# The Athelney Magazine



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

**February 2025**

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## Coffee, Tea and Fellowship across the Benefice

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You can find the coffee mornings here:

### Burrowbridge

1st Saturday of each month, from 10am to 12pm in church.
Free to all.



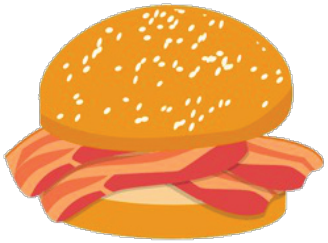
### Lyng

Lyng Coffee mornings are held monthly on the third Saturday of the month, 10.30am.

### North Curry

Wednesdays at 10am in church.

### Stoke St Gregory



The Levellers meet at 2.30pm every third Tuesday in the Williams Hall. A time of conversation and fellowship, often with a visiting speaker.

**Thank you to everyone who helps with these events**



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# The Athelney Benefice




## Ain't no man righteous, not one

The year 2024 didn't end well for The Church of England.

I realise that's quite a negative tone to set at the start of the first magazine of the new year, but it can't be avoided. First there was the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Rt Revd Justin Welby, over a safeguarding issue and then the revelation that The Archbishop of York, Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell (due to be the acting-successor to Welby) was also implicated in failing to deal with a further safeguarding matter of a different priest. I repeat: not a good end to the year. Welby has stepped down and Cottrell has taken his position and all seems, currently, fairly quiet. The issues remain, however, and safeguarding is at the very heart of these problems. It cannot be ignored that we all need to take safeguarding seriously. It is fundamental to our faith that we protect those who are vulnerable. Being up to date in our safeguarding should always be a central act in our communities.

As a parish vicar, incumbent for four rural parishes, it can all seem a bit odd, remote, irrelevant even. But it isn't and I wish to address these difficulties in our midst.

In my previous editorial (December Magazine) I wrote about funding the parish churches of the Athelney Benefice. I wrote of how significant, valuable and relevant rural village churches remain in our village lives. I mentioned how the running and maintenance costs can be crippling if we don't plan well. I stand by all I said, but I can quite understand people's reluctance to step up with their hands in their pockets when the leadership seems to be in such disarray.

Safeguarding is such a challenging topic, even more so than the financial challenges we face. It is challenging both to write about and to demonstrate in our churches. But it needn't be. The basis for safeguarding is thoroughly Christian. Jesus acknowledges the needs of the vulnerable and powerless all through the Gospels and we know that we need to guard against the evils of sexual and other forms of abuse. So, why is there such a horror show being played out across the media and beyond? I believe it is because The Church could and must do better: people expect it and currently perceive The Church to be failing. In so many other places and ways in the world there is horror at large and wickedness being acted out in the name of all manner of reasons of prejudice. People need to find foundations of hope and faith, and The Church being at sixes and sevens with safeguarding and wealth means



that the very place where kindness and equality should be expressed is undermined.

Even so, we must find ways to demonstrate that the truth at the heart of the Gospel message remains true and it is through the living out of that message that our world can be a place of hope and charity. Church communities are comprised of humans, all of us fallible, seeking the truth that guides to goodness. We all make mistakes and the Christian message means that we can face those failings in hope.

The resignation of Justin Welby is a good thing, ultimately. He probably should have gone sooner, and he certainly should have rethought the valedictory speech he gave in The Lords where he appeared to make light of the problem. Even so, The Church needs to find ways to move forward, to allow healing and to continue to show moral leadership in a world of sorrow and angst. Justin Welby's departure (sadly) provides a foundation upon which to rebuild.

Perhaps the most significant thing that eventually led me to becoming a Christian—back in 1999/2000—was that it demonstrated in very practical ways how I could be healed and live a better life. I am not alone in this, I know, and like so many, I repeatedly need to be healed. The moral compass expressed through Christianity is a guide for billions across the planet, but currently there is a suspicion of who we are and how we operate. "We" being the entire fellowship of Christians. Not just archbishops, not just the clergy as a whole, but all people who proclaim the glory of God's grace and mercy in a dangerously damaged world.

It is understandable that many criticise Christianity, but we can still stand up and ensure that a better story is told: one in which everyday acts of mercy, forgiveness and reconciliation happen as a consequence of our discipleship. Across the benefice I know there are all kinds of goodness and sorrow. There is the beauty of fellowship and there are moments of fragmentation and despair. I know this because I am deeply privileged to encounter it. But I know that in the heart of all these experiences there is a need to find three things that lead to goodness. In the fourteenth chapter of John's Gospel, at the sixth verse there is this, "I am the way, and the truth and the life: no one comes to the Father except through me." When we seek a righteous life, these three aspects must feature large: walk in the way of a Christian life, seeking the truth of the world that permits us all to repent, forgive and show grace to others.

