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GREETINGS

The Jubilee celebrations across our villages, as across the country, indicate that a sense of community is alive and well and able to provide much relief in these challenging times. Some, however, did not feel able to party. Covid-19 and its continuing consequences has had a terrible effect on the mental health of so many people, young and old alike, the

full scale of which we are still gauging. Of course, it's not just the pandemic causing us ill health. Government funded surveys show we are working harder to tighter deadlines under greater levels of tension and the numbers of those suffering from depression as a direct result of their drop in living standards has risen dramatically. Stress, stress, and more stress!

Thanks to the efforts, in part, of brave individuals who are speaking out we can be more aware of the symptoms of mental ill-health, the treatments available and commit to actively tackling some of the causes. England rugby union international, Jonny Wilkinson,

42, has spoken of how lockdown left him, 'shivering like a young child', as it triggered anxiety and stirred up past trauma. Gareth Thomas, a Welsh rugby legend, made history by becoming the world's first openly gay rugby player in 2009. He is a true icon of the LGBT+ community and a brave public speaker openly addressing issues that have affected him - homophobia, mental health issues and HIV, all against the backdrop of his rugby career.

Both men have worked alongside the Duke of Cambridge to extend the Heads-Up initiative www.headstogether.org.uk which is also partnered by the FA, and which aims to encourage conversation about men's mental health. Talking is good.

It is universally recognised that community helps well-being – we need each other to survive and thrive. The local church is one such expression of community. Neither our scriptures nor our tradition recognises private religion. Indeed all the big metaphors for the Church in the

New Testament are organic: we are branches of a vine, limbs of a body, living stones of a temple. We need to meet to grow together; to grow in health, in hope, in faith, and in love.



It is encouraging that the Church of England, our diocese included, is taking the need for good mental health within our Church communities so much more seriously and providing support and teaching aimed at helping us live healthier, more compassionate lives. Living in Love and Faith is one such resource – more to come about LLF elsewhere and in subsequent issues.

Whatever the current state of our mental, emotional, physical, spiritual health, may we feel confident enough and able to draw on the strength and healing that our communion with God in Christ and with each other offers us.

Peace & all good

Nigel

A Prayer for Mental Health

Joy-maker, help me experience the pleasure of this day.
Peace-giver, hush my anxious heart.
Time-keeper, heal past hurts and help me trust you with tomorrow.
God who knit together my brain and heart, guide both to rest and harmony.
Open my eyes to see where I can join you in avoiding stress, turning off screens, eating well, sleeping well.
And open my ears to hear your voice if I need to find professional help.
Heal and strengthen my mind, O Lord.
Amen.

CHURCH DIARY

ARCHDEACON'S VISITATION – Thursday 16th June, St. Mary's, Portishead.

Please pray for Nick and Clive and all the wardens across the team as they are admitted into office.

CAFÉ CHURCH - 26th June

Cleeve village hall will be open for Café Church at 10am. Readings, table-talk + prayers from 10.30am.

At 10am there will be Garden Prayers in the community garden, Plunder Street for those who wish to join in. We will then join Café Church in the village hall.

BREAD OF FELLOWSHIP – Thursday 30th June

9.30am Holy Trinity.

LPA Jenny Pascoe will lead a newly written service where prayers, fellowship and bread are shared in simplicity and quiet. Do join us.



Services for Cleeve with Claverham in June/July

12th June - 2nd Sunday, Trinity Sunday

10.00am St Barnabas Shared Parish Communion
 10.00am Holy Trinity Patronal Festival Holy Communion

19th June - 3rd Sunday The First Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Holy Trinity Shared Parish Communion
 06.00pm Zoom - Online Evening Prayer

26th June - 4th Sunday The Second Sunday after Trinity

10.00am - St Barnabas Parish Communion
 10.00am - Community Garden Garden Prayers
 10.00am - Cleeve Village Hall - Cafe Church

3rd July - 1st Sunday - The Third Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Holy Trinity Shared Parish Communion
 06.00pm Online Guest: Sara Emmett
 (Diocesan Environment Officer)

10th July - 2nd Sunday - The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

10.00am St Barnabas Shared Parish Communion

Thursday Services - June

Thursdays

16th 9.30am Holy Trinity Healing Prayer + Communion
 23rd 9.30am Holy Trinity Healing Prayer
 30th 9.30am Holy Trinity Bread of Fellowship (new service)

July

7th 9.30am Holy Trinity Healing Prayer + Holy Communion.



