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# The Messenger

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## GREETINGS

As the hottest Summer on record [again] continues to roll on, we are now seeing first-hand the effects our failure to take good care of the environment are having. The heat waves and drought of the last weeks are a late wake up call to many and we must all now find ways of living with irreversible climate change. This will be a great challenge

to our villages and communities as new, better ways to manage our resources are sought. I am however encouraged by what I am seeing and hearing from local initiatives and individuals who are rising to the challenge and leading the way. Here the Church can play a part, locally and nationally, by being good stewards of that which we have been gifted to manage, actively teaching and demonstrating faith-based stewardship; by partnering with those committed to care for Creation; and by giving a voice to all who want to make Creation a matter of prayer.

May the coming Church season – Creationtide, 1st September to 4th October, during which we will celebrate Harvest in both our churches – be an opportunity to renew our own commitment to care.



A lot of care has been given to our two church buildings of late and all who attend are very grateful to the Monday group for maintenance and upkeep at Holy Trinity and to the small but dedicated team of angels that look after St Barnabas.

Ice-creams all round!

Weddings – On a very hot day, the wedding of Reece Warner and Genna Hodson took place at St. Barnabas. The church looked beautiful, as did the wedding party, and young Oliver got to ring the bell! On 24th September, Jack White and Hayley Meech will marry in Holy Trinity.



Our Harvest Appeal this year is RIPPLE EFFECT [previously Send A Cow] which works across 6 African countries, including our linked diocese of Zambia. They write: *“Rural Africa is rich with opportunity, with resourceful people and land which can produce enough food to feed the continent and beyond. But families face poverty that is extreme, cruel, and worst of all – unnecessary. The knowledge and skills needed for farmers to grow and sell effectively are often lost or haven’t adapted to changed conditions. Climate crisis, conflict and pandemic threaten to push millions back into extreme poverty. Our practical programmes are targeted where the need is greatest, with the knowledge and benefits shared by everyone.”*

Please give as you can online - <https://rippleeffect.org>; at one of our Harvest services; at our Harvest lunch on October 23rd [details elsewhere], or directly to our treasurer - Dave Mortimer, 40 Cleeve Drive.

**Thank You** – to all who supported the sponsored walk on Saturday 6th August! It was great to start the day with morning prayer and I completed the walk around all 5 churches in 6 and half hours. It was hot, I got a blister, but we hit our target and will be converting to the next level of solar energy by the end of the month. Money saved by not paying an energy company will help seed fund further eco-projects in the parish in 2023. Stay cool.



Peace & all good

Nigel

### The Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity  
to accept the things I cannot change;  
courage to change the things I can;  
and wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time;

Enjoying one moment at a time;

Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;

Taking, as He did, this sinful world  
as it is, not as I would have it;

Trusting that He will make all things right  
if I surrender to His Will;

That I may be reasonably happy in this life  
and supremely happy with Him

Forever in the next.

Amen.

## Services for Cleeve with Claverham in August and September

### 14<sup>th</sup> August - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday - The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

10.00am St Barnabas Shared Parish Communion

### 21<sup>st</sup> August - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday - The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Holy Trinity Shared Parish Communion

### 28<sup>th</sup> August - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday - The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

10.00am St Barnabas - Shared Parish Communion

### 4<sup>th</sup> September - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday - The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Holy Trinity - Creationtide Eucharist

### 11<sup>th</sup> September - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday - The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Holy Trinity - Harvest Thanksgiving

10.00 am St Barnabas - Parish Communion

### 18<sup>th</sup> September - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday - The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Holy Trinity - Shared Parish Communion

### 25<sup>th</sup> September - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday - The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Cleeve Village Hall - Cafe Church

10.00am St Barnabas - Harvest Thanksgiving and Communion

### Thursday Services Holy Trinity -August/September

There will only be two Thursday Services in August

18<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Holy Trinity Healing Prayer

25<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Holy Trinity Healing Prayer + Bread of Fellowship

1<sup>st</sup> 9.30am Holy Trinity Healing Prayer

8<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Holy Trinity Healing Prayer

15<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Holy Trinity Healing Prayer

22<sup>nd</sup> 9.30am Holy Trinity Healing Prayer + Communion

29<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Holy Trinity Healing Prayer + Communion

### Dave's July report

Several people from the Team attended Chris Horsman's funeral on 14th July at Weston Crematorium. Dave has sent £75 off to the DEC Ukraine appeal from donations received in his memory and Kingston Seymour/Kenn has sent £40 to the Bible Society for their appeal for Bibles for Ukrainian refugees in his memory.