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Sometimes I write benign pleasantries, other times I share what has been getting under my skin a little more. If you would like to respond to either, I am always interested, please let me know what thoughts in you my words elicit. vicar@athelneybenefice.com

## Martin's Musings

*A monthly observation on life*

As I write these words on a bitterly cold January afternoon, I am sitting toasty warm in my snug sitting room. The heater has just been turned on: never before 3.00pm for reasons of economy. The girls are resting after their daily trip to the park and have just enjoyed their daily teeth chew—necessary as they always manage to find something unspeakable to eat on their walk—and all is well with their little doggy world. I will not hear a peek out of them till 5.45, when Annie, bless her, will gently but firmly remind me that is time to rise from my comfortable armchair and venture into the cold kitchen to prepare their daily meal.

It's a funny thing, but when I was younger I never minded the cold. Now, however, as I get older, I like to keep warm. To be honest, I rarely leave the house after dark (except for all the Christmas festivities) and yet tomorrow I will do just that. For tomorrow afternoon, some of the good people of Stoke St Gregory are going to hols a Wassail celebration in the community orchard next to the village hall.

I am going because, although I have seen Wassails on television, I have never participated in one. It is, of course a pagan fertility celebration that goes far back in the mists of time, where the apple tree is not only sung at but has last year's cider poured around its roots to encourage it to produce a bumper harvest for this year's cider crop. It is not the first pagan festival I have experienced. Many years ago, I attended one in Glastonbury where we all joined hands and walked around a burning bonfire on the shortest day. We were encouraged to throw into the fire the things from the previous year we wanted to leave behind us before we entered the new year. Then we were encouraged to throw into the fire our hopes for the future.

I was next to a lovely little old lady who yelled out at the top of her voice, "More sex!" Oh, how we all laughed! Now, some of my more narrow-minded clerical colleagues might be shocked by this revelation, if so, I'm sorry, but tough. I have never tried to hide Chistian faith and yes, I was wearing my collar, but I always try to accept, love and take people as they are, irrespective of their personal beliefs. For you see, the God I believe in does exactly that.



In my limited understanding, it is much more important about the sort of people we are and how we act towards others rather than what particular beliefs we have. Love and Kindness are qualities which enrich our world and it doesn't matter who gives them as long as they are given.



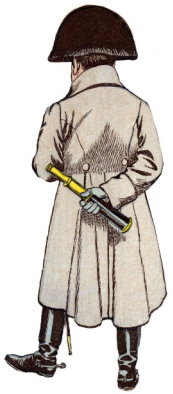
## Bringing Hope

*By Bishop Michael Beasley*



"A leader" said Napoleon Bonaparte, "is a dealer in hope." At the start of 2025, this is a tough challenge for leaders everywhere! Conflicts continue around the world. The climate emergency is ongoing. At the polls, voters in many countries express their dissatisfaction with the status quo. As we look around us, can hope mean anything more than mere wishful thinking? As we look on all the challenges that exist, have we anything more to say than "I hope that that somehow, somewhere, something will turn up".

More than ever, the Christian understanding of hope is what we need. Christian hope is broader, deeper, stronger altogether than any 'wishful thinking'. In scripture, hope is not just a vague desire that something good in the future will somehow happen. Rather, the Biblical understanding of hope is of a confident expectation and desire that good in the future will come. It's an assurance based in our pre-existing experience of God's goodness, God's love, the faithfulness that he has already shown towards us.

