The Athelney Magazine



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

November 2023

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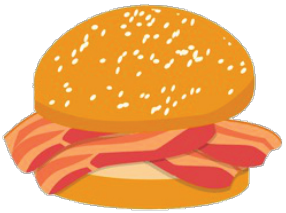
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Stoke St Gregory



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The December 2023 issue will be a double issue covering January 2024 as well. The deadline for the February issue will be 14th January.

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Many thanks,
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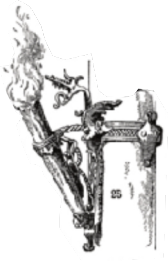
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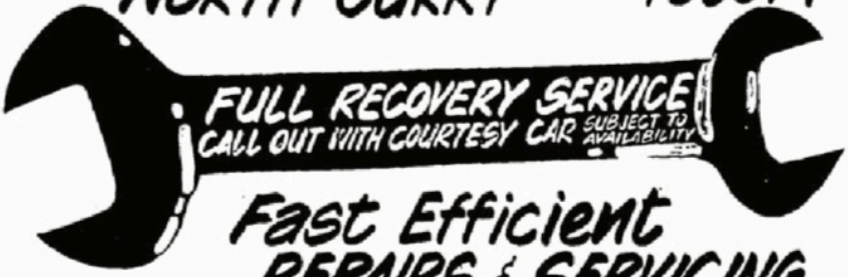
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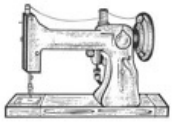
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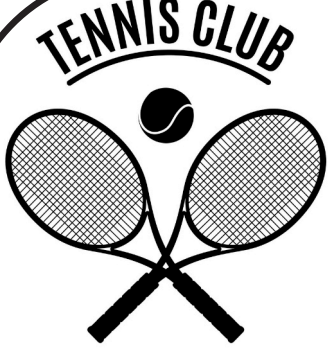


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The Athelney Benefice

Ethelwin brings healing

By Revd Dr Simon Bale



Paul: Explaining the finer points of Anglo-Saxon living, dressed ready for the Monmouth rebellion, drinking 21st Century wine…

I have Paul Hockey to thank for bringing to my attention a chap who has a strong claim to be the patron saint of the Athelney Benefice. Paul was engaging us in some local and national history in Burrowbridge Church last month. We were treated to a a fascinating exploration of some of the conflicts that are based around the area and Ethelwin came up because he was a founder of the Christian presence at the Isle of Athelney, probably sometime during the seventh century. He lived a while before before King Alfred, therefore, and was a devout and contemplative type. Paul has since explained things a bit as follows;

"He is believed to have lived in the seventh century, Ethelwin (also Ailwin, Egelwin) was reputedly the (son) of King Cynegils of Wessex (611?-642). The king gave Ethelwin's brother Athelney, a low island in the Somerset Levels, so that Ethelwin could live as a hermit. Spending the rest of his life at Athelney, Ethelwin is thus regarded as the founder of Athelney Abbey, the Benedictine monastery which later grew on the site of the saint's cell. He is reputed to have suffered ill-health during his life but became a marvellous healer of infirmities after his death."

Thank you Paul.

It got me thinking (sometimes not as dangerous as it sounds). We are one church, united as the Athelney Benefice, and, in four locations: Burrowbridge, Lyng, North Curry and Stoke St Gregory all gathered around the historical focus for the beginnings of English History. Four churches in fellowship. Ethelwin can be a powerful bond for all four parishes. An extra layer on top of each who represents not simply the past, but, through his importance for healing, a message for all our futures.

The idea of Ethelwin fascinates me because through the depths of this ancient history we have such a powerful metaphor for who we are today and how we might continue to grow into "tomorrow".

I am writing this as Halloween is approaching and I am hearing and

reading all kinds of thoughts about what Halloween is. There was a piece on the radio recently in which the presenter seemed surprised to learn that Halloween has Christian roots. I raised my voice to the radio (he didn't hear me, I don't think), pointing out that "of course it's Christian! It's all Hallow's Eve, the day before All Saints and then All Souls, when we remember those who have died and give thanks for their lives!" or something like that.