Another cheque for £319 has been sent to the Clevedon Foodbank which makes the total sent to date in 2022 so far £1237. In addition, there was a good response to the appeal for items for children's lunch boxes for the summer holidays which was taken to the Foodbank by Helen. Many thanks to all who have donated to this increasingly important help for those most vulnerable to the economic crisis which many are facing.

### Church News

It was all go on 24th July when Cafe Church was relocated to Holy Trinity for the visit of RN Chaplain Eddie Wills, who serves on HMS Queen Elizabeth, the largest vessel ever constructed for the Royal Navy.

He told us about how he had been called to his ministry and about life on board this huge aircraft carrier.

It was really interesting and we could have listened to him for longer but had to adjourn to the Church Room where we were visited by Bishop Derek and his wife Evelyn from Zambia where we have a diocesan link.

They had been to the service at St Mary's, Yatton and were with us for lunch. Lin and her catering team had prepared a buffet and there was a chance to talk to them over the meal.



After the meal and blessing given by the Bishop, Rev John Angle and Janet offered to take them to see St Barnabas as it was the only church in the Team Ministry that they hadn't visited.

We felt honoured to have had them both with us; the first time he had been to Holy Trinity and St Barnabas, but hopefully not the last.



### FOCOS Mystery Outing

Tuesday 13th July saw the return of the FOCOS Mystery Outing as a coach full of intrepid travellers set out for the day, for the first time since 2019.

The mystery venue was over the border to St Fagan's for a day of exploring the past, and for many seeing many sights that they remembered from their childhood – be it prefab, schoolroom, sweet-shop, bakery, etc.



As well as plenty to see, the weather was

just right – warm, but not the heatwave that was prevalent around at the time, and also the lunch and afternoon tea provided by FOCOS, courtesy of the St Fagan's restaurant, was excellent.

There was lots of talk of return visits, under their own steam, especially as the refurbished pub, the Vulcan Hotel, will be open for business in the near future.

*Dave*



Very many thanks to Dave and Lin who organised the outing so efficiently.

It was a wonderful day out and enjoyed by all. *Ed*

One of the highlights for me was to see St Teilo's church that was originally built in the 12th / 13th century in Llandeilo and moved to St Fagans. We all admired the exquisite wall paintings of biblical scenes.



### Cleeve and Claverham Mothers' Union Worldwide lunch



Cleeve & Claverham MU welcomed over 70 people into Cleeve Village Hall for a great afternoon of fab food, friendship and fun. We had lots of help from MU members with a bric-a-brac and cake stall plus a raffle. Together with the help of Cleeve villagers and Members from other MU groups in the Portishead Deanery the brilliant sum of £774.40 was raised for Mothers' Union work in both the UK and abroad – thank you all.



### Diary Dates

**Claverham Market**, - Yes, there will be one in August! It will be on **Saturday 20th August from 10 - 12noon**. Con'd p 8

Some villages don't have one in August, but we are made of stronger stuff so come along and enjoy the stalls, atmosphere and refreshments in the Village Hall.



**Claverham Ladies' Guild** enjoyed cream tea in a garden raising money for BRACE. Thanks to Nancy Thorne and all helpers. Next meeting **1st Sept** in the village hall 2-4pm. New members welcome. *Jean*

### Goblin Combe Community Garden. (GCCG)



On Sunday **21st August** the garden will be open from 4pm. Come and have a look round and see what we are growing! Then from 6pm onwards there will be a social evening. Bring something

to drink & eat if you fancy. Everybody welcome but please don't park in Plunder Street!

### Scarecrow Weekend

On the weekend of **17th /18th September** Holy Trinity Church, with Cleeve Village support, is holding a Scarecrow Trail around the village.



The plan is to have scarecrows positioned at various places around the village to be found by following a trail. It will be a delight for children and adults.