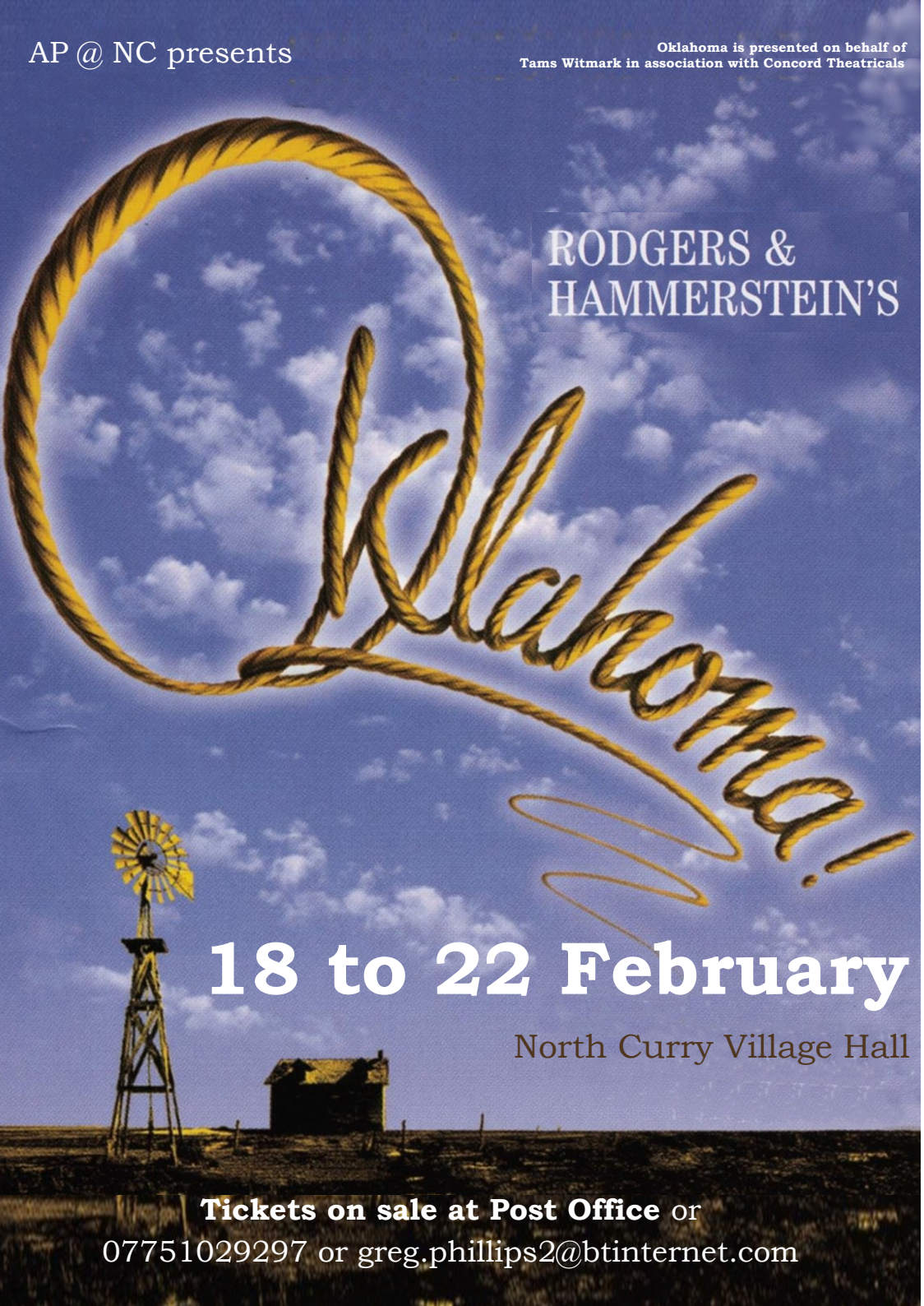


Scripture also contains the idea that while hope is something which comes primarily from God, it is also something in which human beings have a part to play, a contribution to make. The letter to the Hebrews says this: "God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, so that what you hope for may be fully realized." (Hebrews 6:10-11)

God graciously calls us to join in bringing hope into the world. Our work, our love, our diligence matter. The contribution we make is important in bringing into being the future that God wants for us. At the start of this new year, we are called to take the lead: to be signs, symbols, dealers in the hope for which our world longs today.

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# Burrowbridge



## We need to hear you! On 11th March

We have some money to spend! It's not a huge amount but Burrowbridge Parish Church has around £13,000 in its accounts that needs to be spent as soon as possible. That's good to hear, right?

Now the background story. Burrowbridge Primary School closed on 31st March 2012 with only twelve pupils on roll. It was a very sad day for so many people in the village and beyond, but the economics and practicalities of providing education for such a small number of children made it unfeasible to keep the school open. The sorrow remains so to this day in the village. Suddenly the sound of children was gone from the day to day life.



The school site was sold and the proceeds were divided between Somerset Council, Stoke St Gregory Primary School (since they received a handful of the children as new pupils) and the PCC of St Michael's Church in Burrowbridge. The church only received the money some time after the school closure, once the whole process was completed and the Diocese had decided how to handle matters, but, twelve years from the closure we really do need to find a suitable reason to spend it.

The money was given to the church (who continue to act as trustees for the amount) on the understanding that it would be used for the *educational benefit of children living in the Burrowbridge parish, and to be spent within the parish itself*. This is not as easy as you might think. The money won't go far on its own, and so we need to consider either how to spend it wisely as it is or to work on a larger project that is "seeded" by the £13,000.

The first step is therefore to do some research as to who can get involved and (most of all) what is best for our children. To this end, we are arranging a public meeting on **March 11th at 7pm in the Coronation Hall**. Anyone who lives in or has a positive and practical link with Burrowbridge is invited to attend. Most of all, if you are a parent or carer of a child who lives in Burrowbridge, we urge you to come along. We would particularly love to hear from the children themselves.

At this stage the meeting will be about sharing ideas. Clearly we need to be creative and wise about how to spend this money, so please don't expect an immediate solution on March 11th. But, please do come along and be a part of the beginning of this initiative.




## The Wall

You may have noticed that there has been a gap in the wall between St Michael's churchyard and the Mump. It's been there for some time now, and has signs alerting people that it is not safe and to that it is not a way through to the Mump itself (thank you, Roger Pocock!)

