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GREETINGS

With snowdrops, crocuses, and daffodils in the churchyard and around the villages we see the first signs of



Spring, that lift we all need after a depressing Winter. We can look forward to the countryside and our gardens waking up and the birds getting active and vocal. In the calendar of the Church, we have this month to prepare for Lent; a kind of in-between season, it's a chance to do a bit of stock-taking.

With the announcement last month of rector Tim leaving in May, we will be applying ourselves to making this a good

ending for him and Linda and to preparing for a vacancy.

Sunday **8th May** will be Tim's last

service – a 10am team service in St Mary's, Yatton, where there will be opportunity to express our gratitude for his ministry among us over the last 7 years. Tim will lead the 6pm online service Sunday **6th March**. Endings and beginning, goings and comings, the seasons change, the wheel turns.

This Winter, already a challenge for so many, is set to become more difficult with the eye watering rise in fuel prices.

No-one should have to make the choice between heating or eating but there are those in our villages doing just that. Somerset Community Foundation - Surviving Winter (somersetcf.org.uk) [01749 344949 info@somersetcf.org.uk] – helps people who are in fuel poverty by encouraging those who can afford it to donate their Winter Fuel Allowance to those unable to heat their homes. Please do consider if this is something you might do, then speak to Nigel or Dave or contact SCF Yourself.

Open The Book is a great resource for school assemblies, acting out bible stories from a simple script. The team, already now formed, is ready to begin visiting Court de Wyck school but needs a leader who can pull it all together. Might this be you? No acting skill needed, just a good head for co-ordination and time to commit to 2 afternoons a month. Please contact Nigel.



Things to look forward to:

GCCG - an opportunity to join a group of friendly volunteer gardeners for a spot of digging, planting, cheerful chat and garden maintenance on Saturday **19th Feb** 10am-4pm in Goblin Combe Community Garden, Plunder Street, Cleeve. As a parish church we are supporting this community project, so do consider coming along at any time of the day if you can make it.



WAYMARKS – on Sunday **27th Feb**, the 10am Waymarks service at Holy Trinity will be led by, Angela Fraser, our deanery warden of Readers, gifted worship leader and school chaplain.

LENT 2022 – begins on **2nd March**: Ash Wednesday with a team service of Holy Communion + ashing in All Saints, Kingston Seymour. See elsewhere for details of Lent groups.

CAFÉ CHURCH – on Sunday **13th March** at our 10am Café Church in Cleeve Village Hall, we will have refreshments and opportunity for some discussion at table + I will interview Steve Molloy on Community Resilience.

VIVA PALESTINA! – a cultural event at Claverham Village Hall,

Sunday 1st May 5.30 – 9pm. Live music, live-link to Bethlehem, food + drink, costumes, displays, film + talk. Details to follow.

BAPTISM – Raphael King will be baptised in Holy Trinity Church 11.30am on Sunday **13th March**.

Peace & all good

Nigel

A Green Heart

Into a dark world
A snowdrop comes,
A benison
of hope and peace,
carrying with it
a green heart,
symbol of God's renewing love.



Come to inhabit our darkness
Lord Christ,
for dark and light
are alike to you.



May nature's white candles of hope
remind us of your birth
and light our journey
through Lent and beyond.

Services Cleeve with Claverham Feb/March

FEBRUARY

2nd Sunday - 13th Feb The Third Sunday before Lent

10am	St Barnabas Cleeve Village Hall	Shared Parish Communion Cafe Church
6pm	ONLINE	Zoom Team Service

3rd Sunday - 20th Feb The Second Sunday before Lent

10am	Holy Trinity	Shared Parish Communion
6pm	ONLINE	Zoom Team Service

4th Sunday - 27th Feb Sunday next before Lent

10am	St Barnabas Holy Trinity	Parish Communion Waymarks
6pm	ONLINE	Zoom Team Service

MARCH

1st Sunday - 6th March The First Sunday in Lent

10am	Holy Trinity	Shared Parish Communion
6pm	ONLINE	Zoom Team Service

2nd Sunday - 13th March The Second Sunday in Lent

10am	St Barnabas	Shared Parish Communion
10am	Cleeve Village Hall	Cafe Church
6pm	ONLINE	Zoom Team Service

3rd Sunday - 20th March The Third Sunday in Lent

10am	Holy Trinity	Shared Parish Communion
6pm	ONLINE	Zoom Team Service

MIDWEEK SERVICES

February

Thurs 17 th	9.30am	Holy Trinity	Healing Prayer + Communion
Wed 23 rd	10am	St Barnabas	Coffee+Cake+Communion
Thurs 24 th	9.30am	Holy Trinity	Healing Prayer

March

Thurs 3 rd	09.30am	Holy Trinity	Healing Prayer + Communion
Friday 4 th	10.30am	St Barnabas	Annual World Day of Prayer
Thurs 10 th	09.30am	Holy Trinity	Healing Prayer
Thurs 17 th	09.30am	Holy Trinity	Healing Prayer + Communion
Weds 23 rd	10.00am	St Barnabas	Coffee+Cake+Communion
Thurs 24 th	09.30am	Holy Trinity	Healing Prayer

Electoral Roll

The APCM date has been set for **Thursday 28th April 2022** at 7.15pm in the church room at Holy Trinity. In readiness for the APCM I am required to do a review of the Electoral Roll so if existing members have changed any of their details including email addresses do please let me know.