The disembodied voice then proceeded to explore the pagan roots of Samhain, a pagan festival, which falls on the same day as Halloween, and was rather excited by the idea that the pagan Samhain might be the precursor to Halloween, implying that there was something wrong with Christianity because Christians "stole" Samhain.

I stopped raising my voice because I sensed he wasn't listening and decided to write this short item instead.

Our links as Christians with the previous faith traditions in our world are not a problem. Pagans are very much a present tradition as well, of course. All cultures and all societies grow out of a previous time. Ethelwin was what we'd call an Early Christian and he was influenced by his world. I have no doubt that his relationship with God was demonstrated very differently to mine. I expect his rites and worship would have been somewhat strange to me. I suspect he lived a life of extreme isolation that would strike me as very odd.

Even so, he was a Christian, and in that long journey from the early seventh century to today's "modern" world the essence of Jesus our saviour and of Jesus as a healing presence in our lives has not really changed much. All our faith traditions, from Christmas to Easter have "grown out of" earlier traditions. How we encounter God is expressed through carol services and Easter vigils, Advent candles and Lenten study. All of it is an expression our humanity and we should never forget that God has been "there" for far longer than our current version of Christianity.

As our Christian year comes to an end (as Advent begins), I am beginning to consider how we can engage with our local deep past and, through Ethelwin's story, use his healing ministry as a basis for our future. I am excited by this prospect. The ancient landscape around the Athelney Benefice is a reminder that we live in the middle of history, not after it. Our world is often described as "broken". Religions are often invoked as the cause of much that has broken it: the conflict between Israel and Hamas is but one (awful) example. But faith unites most of all.

Stories that bring us together across faith traditions, even involving such ancient ideas as Paganism, are important as we navigate the future. In the middle of history as we are, I pray that we can discover a path of healing and encouragement and I believe that Ethelwin has something to offer us from all those years ago.


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A new Cathedral has since been built and stands alongside the old ruin as a testament of hope. Though different in style, there's a harmony of old and new. It shows us where conflict can destroy, peace can be found as we seek to live together as the people of God.

This marrying of modern and traditional styles of architecture, helps us to consider how we fashion the life we are called to live as Christians in our communities. It is not that we put aside our differences nor require others to conform to our own shape or form. Rather we recognise the value of listening fully to others and learn to hear the voice of God. Determining to value the worth of each contribution and discerning together a faithful walk with God.

This season of Remembrance encourages us to look back and to value the contributions of those who have gone before us, giving their lives in the service of others. It is not about glorifying the concept of war and conflict but the desire to establish a peaceful world for all. As we look back, so we are invited to look forward and commit to establishing a world where all have a place and where the Prince of Peace, Jesus, is our example.

Coventry is the home to the Community of the Cross of Nails. A community of reconciliation based around the cross fashioned by iron nails found within the ruins of the Cathedral following the fire. Its mission is to live out the practice of peace-building, encouraging people across the world to learn to be reconciled with themselves and one another, as they find reconciliation with God, through Christ.

As I leave here, I do so with plenty of memories, many happy, occasionally sad. Often the latter are those where I have got things wrong and failed to live up to my calling to be the grace-filled child of God I long to be. So, if I have let you down, I am sorry and please pray for me, as I will for you, that God continues to reconcile us to Himself and to one another. And as we hold our acts of remembrance this month, may we become re-membered (put back together), as the people of God.



A Sponsored Abseil: The Vicar is going to jump off a cliff on Saturday 2nd December at 2pm (if you really want to watch…)

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St Margaret's Hospice is known to us all, I expect, but you can find more details by following this link: stmargaretshospice.enthuse.com/pf/simon-bale. This is the easiest way to contribute but I can take old-fashioned cash as well.

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The Parish Council meets every 2 months, usually on a Thursday evening, at Lyng Village Hall. Members of the public are always welcome to attend.

