a variety of approaches depending on the size and layout of the building. The wearing of masks is voluntary but advisable, especially if you have an underlying condition, or feel vulnerable in any way. Congregational hymn-singing is at last permitted, with or without a mask, as is Holy Communion in both kinds - bread and wine - although, again we are taking a cautious approach to the provision of this. I hope we can be patient and flexible as we begin to return to some kind of normality, remembering that we all have a duty of care for each other.

Observers of the Church Press will be aware that this region has in the last three months become devoid of diocesan bishops! The sees of Portsmouth, Salisbury and our own Bath and Wells are all in vacancy, and the Bishop of Winchester retires next February, (along with the Bishops of Liverpool and Lincoln). With the rapid restructuring and re-imagining of church life that is taking place at present, (partly generated as a result of the pandemic), good appointments to these posts are crucial. As part of the process of finding our new bishop, people across the diocese are being asked to share their views, and a questionnaire is now available to [complete online or to download](#) from [www.bathandwells.org.uk](http://www.bathandwells.org.uk). The questionnaire can be completed as an individual or by groups, by clergy and lay people, churchgoers and non-churchgoers. Printed copies can be available by telephoning the Rectory or directly from the Diocesan office by telephoning 01749670777. The general consultation remains open until the 20 August. In September the Archbishops' Appointments Secretary and the Prime Minister's Appointments Secretary will meet with various groups of people in the diocese and then hold an open public meeting (details to follow).

**With Every Blessing, Fr. Anthony**

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

### 1<sup>st</sup> August – 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

09.30	Wanstrow	Holy Communion
11.00	Leigh-on-Mendip	All Age Service
18.00	Stoke St Michael	Evensong

### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August

10.00	Nunney	Holy Communion BCP
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### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August – 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

09.30	Stoke St Michael	Holy Communion
11.00	Witham	Family Communion

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August

10.00	Nunney	Holy Communion BCP
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### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August – 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

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

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August

10.00	Nunney	Holy Communion BCP
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### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August - 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

09.30	Leigh-on-Mendip	Holy Communion ( <i>Rev D Gatcliffe</i> )
11.00	Cloford	Holy Communion ( <i>Rev M Weymont</i> )
11.00	Marston	Matins ( <i>Jonathan Cheal</i> )

### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August

10.00	Nunney	Holy Communion (BCP)
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**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August – 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

10.00 Cloford COMBINED Holy Communion

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**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

10.00 Nunney Holy Communion (BCP)

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

09.30 Wanstrow Holy Communion

11.00 Leigh-on-Mendip All Age Service

18.00 Stoke St Michael Evensong

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

**From the Registers: July 2021**

**Weddings**

Keiran Beardmore & Martha Hemmett, Marston, 10<sup>th</sup> July

Poppy Lee & Tom Canning, Nunney, 10<sup>th</sup> July

**Funerals**

Peter Phelps, Service, Stoke St Michael, 21<sup>st</sup> July,

David Hall, Funeral & Cremation, Stoke St Michael, 29<sup>th</sup> July, burial of ashes

30<sup>th</sup> July

## Parish of Postlebury - Key Contacts

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Following the lifting of restrictions on our worship from the 19<sup>th</sup> July, we are returning to congregational hymn singing- with or without masks, as people feel appropriate. If you are nervous about this, the safest place to sit is at the back of the church and do feel that you can continue to socially distance.

Receiving communion in both kinds is also permitted once more, but conscious of the wisdom of remaining cautious, Rev. Dickson is offering three options:

- i) Those who wish to continue receiving the bread only, simply leave the altar rail after having done so.
- ii) Those who wish to receive from the common cup may stay to do so, or if they prefer...
- iii) Receive by intinction ie. retain the wafer until they can dip it into the wine to receive in both kinds simultaneously.

Masks and hand sanitizers will continue to be offered and arrangements at services revised depending on circumstances.

### **Nunney Open Gardens – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August**

There will be 18 gardens open between 11 am and 5 pm on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August. The ticket price is £5 per adult (children go free) and tickets must be purchased in the market square on the day. Refreshments and snacks will be on sale in All Saints Church throughout the day. Any volunteers to help in the church or do some baking, please contact Ruth Brooks on 01373 836389.

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