Also if any of our congregation wish now to become a member of the church and be included

on the Electoral Roll register do please let me know in order that I can supply the appropriate application form. My contact details are set out below. Email addresses have been a convenient method of providing those on the electoral roll of any relevant information received by me from the Diocese.

Diana Cook

Electoral Roll Officer for Cleeve with Claverham

Telephone 01934 834621 or email

dianacook@tinyworld.co.uk

Goings on at Holy Trinity Churchyard...

We asked Tony and Faith Moulin to help us to plan the way forward to ensure that our churchyard was a hospitable place both for visiting humans and for wildlife. They identified our largest problem which was that the hedge bordering the field on the right hand side of the new churchyard



Who planted Dave?

was overgrown with brambles and had a number of dead trees. It was decided that the hedging should be replaced with a variety of native species attractive to birds and to foraging bats as well as looking attractive to visitors.



Digging for victory!

This was going to be a four or five year plan as there was a lot of very heavy work involved. However, the plan was unexpectedly brought forward when farmer Jack from the adjoining field offered to take down the brambles and put up a new fence. At the same time YACWAG were digging up a



Treasure trove

variety of hedging plants in their new Cobthorne reserve in Congresbury which they could donate to us. These were opportunities that were too good to miss. The brambly 'hedge' was cut down, fence erected and an appeal for volunteers to dig up the remaining roots and prepare the ground for the new hedging whips was made. Fortunately about a dozen brave people answered the call on Saturday Jan 29th. The rain rained and the wind blew but this did not deter our hedging heroes who, fortified by Lin with her field kitchen and some very tasty cakes and raspberry muffins, worked tirelessly until the length of the boundary was dug over. The hedge was planted the



Motivation department

following Saturday morning by the same amazing group of volunteers which included some members of YACWAG.

As we were 'on a roll' our Church Wardens decided to install the new bike rack and the first of four new compost bins at the church.



Compost corner

Phew, think we can sit down and have a rest now!

Many thanks to all who gave their time and energy to help dig and plant, also to Lin and Gill for the catering and to Rob Smith for the yummy raspberry muffins. There was a really good community feeling on both mornings. Now we can let nature take over and just watch our hedge grow!

Ed

Churchyard next step...

When we have recovered from the digging and hedging, we thought that the next step in the churchyard would be to make a Wildlife Hotel at the far end of the new hedge. This could shelter all sorts of creatures from insects and bumble bees to small mammals such as hedgehogs.

If anyone has, or knows of, a good source of wooden pallets we could use in our construction could they contact myself or Nickie. Contact details on back page. *Ed*

Holy Trinity - Lent Lunch

Holy Trinity's first Lent Lunch for two years is to be held on Thursday **7th April** in Cleeve Village Hall. Lunch will be from 12noon until 2pm – soup and ploughman, with a sweet, plus tea/coffee.

Tickets, which cost £5, are available from Lin Mortimer on 838515 or Gill Roe on 832917. All funds raised will be donated to the Clevedon Foodbank.

Claverham news..

Claverham market this month is on the **19th Feb** from 10am - noon. Come along , browse the many stalls and have a cuppa with your friends. I am still looking for a person (male or female) to take over organising the tables - may fold if nobody comes forward!!

The Claverham Ladies Guild have supported the Big Give Trust 'Women and Girls' Match Fund.' for the past two years. It is one of the recipients of the Tampon Tax fund which finishes this year and has distributed over £90million to women's charities over the past six years.

Fourteen projects are receiving grants from the fund including the Big Give Trust's 'Women and Girls' Match Fund.' They will double any donations given online during the week **8th - 15th** March to time with International Women's Day. A contact is Louise.Cook@one25.org.uk Community Fundraiser One25 (mon/tues/thurs) 01174501811

Jean

A REVOLUTIONARY LIFE!

This year we meet in person in 5 groups across the team, with each group studying The Beatitudes: Matthew 5. 1-10 - part of the Pilgrim course series.

The Beatitudes are some of the most important texts in the bible, a summary of Jesus' teaching on how to live a revolutionary life. This course will enable us to enter that challenging and exciting vision for how life might be.