- Some of the issues discussed at the last meeting on Thursday 21st September 2023 included:
- The Airband presentation has been re-scheduled for Thursday 23rd November. This meeting will start at the earlier time of 7pm.
- There is a councillor vacancy on Lyng Parish Council which serves East Lyng, West Lyng and Outwood. Please email the Clerk, Helen Barrington, at lyngpc1@outlook.com to register your interest.
- The road safety improvement measures proposed by Traffic Management following the site meeting in July were discussed. Further consultation is required along with feedback from the traffic data survey, so this item will be included on the agenda of the next meeting.

Dates of next Parish Council meetings:

Thursday 23rd November 2023 at 7.00pm

Thursday 18th January 2024 at 7.30pm

Rotas at Lyng Church

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

All Souls and All Saints: Across the Benefice

The will be a selection of ways to remember those we have lost this year at our All Souls and All Saints worship this year. All Souls falls on 2nd November and the 7pm Eucharist at North Curry will be when we read the names of all those who has died the past year in the whole benefice. The same names for each parish will also be read out at the various All Saints services in the parishes. Please look out for more information on the weekly bulletin

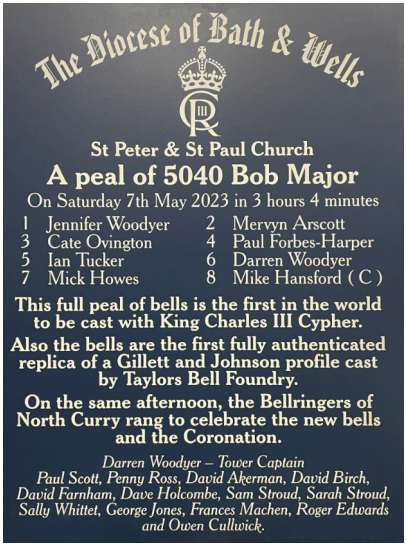
North Curry

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.

The first peal in North Curry for over 100 years, recorded on the new peal board.

Thank you to all who took part and thank you to all who organised the bells open day last week.





200 CLUB

200 Club winners

Winners on Sunday 8th October

1st Penny Ross

2nd Barbara Adams

3rd David Akerman

The 200 Club still has room for one more! Players must be 18yrs+ to join. Only £18 per year (£1.50/month)

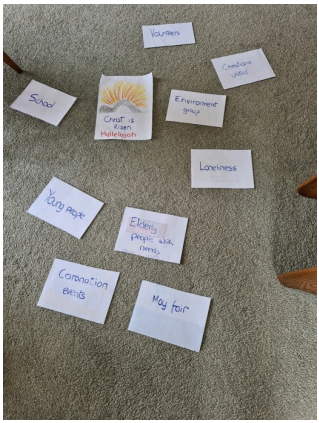
Prizes each month £30/ £20/ £10, plus a special Christmas bonus draw of £60. Proceeds for churchyard maintenance

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

North Curry Ecumenical Prayer Time: 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 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 gatehrign: 28th November, 9.30am

North Curry and District Amateur Gardeners

Our next meeting is on Friday 3rd November 8pm at North Curry Village Hall. Our speaker is Gilly Hayward and the topic is "Pruning, when, why and how"

Is pruning a mystery to you? The rules can seem complicated. Why do we prune some plants in summer and some in winter? How do we prune for maximum flowers, fruit or growth? Which plants can I cut back hard and when? Gilly will talk through the practicalities of pruning, explaining when and how and why it benefits the plants.



Do come along if you'd like to learn more.

Meetings are held on the first Friday of the month at 7.45pm for an 8.00pm start. We are a lively and friendly club and guests and new members are always welcome so do come and join us for the talk and stay for coffee, a chat and biscuits afterwards.

Any queries or questions, contact Sue on 491658.