SPONSORED WALK

Saturday 6th August is the Feast of the Transfiguration. I am planning to walk to all 5 churches in the team on footpaths and lanes, approx. 14 miles circular walk, and say prayers in each. Any sponsor money raised will go toward fitting a diverter to the vicarage, at a cost of £750, allowing us to heat water from the solar panels on the roof and not burn gas. This will help us, any future clergy, the parish, and the diocese along the road to being net zero carbon by 2030. More details to come – all monies at this stage can be directed to our treasurer, Dave Mortimer.

Nigel

Taizé Service for the Environment



'Evensong for the Earth'

26th June, 7.15pm

St Francis Church, Ash Hayes Rd

Nailsea BS48 1LP

Beautiful chants, readings

quiet reflective time.

People of all faiths and none are most welcome

We were saddened to hear of the sudden death of Mary Ashworth, of Claverham and our thoughts and prayers are with husband David, children Colin and Rachel and their families.

Mary's funeral will be at Weston Crematorium on Friday 17th June at 4.30 and will be taken by Rev John Angle.



Digging for victory!

Bickley Tea and Cake afternoon.

The 16th May was fine and dry for the event which was



held in a marquee in the grounds of Bickley. There was a lovely atmosphere as we sat at the

round tables and caught up with friends. Brenda Smith and Lin did a roaring trade with the tea and cakes, and June exercised her considerable persuasive powers at the new and preloved stall which had a plethora of very interesting items on offer.

It was a really enjoyable event and raised a superb £326.36 for repairs at Holy Trinity. Many thanks to the Vaughans for being such wonderful hosts.

Ed

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee



In common with the rest of the country there was bunting galore in the streets of Cleeve and Claverham to commemorate the anniversary of the Queen's Coronation 70 years ago.

Brenda writes-

I was a teenager when the Queen was crowned. We lived in Ladbrooke Grove in London; Mum, Dad, Fred, my brother, my uncle John, and me.

Uncle had purchased a television – very up to date with a 9" screen (unbelievable!) and such a small thing to watch, - not only us five watched but two of my friends as well!

After the service was over we had some food and then my friends and I went out, got on a bus to Trafalgar Square, to find the crowds, then walked on to the Mall and watched as



the Royals came out onto the Palace Balcony.

It was a lovely fun thing to do and I think that the world was a more gentle place then.

Brenda Styles.

What a wonderful memory Brenda, thank you so much for sharing it with us. Ed.

Jubilee cont'd...

Cleeve Village hall hosted an indoor picnic with popular singer and all round entertainer Kate McNab leading us in songs from the Lord Nelson songbook. So we 'Rolled out the Barrel,' 'Daisy Daisyied,' and went a 'Long way to Tipperary!' All the songs my grandparents used to sing! It was tremendous fun and, in case we hadn't brought enough picnic food to sustain us through our energetic singing, there was a wonderful selection of cakes to purchase. Many thanks to the Village Hall Committee for organising this event.



Ed

Claverham Market/Lady's Guild

This month's market will be on **Saturday 18th** and the next Lady's Guild on the **7th July**.

MU news - Cleeve and Claverham Mothers Union meeting - Tuesday 17th May

Firstly, Andrea welcomed everyone and gave out the notices for forthcoming events then Janet led us in our opening prayers.

Our speaker this month was the lovely Niccy Hook, youth leader at Yatton youth club, Rock Road. Although it is not a Christian based organisation, Niccy has a great faith and believed God was calling her to this role. Her

previous job was as youth worker at Yatton Methodist Church. She told us about the various age groups that attend the Youth club, from junior school age to 18-year olds. For example on a Tuesdays and Thursdays she and her team have on average 40 youngsters between the ages of 7-11 come along and with a smile on her face, remarked on how it could be a bit of a challenge at times!

She explained that during lockdown the local police contacted her to see if there was anything she and her team could do to help curb some anti-social behaviour that was occurring in the area involving local youths.

Niccy came up with the idea of a Supper and Chat club on Wednesday evenings. This is where they all prepare a meal and then sit, eat and chat together, which thankfully has become very popular and has helped considerably to deal with the problem.