We have been working with Historic England and The National Trust to agree the best way to repair the wall, and thankfully we are now in a position to get the work underway. It's costing us to repair (we'd rather not have to pay anything, of course) but through the tenacity of Julie Pocock, churchwarden in Burrowbridge, it is going to be less than it might have been.

Thank you, Julie!

Photos in the next edition of a repaired fence, we pray…!

### Coffee, Cakes and Conversation…

After a month off in January, the delicious St Michael's feast returns on Saturday morning February 1st and for all first Saturdays through the year!

All welcome. A great place to catch up with people.



### 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



## Village Hall and Church updates

First of all, a bit of reflection on what happened in December 2024 (it feels so long ago now). The parish of Lyng held their first ever Christmas Advent Window Calendar. Every evening the windows were lit up with very creative individualised window displays. The anticipation was felt as every day we looked forward to sharing a photo of the next window. It was so successful that it is going to be run again in December 2025.



We had a fantastic turnout for our extra special Christmas lunch. The hall was decorated wonderfully, with a new grand Christmas tree donated by the Willis family: our thanks to them. Everyone started the season by being provided with a tasty three-course lunch, together with singing and laughter.

We continued the festive spirit by having a Christmas party later on in the month; the evening was a disco and karaoke. The villagers looked refined in their best festive dress.

To see in the New Year of 2025, we hosted a New Year's Eve Party at the Hall. Champagne to toast in the New Year at midnight was generously supplied by villagers and there was also linking of arms for the signing of Auld Lang Syne.

Following a very busy year of events in 2024, the committee is taking a break through January, to spring clean and complete maintenance tasks.



The next Community Lunch will be on **Wednesday 19th February**. As usual food service starts at 1.00 pm. The price of the two-course meal is £7.00. This will be a regular event falling on the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

The next Pop-up-Pub will be on **Friday 28th March**. Doors open at 7.30 pm. Food will be served from 7.30 – 9. Menu to be confirmed.

Future events throughout the year are still being decided but watch this space for some fun activities.

## Lyng Church Clock Fundraising

If you drive along the A361 past St Bartholomew's it will seem as though you're experiencing a local Groundhog Day, with the time fixed at ten minutes to five. No: time does not stand still in Lyng, but the church clock does.

Repair have been scheduled to happen soon, but we are still seeking to raise funds for the work, rather than using our reserves. We need £2,500 to cover the costs. Our recent Big Bart Brunch was one such event and over £100 has been added to the balance, so that's a start… However, a great deal more is required. So, here are a few events that will happen over the coming months. Please do join us in whatever ways you can and be part of the fundraising initiative.

## The Big Bart Brunch



£10 for the Big Bart, £5 for a smaller one. All really gorgeous and far too unhealthy, but worth every penny…

The next one is planned for Saturday 15th February at 11.30am in Lyng Village Hall. Contact Alison Perry to book your place (07470 838707, harveyfudge@icloud.com



## Jumble and Tumble

If you can bear it (groan), bring your Teddy to church on **Saturday 3rd May** and be prepared to throw him/her from the church roof–with a parachute, promise! With sponsorship, of course…

Also that day, in church, we'll be holding a good old-fashioned jumble sale.

## Churchyard Clear Up

A bit of weeding, a spot of painting, probably quite a bit of sweeping and lots of dusting. **Saturday March 1st from 10am**. Bring your own tools but pleased be ready to be directed to a part of the church that needs attention. It is a beautiful church and churchyard. It stays that way because we all care for it.






# North Curry



## North Curry Coffee Shop

We are now serving our highly popular homemade soups, so come in for a warming bowl of delicious soup or a jacket potato or sandwich, followed perhaps by a slice of one of our famous home baked cakes. And our cheese scones are considered by cyclists to be the 'best in Somerset'! We also sell a variety of lovely local art, crafts, cards and jewellery and are well stocked for Christmas gifts.

Our Winter opening hours are currently Tuesday to Sunday 10am to 4pm, with last orders at 3.45 pm. We are always looking for new volunteers so if you would like to join our friendly team, please email us at coffeeshop@northcurry.com or call us on 01823 491414. It's a great way to meet people while helping the community and raising money for your chosen charity. We look forward to welcoming you.

## 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.

Please note that the North Curry PCC recently decided that the annual "Christmas Bonus Prize" would no longer be offered. The bonus of Christmas 2024 was the one to be vawarded.

**Winners**
**Dec 1st:**

Christmas Bonus Prize: Carole McFadyean, 1st Christopher Cunnell, 2nd George Jones, 3rd Marilyn Gunning.

**Jan 5th**

1st Karen King, 2nd Carole McFadyean, 3rd Rosemary Woodgate

## Parish Council

*Happy New Year! We hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and would like to wish everyone a happy new year; we hope it is full of happiness for all.*

### Safety for Evening Walks

A resident wisely suggested a reminder for those out walking/ walking dogs in the dark evenings; please wear hi-vis clothing or accessories and avoid dark clothing. It is so hard to see people when they are not dressed appropriately for the dark, making for a potentially dangerous situation. Pop a hi-vis collar on your dogs too to keep them safe and seen! Just because you can see the car, doesn't mean the driver can see you too.