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Youth Parliament

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Hosts for Ukrainian Families

If you have a spare room and feel able to help a family from Ukraine settle in and find sanctuary in the UK, please consider hosting, and visit the Somerset Council website to find out more. Over 1,500 Ukrainians have already been welcomed to date!



Remembrance Day Service:

We look forwarding to seeing you for the annual Remembrance Service on Sunday 12th November, meeting at the War Memorial at 10:40am. Please can all residents of Queen Square and Church Road kindly ensure their vehicles are

The Parish Council Office opening hours are:

Wednesdays 10:00am – 1:00pm

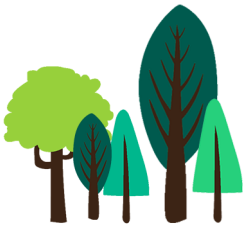
Thursdays 1:00pm – 4:00pm

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Parish Council Diary for November 2023: 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 Hall at 7:30pm.

clear of the War Memorial area from 10:15am to 11:30am.



Tree Planting Scheme

There has been a great response to the Parish Council's tree planting scheme, with 14 residents coming forward so far wanting to plant native trees and shrubs. This scheme aims to replace the many trees in the Parish that have been lost to disease and age. If you believe you have a suitable site for one or a group of trees please contact Phil Stone (phil.stone7@icloud.com or 07826 489523) to discuss the variety of native trees and shrubs available; the plants are 50cm high and protective tubes or spiral guards can be provided free if needed. Planting will be the landowner's responsibility, but Phil can advise on planting and maintenance. The plants are likely to be available from late November and December, but the planting season extends through to March 2024.



Autumn Community Litter Pick

A special thank you to those that came and got involved with the community litter pick in October; your help in keeping our Parish tidy and litter free is very much appreciated.

White Street News from North Curry Sport

200 Club: Congratulations to this month's 200 Club Winners: P Westhead, M Jewell and M Baxter. Still some openings in the 200 Club , still only £12 per year! Easy to set up: just email whitestreet@northcurry.com.

Big Bash: we raised £6000 at the event. Thank you! And congratulations to Chris Golding and his team for organising such a popular event. We are planning to do it again in 2024, so watch this space. The funds will be used for important maintenance and repairs, such as fencing, equipment fuel and mowers.

You may notice a large tank on site. This is for our Rainwater Harvesting project to take advantage of water that runs off the large roof. Thanks (again!) to Chris Golding for organising this.



Another Year in North Curry

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North Curry Bells: Saturday practice at North Curry and remembering John Attwood

By Paul Scott (from Bath & Wells/Taunton ringers newsletter)

Yes, Saturday morning practices are running again – third Saturday every month. So, the next one will be Saturday 18th November as before, 10am to 12 noon. Open to all comers and abilities, particularly branch/association members of course.

In the meantime, a sad item of news – our erstwhile tower captain John Attwood died last month, aged 90. His funeral was on Tuesday, an occasion for thanksgiving – tenor tolling before, full ringing half-muffled after the service. He was a much-loved figure in the village, active in a wide number of areas, including amateur dramatics, the village hall, the village "ukulele orchestra", the coffee shop, the film club – all of which it seems he more or less initiated. Somehow though he still found time for bellringing, a new area of interest for him when he and Jane moved to North Curry in 1984. At the time a new team was being put together, so he soon found himself "learning the ropes" and by the end of the year became tower captain. This, the story goes, came about as he was the tallest and could handle the tenor! Anyway by 2009 when he had done 25 years and the team had just about mastered rounds and call changes, he felt the time had come for new blood – this itself took some time to emerge and it was finally in 2011 with 27 years service behind him that he passed the task on—quite an act to follow … so thank you John.