A route map will be available to help you find all the scarecrows, which can be obtained from June at 16 Bishop Road or Lin at 40 Cleeve Drive from **Wednesday 14th** September onwards.

Many of the scarecrows are already being created, but if you would like to make your own, that would be brilliant. Please let June [838544] or Lin [838515] know by Saturday 10th September.

If you would like to be involved but have never created a scarecrow before, June would love to help you in any way possible – just give her a ring as early as you can in September.

After the thrill of the scarecrow hunt, treat yourself to refreshments at 40 Cleeve Drive from 10am until 4pm on both **17th/18th September**. Tea/coffee, cold drinks and cake will be available all day, with bacon baps served until 1pm – an enjoyable finish to your village scarecrow walk.

All proceeds from the event will be divided between the DEC Ukraine appeal and the Clevedon Foodbank

### FOCOS CAKE & TEA AFTERNOON

There will be a Cake & Tea afternoon at Cleeve Village Hall on **Thursday 22nd September**, starting at 2.30pm.



If you would like to come along for some delicious cakes, heart-warming tea and a chance to meet up and chat with folks, please ring one of our UK-based hot-lines on 838515 or 832458 to book your place. There is no charge to attend and we look forward to welcoming as many of our guests as possible to this repeat of our popular 2021 event.

One feature of both the MU Worldwide lunch and the buffet meal prepared for the visit of Bishop Derek was the amazing yumminess of the desserts.

One that was particularly appreciated was contributed by Elizabeth and she has kindly shared the recipe with us:

### **Elizabeth's easy but delicious Banana Pudding,**

Serves six

#### **Ingredients**

3oz Butter

6oz Digestive Biscuits

1tsp Lemon Rind (Optional)

1/2 pint Double Cream

15 fl oz Natural Yogurt (500g)

A few drops vanilla essence

2 Large or 3 Small Bananas

4 Tablespoons soft Brown Sugar

Melt the butter in a small saucepan. Place the biscuits in plastic bag and crush them with a rolling pin. Stir into the butter and lemon rind and mix well.

Turn into a 9 inch circular loose bottom flan tin and press down well onto the base, place in fridge to chill.

Meanwhile whip up the cream until stiff, fold in the yoghurt with a few drops vanilla essence to taste. Chop the bananas and stir in gently. Pour into the biscuit crust and sprinkle the brown sugar on the top.

Replace in fridge preferably overnight to let the sugar soak in.



*Thank you Elizabeth - simple but tasted heavenly!*

### **Smart Living Awards**



**30th September** at Weston Super Mare Winter Gardens

I'm pleased to say that Nigel has kindly agreed to present the Smart Community award at the inaugural Smart Living event in Weston on the **30th September**.

The event aims to recognise and reward those people, organisations and businesses that are working hard to make North Somerset a more sustainable, positive, community-minded place to live.

The shortlist for the award includes Top of the Tots, Cleaner Coastlines, Green Tech South West and the North Somerset Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Group which is a facebook community group with over 3,500 members!

If you would like to know more, please go to [www.smartliving.org.uk](http://www.smartliving.org.uk), and I hope some of you will be able to support Nigel at the event. You can book tickets (free) via the website.

*Darren Hall*

#### **Useful information.**

Steve Molloy from Cleve Parish Council has forwarded this very useful website link which might be able to offer some help and support for those struggling with bills this winter. To access, click on the link.

<https://www.turn2us.org.uk/Benefit-guides/Energy-schemes/Extra-help-for-2022>

Stay safe and stay connected

*Steve Molloy*

## Holy Trinity Cleaning Rota

Jenny Haworth	August 14th
Jen Lankester	August 21st
June Richards	August 28th
Sarah Cush Nick Cush	September 4th
Andrea Stoddart Lin Mortimer	September 11th

**Thank you** - for your contributions to this month's Messenger. Articles for the September Edition should be with me by **Wed 7th September**. They can be e-mailed to [carole.perrott@gmx.com](mailto:carole.perrott@gmx.com), given to me at church or put through the door of 15 Chestnut Drive, Claverham.

### A last minute contribution from Ron:

Sorry if a bit late, I'm still smarting as my wife is blaming me for ruining her birthday.



That's just ridiculous, I didn't even know it was her birthday!

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