### Dog Fouling

Unfortunately, we've had many reports of dog 'waste' being left and not binned. This is just a reminder that this is an offence that carries up to a £1,000 fine. The Parish Council pay a large sum each year for emptying of the dog waste bins, please use them!

### School Admissions Consultation

Somerset Council have launched a consultation which lets you have your say on the how school places are allocated. Visit this website to have your say: https://www.somerset.gov.uk/news/have-your-say-on-school-admissions/

**The Parish Council Office**

Wednesdays 10:00am – 1:00pm and Thursdays 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Phone: 01823 490136 or email: parishcouncil@northcurry.com

Please check the notice board, website or Facebook for the Council's diary.

Council Meetings are the second Wednesday of each month with any extra planning meetings as needed on the last Wednesday of the month (both in the Meeting Room, Village Hall at 7:30pm).

North Curry Sport Ltd wishes everyone a happy new year, and says, "Thank you!" for the support through the last year. Wishing all a healthy and active 2025…



# North Curry Village Choir

## Spring Rehearsals 2025

***Resume on***

**Thursday 9th January, 8.00 pm**

**North Curry Village Hall**

***Our main work will be***

**Mozart Requiem**

***Our next concert is***

**Saturday 10th May 2025**

## *New Members Welcome*

If you would like to join us, or discuss the possibility, please contact our Choir Secretary by phone or Website Contact Form

Tel: **Barbara Lancey on 01458 252657**

Website: **www.northcurryvillagechoir.org**

## North Curry School at Christmas

*By The Worship Warriors*

On Thursday 19th December, North Curry Primary School went to the church for a Christingle service. It was led by Revd Simon and Revd Deborah. Revd Simon passed a large inflatable globe to several children so that prayers could be said for the countries chosen. The children chose Sweden, Russia and Brazil.





We sang Little Donkey, Silent Night, Away in a Manager and It was on a Starry Night. All the children were given an orange with a red ribbon around, a candle, four cocktail sticks and four sweets. They learnt that the orange represents the world with the red ribbon for the love of God. The candle represents Jesus the light of the world. The cocktail sticks represent the four seasons and the sweets God's creations.



Shark Class showed the rest of the school how to make them and then had their candles lit by Revd Simon and Revd Deborah. The children enjoyed the interactions, lighting their candles at home and eating the sweets and orange. Thank you to Revd Simon and Revd Deborah for a wonderful, amazing end of term service!





## North Curry and District Amateur Gardeners

## Our first talk of the new year...

## Propogation, a talk by John Addison

**Friday 7th February 7.45 for 8pm at North Curry Village Hall:**

We are enthusiastic gardeners from North Curry and nearby who meet on the first Friday from September to May at 7:45pm in North Curry Village Hall. Invited speakers entertain us on a variety of gardening- related topics. Refreshments and a chat round off the evening.



In the summer months we visit gardens near and far together, hiring a coach for those further away.

There's something for everyone with an interest in gardening and plants.
New members and visitors are always welcome (membership £12 annually, visitors £3.00/visit).

Need more info? Telephone Sue on 01823 491658 or email northcurrygardeningclub@gmail.com

## Listed Places of Worship Scheme

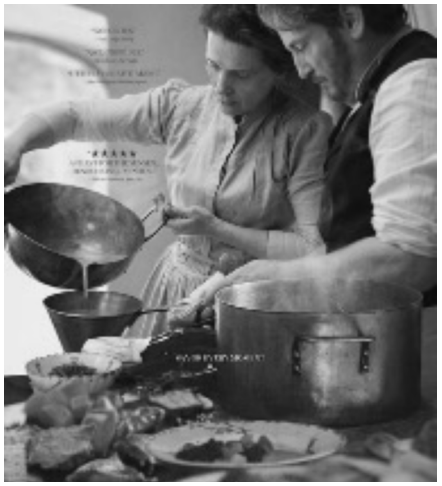
Good News! Mostly… This was going to be a repeat of last month's item asking everyone to continue to contact their MP and urge them to push for the renewal of the VAT exemption scheme.

It is good to be able to report, however, that the scheme has now been renewed, saving us thousands in VAT for works being undertaken in various ways across the Benefice.

Thank you to everyone who wrote to either Gideon Amos or Ashley Fox. The scheme was renewed on 22nd January. The budget for the scheme has been drastically cut, however, from £42 million to £23 million, so how that will change things remains to be seen. Gideon Amos MP has said that he is asking why this reduction in such a good value scheme has been made, so we wait and watch for how that will develop.



NORTH CURRY | F | I | L | M | CLUB



On **Saturday February 8th**, we are showing the film **Taste of Things**. This is the story of Eugenie (Juliette Binoche), as an esteemed cook, and Dodin - the fine gourmet chef she has been working for over the last 20 years. It is a film of a culinary romance that "is so vividly and lovingly made, you'll swear you can smell and taste every shot" (Telegraph).