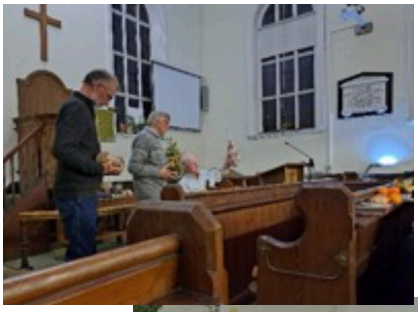
More recent history brings us the arrival on the scene of Darren Woodyer, a "master of bells" in every sense with the aim of fine tuning our performance. This was bad timing of course though, firstly given the pandemic, and secondly more critical perhaps being the conclusion that the bells, and indeed the old wooden frame, needed replacing. After an ambitious fundraising programme, newly recast bells and a state-of-the-art metal frame were in place just in time for a peal of Bob Major to be rung for the coronation.

So – after a period of consolidation the time seems right to extend a welcome again to other ringers – we look forward to seeing you! The branch and association have played an active part and we're very grateful. If you've not seen the new bells yet, now's your chance.

News from North Curry & Curland Methodist Church

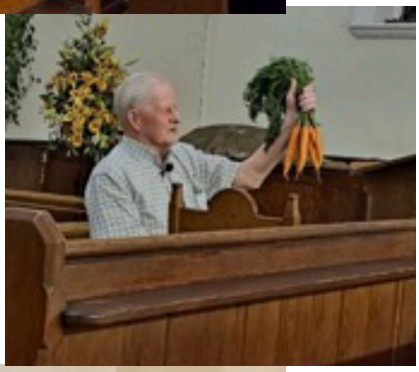
Over 20 people joined together to celebrate the Harvest Service on October 1st, led by Rev'd Anthony Huxtable with music played by Andrew Goodwin.

The following evening, 17 people in the congregation participated in some lovely singing at the Harvest Supper Service and then Dick did a fantastic job of the auction with help from Roy and Jonathan.

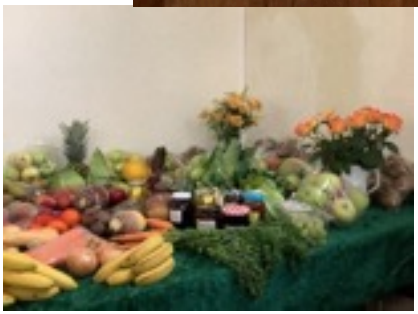


The harvest auction made a total of £279.20, and we received £85.00 in donations for the Supper. Making a total of £364.20 for the Libyan Flood Disaster Appeal.

Hopefully, by the time you read this, essential repairs to the exterior of the chapel will have started.







Ministers for November:

5th Virginia Pearsovn,

12th Mrs Ildiko Harasztii (Remembrance Sunday),

19th Rev'd Deborah Kirk HC,

26th Mr David Clitheroe

Stoke St Gregory



Stoke St Gregory School

It has been a busy half term at school. I hope this article gives you a flavour of some of the things we have been doing beyond the classroom.

Harvest Service

The children sang brilliantly in St Gregory's Church and we are grateful to Revd. Simon Bale and Revd. Sonya Setchell (from Stoke St Gregory Baptist Church) for putting such an engaging service together. We were overwhelmed with the generosity of families who donated food and necessities to Bridgwater Food Bank.



Sporting Success

It is great to see our sporting competitions up and running (no pun intended!) this half term. Our school is in local league with other small schools so the children can access a wide range of competitive sporting opportunities.

Congratulations to all of the boys and girls who have taken part in cross country races and netball matches over the last couple of weeks. I attended one of the cross-country events and was delighted to see fantastic attitudes, behaviour and a good competitive spirit.



School Choir and Street Band

Our school choir is up and running and we are looking forward to our first performance later in November. Children in the choir range from aged 7-11 years old. We meet once a week after school and enjoy singing a mix of songs from musicals, pop and around the world.

The Street Band meet after school as well. The children in the band play a mixture of clarinets and cornets. The children have a great time singing, dancing and making music together.

Travelling at 17 and a half miles an hour halfway round the world

A talk by John Clarke, Saturday 2nd December at 3pm in the Stoke St Gregory Church Room



In aid of St Gregory's church funds. All are welcome.