Thanks to lottery funding they have been enabled to refurbish their rather dilapidated Kitchen, so they can now run a Saturday Youth led café and with help from The Yeo Valley Lions have recently started a monthly Dementia coffee morning party. Niccy also runs support groups for young mothers and one to one in house sessions, helping to build relationships and confidence where needed.

Another initiative Niccy help set up back in 2020 during lockdown, was the Yatton food bank drop-in (again with the help from the Lions) they are open between 9.30 and 12 noon every Thursday. Although this service was only supposed to last as long as the lockdown, Niccy soon realised how vital it was to

local families, so now it will stay open as long as it is needed.

It was a real pleasure to meet Niccy and hear her speak with such passion about the work she obviously loves to do. The meeting ended with a delicious



meal prepared, as usual, by Lin. Our next meeting will be on 21st June. This will be our annual outing and lunch.

Gill

Important dates for MU members.

Tuesday June 21st --- Our annual outing. Members will receive an email as we need numbers and choice off the Menu. If you haven't received one ring Andrea or Lin.
Friday July 15th ----- The Picnic. Again we need numbers of who are coming for catering purposes. Beginning of July would be suitable to let the committee know, if not before.

Andrea (on behalf of the committee)

Kabwe Link!

I expect a lot of readers will remember Jo Stobart who was curate in the Yatton Team Ministry before her appointment as vicar in Ilminster. She told visitors to her church, Becky and Barry, who were about to go to Zambia representing a charity, about our link with St George's church in Kabwe and asked if they could visit them to say hi. This is their report..

..Well, this morning, we all joined the good folk of St George's and enjoyed sharing their time of worship. All the notices came at the end of the service, including hauling us out to the front to introduce us. Barry dealt with intros, why we were in Kabwe and then, not feeling on solid ground, tentatively mentioned the Yatton Moor project – fantastic!!!!!!!!!! It seems that back in the 90's Yatton Moor churches had been significant sponsors of the building of the church and adjacent vicarage. Big photo shoot followed with some great conversations. Well done to those folk in Yatton Moor – your generosity continues to be hugely appreciated and you occupy a special place in the hearts of the St George's congregation. Every blessing to you all, Becky and Barry

**Free Online Sessions -
Friendship, Conversation and
Creativity**

West of England Rural Network (WERN) has been running free online sessions, initially organised for isolated and vulnerable adults, since

October 2021 and some participants are still coming back for more! Facilitated by storyteller and writer Michael Loader and Tina Huckle-Mills (author and WERN representative) these lively and convivial sessions run

once a month giving the chance for conversation to flow and develop alongside the reading and sharing of poetry, spoken word and creative activities. You decide when you want to

attend and to what level you want to get involved. For more information contact Tina at tina@wern.co.uk or Michael at foolworks@yahoo.co.uk

Smart Living Awards 2022

Do you have a favourite person, product, organisation or business that you think deserves some recognition for their hard work in helping to create a better future?



Then please head over to www.smartliving.org.uk/awards or email hello@smartliving.org.uk with your name and details of who you would like to nominate and why. Please also include their contact details so we can get in touch with them. YACWAG perhaps or all amazing folk raising money for Ukraine, for example?

The nominees will then be contacted and shortlisted, with the winners being announced at the awards ceremony at the WSM Winter Gardens on 30th Sept. You can nominate as many times as you like and it only takes a minute, but I hope it will raise the profile of those dedicated and determined people who so often don't get the recognition they so richly deserve. Many thanks,

Darren



Holy Trinity Cleaning Rota

June Richards	June 19th
Sarah Cush Nick Cush	June 26th
Andrea Stoddart Lin Mortimer	July 3rd
Enid Pring Ron Pring	July 10th
Kath Hunt	July 17th

Paul and Renate O'Donnell invite you to their craft and cream tea open house 3rd - 26th June at 3 Bishop's Mead, Cleeve. Book on 835131 or e-mail info@woodnthings-uk.com.

Just room for one funny from Ron who says - It's been extremely difficult to overcome my addiction to the hokey cokey, but I've turned myself around, that's what it's all about!

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Thank you - for your contributions to this month's Messenger. Articles for the July Edition should be with me by **Wednesday 6th July** They can be e-mailed to carole.perrott@gmx.com, given to me at church or put through the door of 15 Chestnut Drive,



Many thanks

once again to the Yatton, Cleeve and Claverham scout group who worked

really hard last Monday evening assembling our new compost bins. They were bought through a grant from Bristol Airport. Another step on the road to being a sustainable church.