Village hall doors open at 2:30pm and the film starts at 3pm. We have an intermission for cake & tea (donation requested) and a chat. Entry is £5.

On **Wednesday February 26th** we are showing the beautiful film **Past Lives**. Without a doubt one of the best films we are showing this year. It is about two deeply connected childhood friends, Nora and Hae Sung, who are forced apart after Nora's family emigrates from South Korea. Twenty years later, they are reunited for one fateful week as they confront notions of love and destiny. Quiet and deeply felt, a joy to see.

The Village hall doors & bar open at 7pm, with the film starting at 7.30pm. Also open to guests (£5).

Please see our website for trailers: www.northcurryfilmclub.org.uk or use the QR code. We also have a Facebook page.

We are looking for help running the club. All offers of help are very welcome. Contact Don on 490 859.





# The North Curry Calendar 2026

## Only 7 months to the deadline!

The search is still on for images with impact and atmosphere to grace the walls of our homes throughout 2026. If you live in the parish then we want your photos of the village and village life taken throughout the calendar year.

Please follow the rules and conditions set out below and submit your images for judging by the closing date of 31st August.

## 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 a title and the month the image was shot. The photographer must declare possession of the copyright.
4. Email files to magazine@athelneybenefice.com or colinhtrim@gmail.com by the closing date (31st August 2025).
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.

NORTH CURRY SOCIETY

# North Curry Landscape: 250 million years in the making

## A Geological History of North Curry! Tuesday Feb 11th at 7.30pm (for 8pm)

We are all familiar with our local landscape of ridges and levels, but how was this formed and what does it tell us?

By Caroline Vaughan, A former lecturer in Earth Sciences at Richard Huish College and Jeanne Leader: A former mining geologist and Head of Geography and Geology at Taunton School

The Society generally meets on the third Wednesday each month for talks of local interest. A full programme of talks has been arranged for the year ahead, which you will see on the Membership Card that will be available that evening. If you are not yet a member, you'll still be welcome (on payment of the guest fee of £5, or taking out annual membership for £15). Doors open at 7.30pm for a hot drink and warm conversation.

## Pay It Forward for Somerset—a campaign that changes lives

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The Community Council for Somerset (CCS) is a Somerset charity working to make sure that no one in our county must face hardship alone. They have launched a #PayItForwardSomerset campaign, aiming to raise £25,000 to support vital services that help Somerset residents when they need it most.

Every day, CCS helps people like Amy, whose limited mobility left her without fresh food and the ability to cook for herself. Thanks to the support of a CCS Village Agent, Amy now has access to a food pantry and a home kitchen setup that allows her to prepare her own meals again. And then there's Ed, who was overwhelmed by memory loss and mounting debts. With support from CCS, Ed received help with finances, daily care, and now feels safe at home.

CCS has a team of Village Agents who work throughout the county helping people to avoid isolation, keep warm, put food on the table, find housing, care for a loved one and connect with their community. Last year they supported over 10,000 Somerset residents with all kinds of issues, large and small.

Every pound raised by the Pay It Forward campaign will go towards services like Village Agents and CCS's wider community work, addressing economic challenges, health needs and social isolation.

There are lots of ways to Pay It Forward in Somerset, from making a donation, fundraising eg. holding a coffee morning, or Knitting for your Neighbour. Please visit ccslovesomerset.org/pay-it-forward-for-somerset to find out more and help if you can.

You can meet your local Village Agent at a Talking Cafésomersetagents.org/talking-cafes/, or request support here: somersetagents.org/

PAY IT FORWARD for Somerset



# CONGO INITIATIVE

### A Benefice Charity



Quite a few months ago I was put in touch with David McAllister, the CEO of the UK part of "The Congo Initiative" ("CI"). David has a background in Congo (he grew up there) and is a passionate advocate for CI. We chatted, ate and drank together (he is great company) and since then I have been seeking ways for the parishes in the benefice to help support CI. You can find out a great deal from their website (congoinitiative.org), but briefly, the function is to support the hiogher education of young Congolese people in order that they may take active roles as citizens of that beleagured nation. Governance is fragile in Congo, and there are frequent violent outbursts, a great deal of rape and other horrendous acts across the huge and beautiful nation. Hearing David talk reveals in me just how cossetted and secure we are in the UK. It is important that we find ways to support those far less fortunate.

David is visiting the Benefice for the weekend of March 15th this year. He will be speaking to us at the Quiz Night being organised for 7.30pm on that Saturday in North Curry Village Hall (details below in the box).

He will also be joining us in WHICH PARISH?, Preaching during our Eucharis.

Please do consider joining the fundraising quiz and finding out more about howe can continue to support this wodnerful initiative in one of the world's most disadvantaged nations.