In July 1969 John left University with a law degree and worked on a merchant ship for 4 months travelling from London up the Mississippi to Port Sulphur, on through the Panama canal carrying a cargo of sulphur to New Zealand. From there he sailed to the Fiji islands taking on a cargo of sugar.



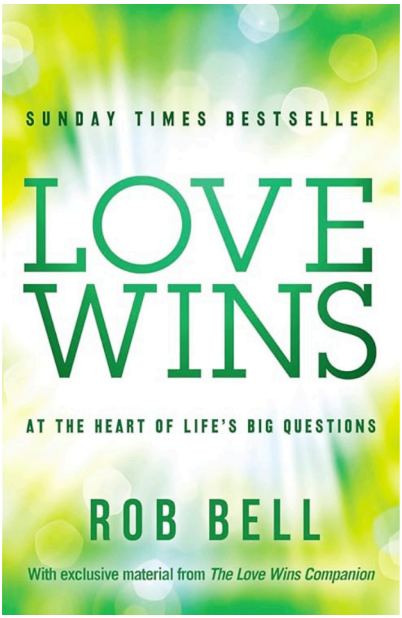
It was truly "a rite of passage" and the talk is an illustrated account with 104 slides of that voyage 54 years ago with diary readings made at the time.

Please come along and support the church and be engaged in maritime exploits!

Book Group: Friday 1st December, 2.30pm

The next book group gathering will be at 2.30pm on Friday 1st December at No. 2 White Street, North Curry (thank you again to David and Gillian). Our book for this coming month is *Love Wins* by Rob Bell (it is available through Amazon, although other bookshops are available…).

The pattern for these gatherings is that we read as much or as little as we like, we meet together and we natter about the book and whatever thoughts it has brought to the surface for each of us. Or just sit quietly, eat a biscuit and listen to what others have to say. No prior experience of book groups necessary! Please drop me a line to say you're coming along (so we have sufficient biscuits…)



Christmas is coming at Stoke St Gregory WI with the members meeting on Tuesday 14th November from 7pm at the Village Hall being an evening of Christmas fun including bingo with some quality prizes.

Jackie Daniels and Janet Daniels are on refreshment duty and the trade stall will be operating as usual. It will be our annual display of members craft items so if you have made something in the past year please bring it along to the meeting. New members are always welcome.

Please contact Amelia Holt, 07985317252

Stoke St Gregory Villagers!

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Marilyn Clarke (clarkemarilyn@icloud.com)

Heart of the Village News

by Mike Blair, Chairman

We held our Annual Members Meeting on the 25th September 2023 in the Royal Oak function room. One of the principal items of business at the AMM is to elect new members to the HOTV Management Committee. There were four vacancies. Two of our founding committee members, Nick Sloan and John Davison, opted to stand down rather than to seek re-election. Simon Dauncey has resigned since the last AMM and Graham Gleed was included, as he was previously co-opted back onto the HOTV MC and according to the Rules needed to seek re-election.

On this occasion we received four nominations to fill the four vacancies. This meant that there was no need for an election. On a show of hands Trevor Daniels, Tom Duxbury, Graham Gleed and Emma Simon were confirmed as new committee members. Emma has kindly agreed to take over from Nick as the secretary.

John and Nick were founder members of the team and have played a very significant role in our success, we are very grateful for their contributions. Their drive, professionalism and positive attitude have been an inspiration and they have been invaluable in making the HOTV vision a reality.

Thanks to volunteers

We drew the first of the monthly volunteer thank you tickets at the Members Meeting and Judith Roche was the lucky winner. The next draw for all volunteers will be at the end of October.

Contacts

General contact@hotvssg.org, Shop: shop@hotvssg.org Facebook search "Hotvshop", 07842992825

Pub: royaloakssg@gmail.com, Facebook search "Royal Oak Stoke St Gregory", 01823490602

Share forms are available from the shop or online at: stokestgregory.org

Upcoming Events

6th November, 7pm:
Community Hub Group first meeting, Church Rooms

4th December
Christmas Fair

We are in real need of more volunteers to assist in keeping us successful and no matter how little time you can spare, there will be something you can help us with. It is a really sociable and friendly atmosphere and we would welcome you with open arms. Please see Ann Woods at the shop to discuss.