~~**MONDAY GROUP** - meeting 2.30pm. Kingston Seymour~~ **FULL**
March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, April 4th, 11th Fran Binding 01934 830120

WEDNESDAY GROUP 1 - meeting 7.30pm Holy Trinity Church Room
March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, April 6th, + Thurs 14th Nigel Thomas 01934 283340

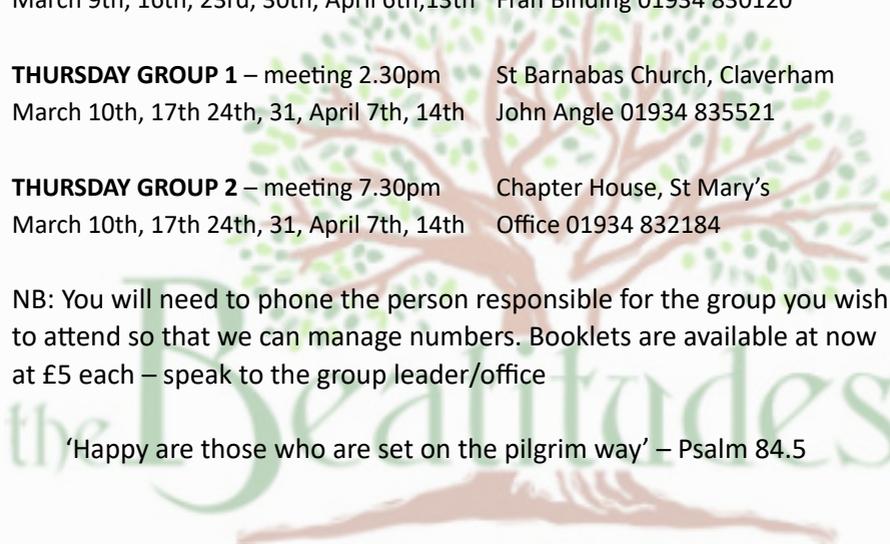
WEDNESDAY GROUP 2 – meeting 7.30pm Kingston Seymour
March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, April 6th,13th Fran Binding 01934 830120

THURSDAY GROUP 1 – meeting 2.30pm St Barnabas Church, Claverham
March 10th, 17th 24th, 31, April 7th, 14th John Angle 01934 835521

THURSDAY GROUP 2 – meeting 7.30pm Chapter House, St Mary's
March 10th, 17th 24th, 31, April 7th, 14th Office 01934 832184

NB: You will need to phone the person responsible for the group you wish to attend so that we can manage numbers. Booklets are available at now at £5 each – speak to the group leader/office

'Happy are those who are set on the pilgrim way' – Psalm 84.5



HOLY TRINITY PANCAKE BRUNCH

At
CLEEVE VILLAGE
HALL



Tues 1st MARCH

11am-1pm

£4.00

to include a
Bacon or cheese roll
&
2 sweet pancakes
coffee or tea

CAKES, BRIC-A-BRAC, RAFFLE

Tickets from –Lin Mortimer[838515]
Gill Roe [832917]

ENTRY BY TICKET ONLY

Come along - at the start of Lent and enjoy a treat at the Holy Trinity Pancake Brunch! There will also be cake and bric-a-brac stalls and a raffle. Come along for food, fun and friendship!

Tickets are going quickly so it is a good idea to ring and book your place. From Lin - 838515 or Gill 832917. *Dave*



Day of World Prayer - Friday 4th March.

‘I know the plans I have for you’ says the Lord.

Contact Janet Angle for more details:- 01934
835521



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CLEEVE HILL ROAD
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**TEA & TECH
TUESDAY 15TH MARCH
10 - 12**

FREE DIGITAL/TECH ADVICE

CONNECT WITH OTHERS OVER TEA & CAKE
CONTACT TINA - 07502 641 805

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Holy Trinity Cleaning Rota

Andrea Stoddart Lin Mortimer	February 13th
Enid Pring Ron Pring	February 20th
Kath Hunt	Feb 27th
Gill Roe	March 6th
Carole Perrott Jennie Ford	March 13th

coat]

...and from Clive, in competition for worst joke of the month...

A friend of mine has taken to drinking brake fluid. I told him that it was addictive but he said that he could stop anytime!

Thank you -

Ron's joke

Years ago I took our daughter into our "bring a kid to work day ". After about an hour I found her sobbing away. I asked her what was upsetting her. In front of my co workers she blurted out -
" I haven't seen any of the clowns you keep telling us you work with"
[I'll get my

For your contributions to this month's Messenger.

Articles for the March edition should be with me by Wednesday **9th March** They can be e-mailed to carole.perrott@gmx.com, put through the door of 15 Chestnut Drive, Claverham or given to me at church. *Ed*

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