QUIZ

**A Benefice Quiz: Saturday March 15th at 7.30pm in North Curry Village Hall**

To secure your team place (teams of six), please contact Jenny Satchwell (01823 490463) Cost: £12/team. Ticket includes buffet supper.

# Stoke St Gregory



## From the "Retired" Church Warden

*By Jane White*

Did you have a happy Christmas? I certainly hope so. I had a very happy one and a very busy one with thirteen humans and a visiting dog alongside my resident cat (who never managed to meet one another for very good reasons).

We had a busy Christmas season in the church this year with a fabulous nativity from the school to celebrate the end of term and start of the Christmas holiday. The church was looking wonderful and huge thanks are due to Amelia and her team of flower arrangers. Grateful thanks also to John Hembrow for supplying a beautiful, tall tree which was then treated to a whole new array of ornaments by Sue Hembrow who also dressed the tree for us. It all looked truly magnificent. Thanks also to Jo Washington and her son, Maximilian for arranging the stable and nativity scene. I think most of my Christmas duties have now been more than ably taken on by others and I am very grateful myself for being relieved of them. Much as I have enjoyed doing them for a number of years the time really has come for me to let go of a few more commitments.

We also have to thank Revd Simon for co-ordinating the various services throughout the Christmas season. No small task when he had three other parishes to satisfy as well as Stoke St Gregory and, just like the rest of us, his own family commitments. So, let us also not forget Revd Martin's contributions in the Benefice, we are all thankful to have both of them on hand to satisfy the needs of four busy churches.



Thanks also to our very talented organist, Steve Loveridge. Steve braved the wintry weather in his fingerless gloves for Carols in the Square where possibly 30 adults and a similar number of children came and sang lustily and awaited the arrival of Father Christmas with his sack of goodies. A collection was raised for Safer Families, the charity selected by our Baptist friends. We have also to thank Santa who has turned out for us year after year (even during the 2020 Lockdown when we had our Carol Service, carefully distanced, in the fresh air outside the Williams Hall).

Sadly for us, our own special Santa is moving away very shortly but we send him on his way with very best wishes for the future and grateful thanks for all his visits to Stoke. Santa's helper will, we hope, continue to drive his sleigh with a new Santa's assistant from next Christmas.



Just a few days after this we held a rather warmer Carol Service in the Parish Church which was attended by about 70 (thank you again to the readers). The collection taken at this amounted to £247.50 and was given to the Somerset Domestic Abuse Service who sent a very grateful email and offered to flag it on their social media platform. Christmas Eve was marked with an hilarious Crib Service in the afternoon (which I, unfortunately, missed) at which Cristiano Ronaldo featured as a donkey alongside the usual camels. Then came our First Mass of Christmas at 10pm – allowing those who had no commitments in other churches to be in our beds before midnight. A fact for which I was selfishly but abundantly grateful.

There is a lot of gratitude expressed above—but surely that is one of the points of Christmas—gratitude for the gift of God's son in human form and, in our times, the opportunity to express gratitude to our own loved ones but also to think about those many millions around our world who are so much less fortunate than ourselves. I think at this point I should leave the preaching to the vicar and wish you all a happy and healthy 2025. [*The vicar is grateful to Jane for all she does. (ed)*]

### Date for your 2025 Diary

Annual Shrove Tuesday Supper and Talk, Tuesday 4th March, 7.15pm for 7.30pm – Church Sunday School Room.

This year we will have a quiz rather than a visiting speaker, so please do come along with your brain fully on-line.

## Village Agent

The Somerset Village Agent project is run by the Community Council for Somerset (CCS) and now covers half of the county. The project uses paid, highly trained individuals living in the parish 'clusters' they support. Village Agents help to bridge the gap between isolated, excluded, vulnerable and lonely residents and statutory and/or voluntary organisations, matching specific needs to the bewildering range of services on offer. We work with people of all ages and deal with a wide variety of issues, although a considerable proportion of our work involves elderly clients and social care.

Tina Talbot is the Village Agent covering Stoke St Gregory, North Curry, East Lyng, Monkton Heathfield and other surrounding villages. She is keen to get to know the community and offer signposting and support to:

- Ensure that people receive the benefits they are entitled to
- Direct people to organisations that can help them
- Ensure people living alone are not forgotten
- Make the local community aware of social problems in their area
- Offer advice, particularly to the elderly
- Locate people who are lonely and need help such as food or local services
- Advise on energy problem and how to save money

**Tina can be contacted as follows:**

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## Garden Musings

*By Revd Martin Mudie*

Many years ago, an unkind colleague at work called me an 'armchair gardener'. She meant it to be an insult but I took it to be a compliment. For I have always preferred reading and learning about plants and trees rather than actually labouring in the vineyard. So, in this new column, I will share my thoughts about my favourite plants month by month.