If you are interested in helping, please pop into the Shop, Pub or contact@hotvssg.org or 07842992825 to find out more.

St Gregory Players present



Tons Of Money

A classic comedy by Will Evans, Arthur Valentine & Alan Ayckbourn

Directed by Mike Linham

Thursday 30th November, Friday 1st December and Saturday 2nd December at 7.30 pm at Williams Hall, Stoke St Gregory

Tickets are available online (print at home or download to your phone) at www.seaty.co.uk/tonsofmoney.

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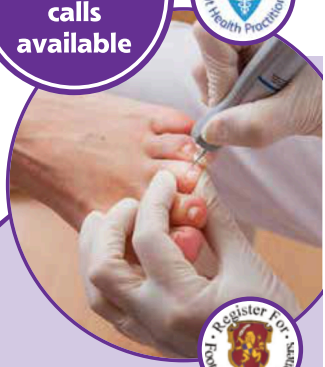
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	Sidespersons	Intercessors	Readers
5th Nov	Lyn & Julian	Mary	Jenny
12th Nov	Lorraine & Pam	Owen	Julian
19th Nov	Sally	Helen	David W. & Zillah
26th Nov	Lyn & Teresa	David W.	Annabelle
3rd Dec	Tom & Lorraine	Jenny	David F.

Stoke St Gregory

	Sidespersons	Readers	Cleaners	Flowers
5th Nov	Penny & Simon	John	Carolyn	Sue Hembrow (poppies)
12th Nov			Amelia and Ade	
19th Nov	Barbara & John	Simon	Marilyn & Terri	Jo Washington
26th Nov	Alex & Sally	Diana	Annette & Martin	
3rd Dec	Carolyn & Will	Barbara	Dave & Janet	Amelia
17th Dec	Veronica & Annette (CS)	tbc	Penny & Simon	
24th Dec	Pat Sollis	Jane	Linda & Brett	

Please contact Amelia Holt if you are unable to undertake this duty. (01823 490401)





Services across the Benefice

5th November, All Souls'/All Saints' Sunday

8am	North Curry	Prayer Book Eucharist
10am	North Curry	Commemoration Eucharist
10am	Stoke Baptist Church	Messy Church starting with breakfast
11am	Stoke St Gregory	Commemoration Service
11am	NC Methodist Church	Morning Worship
3pm	Lyng	Commemoration Service
4.30pm	Burrowbridge	Commemoration Service

12th November, Remembrance Sunday

8.30am	Stoke St Gregory	Prayer Book Eucharist
9.30am	North Curry	Eucharist
10.30am	Burrowbridge	Remembrance Worship
10.40am	NC War Memorial	Remembrance Worship
10.45am	Stoke St Gregory	Village Remembrance Service
10.50am	Lyng	Remembrance Worship
11.10am	NC Methodist Church	Morning Worship

19th November, Second Sunday before Advent

9.30am	Burrowbridge	Eucharist
10am	North Curry	Eucharist
10.30am	Stoke Baptist Church	Family worship service
11am	Stoke St Gregory	Eucharist
11am	NC Methodist Church	Morning Worship

3rd December, Advent Sunday

8am	North Curry	Prayer Book Eucharist
9.30am	Lyng	Eucharist
10am	North Curry	Eucharist
10am	Stoke Baptist Church	Messy Church starting with breakfast
11am	Stoke St Gregory	Eucharist
11am	NC Methodist Church	Morning Worship
4pm	NC Methodist Church	Village Advent Christingle (united service)

Morning Prayer (The Daily Office) is said each day at 9am in the following parishes:

Tue: Stoke St Gregory, Wed: Burrowbridge, Thu: Lyng, Fri: North Curry. The prayer time last around 20 minutes and is a peaceful and enriching start to the day. All are welcome. You simply need to turn up.