As I look over the extensive grounds of Broughton House in February, my eyes rest on a lovely shrub which seems to have a number of bright yellow spiders clinging to its branches, which illuminates that part of the garden so well. This wonderful winter flowering plant rejoices in the amazing name of Hamamelis Mollis Pallida, or its English name – Witch Hazel – which gives us the liquid which heals bruises. As well as brightening a dull winter day, it also has the most wonderful clove scent.

I have always loved winter flowering shrubs and trees as they come into bloom at a time of year when colour and scent are rare. True, they are often small and less showy than their summer counterparts so they often use scent to attract the few insects around but they have a quiet beauty all of their own. My particular favourites, as well as the witch hazel are as follows: Daphne, an elegant bush with white or pink flowers, Chimonanthus Fragrans, an evergreen shrub with white and purple flowers and Lonicera Fragrantissimum, the winter honeysuckle. All have a lovely scent. Place these on a path you often use and you will be rewarded by unexpected treats of colour and scent to keep you going till the spring.

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The **February 11th** Members Meeting of the Stoke St Gregory WI has Amanda Hawkins coming to inform us about the work of the Exmoor Search and Rescue.

Janice Pearce is giving the vote of thanks, Sue Dare and Lesley Dyson are the tea hostesses, Lyn Willis is running the trade stall and Janet Daniels will be filling the rose bowl. The evening will also see our annual competition take place which for this year is to write a Limerick. A prize will be awarded for the one that receives the most laughs! New year blues? Fancy an interesting and uplifting evening? Why not come along as a visitor? It's only £4:50 and you are most welcome to bring along a Limerick. ["There was a woman from Stoke St Gregory… "? (ed)]

Our speakers are always varied, the welcome is always warm, the friendship provides laughs and support. Why not try it for yourself? We meet at Stoke St Gregory Village Hall on the **second Tuesday of the month with the meeting starting at 7pm**. Don't hesitate to get in touch. Contact Amelia Holt, 01823 490401 or 07985 317252 for further details.

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# Rotas

## Stoke St Gregory

### Readers

Please read both Old and New Testament readings as shown in the bulletin. If changing weeks please advise Jane or Pat

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|---|---|
| 2nd Feb | Barbara M |
| 16th Feb | Annette |
| 23rd Feb | Barbara P |
| 2nd Mar | Simon |

### Sidespersons

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| 2nd Feb | Annette & Barbara M |
| 16th Feb | Alex & Sally |
| 23rd Feb | Penny & Simon |
| 2nd Mar | Veronica & Will |

### Cleaners

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|---|---|
| 2nd Feb | Penny & Simon |
| 9th Feb | Dave &N Janet |
| 16th Feb | Linda & Brent |
| 23rd Feb | Annette & Martin |
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## North Curry

| | Sidesmen | Intercessions | Readers |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2nd Feb | H.Comrie, L. Farnham | D. Walker | S. Harrison |
| 9th Feb | L. Paul, T. Jeannes | D. Farnham | S. Keele |
| 16th Feb | D. Walker | H. Griffiths | D. Walker, D. Farnham |
| 23rd Feb | S. Keele, H. Comrie | J. Satchwell | A. Peters |
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# Services across the Benefice

### 2nd February Presentation of Christ

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| 8.30am | North Curry | Prayer Book Eucharist |
| 10.00am | Lyng | Service of the Word |
| 10.00am | North Curry | Eucharist |
| 10.00am | Stoke Baptist | Messy Church & breakfast |
| 11.00am | Stoke St Gregory | Eucharist |
| 11.00am | North Curry Methodist | Service |

### 9th February Fourth Sunday before Lent

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| 8.30am | Stoke St Gregory | Prayer Book Eucharist |
| 9.30am | Burrowbridge | Service of the Word |
| 10.00am | North Curry | Eucharist |
| 10.30am | Stoke Baptist Church | Family worship service with communion |
| 11.00am | North Curry Methodist | Service |

### 16th February Third Sunday before Lent

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| 8.30am | North Curry | Prayer Book Eucharist |
| 10.00am | Lyng | Eucharist |
| 10.30am | Stoke Baptist Church | Family worship service |
| 11.00am | Stoke St Gregory | Eucharist |
| 11.00am | North Curry Methodist | Service of Holy Communion |
| 4.00pm | North Curry | Evensong |

### 23rd February Second Sunday before Lent

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| 9.30am | Burrowbridge | Eucharist |
| 10.00am | North Curry | Eucharist |
| 10.30am | Stoke Baptist Church | Family worship service |
| 11.00am | Stoke St Gregory | Eucharist |
| 11.00am | North Curry Methodist | Service |

### 2nd March Sunday next before Lent

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| 8.30am | North Curry | Prayer Book Eucharist |
| 10.00am | Lyng | Service of the Word |
| 10.00am | North Curry | Eucharist |
| 10.00am | Stoke Baptist Church | Messy Church & breakfast |
| 11.00am | Stoke St Gregory | Eucharist |
| 11.00am | North Curry Methodist | Service |