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Welcome to this month's Messenger...

And it is now properly Autumn with the trees losing their red yellow and brown leaves in the wind as nature winds down for it's winter rest.

November to me is a time of quiet reflection and remembrance before the darkest and shortest day of December when we can finally celebrate the the joy of Christmas and and look forward to longer, lighter days.



In our Churches last weekend we celebrated All Souls Day thinking of those we have lost, and giving thanks for them, and All Saints day, remembering those who have walked the path of Faith before us.



This Sunday, 10th November, is Remembrance Sunday - All across the country people will gather around memorials to honour those fallen in conflict. An opportunity to give thanks for the sacrifices that were, and are still, being made to defend our country, and praying for those suffering from war and oppression throughout the world. There will be services of Remembrance services at both St Barnabas and Holy Trinity on Sunday, both starting at 10.45.

Services in Cleeve and Claverham - November/December

November

2nd Sunday - 10th November - Remembrance Sunday

10.45am - St Barnabas: Act of Remembrance

10.45am - Holy Trinity : Act of Remembrance

* note time!

3rd Sunday - 17th November

10.00am - Holy Trinity : Shared Parish Service

4th Sunday - 24th November

10.00am - St Barnabas : Shared Parish Communion

10.00am - Cleeve Village Hall - Cafe Church with David McIlroy



December

1st Sunday - 1st December - ADVENT SUNDAY
10.00am - Holy Trinity: Shared Parish Service

2nd Sunday - 8th December - ADVENT 2
09.45am - St Barnabas: Shared Parish Communion
04.00pm - Holy Trinity - All Age Christingle Service

3rd Sunday - 15th December - ADVENT 3
10.00am - St Barnabas : - Shared Parish Communion
7.00pm - Holy Trinity: - Carol Service

Wednesday 18th December
1.30pm - Holy Trinity: - Court De Wyck School Carol Service

4th Sunday 22nd December - ADVENT 4
09.45am - Holy Trinity: - Shared Parish Communion
4.00pm - St Barnabas - Village Carols by Candlelight

Weekday Services at Holy Trinity Prayers for Healing and Wholeness every **Thursday morning at 09.30** with Bread of Fellowship on 14th and 28th November. Everybody welcome to this friendly service.

At last Sunday's cafe church, Dan Wills, the Diocesan Net Zero officer joined us and gave us some insight to his work and the various ways in which church buildings can work towards adopting cleaner and more efficient forms of energy to reduce both our carbon footprint and our bills. He was very interested in our having obtained the bronze eco-church award and our intention to work towards gaining the silver award and we had a very interesting discussion with him about our specific situation and problems.

The next cafe church in Cleeve Village hall is at 10am on **24th November** when we will have David McIlroy with us to talk about J.R.R. Tolkien - Fantasy and Reality. The last talk he gave us about the books of Terry Pratchett was really fascinating and if you are a fan of The Lord of the Rings you won't want to miss this talk. As usual, refreshments will be provided. All welcome.



J.R.R. Tolkien: Fantasy and Reality

Café Church, Cleeve
24 November 2024 10am
with Dr David McIlroy

Mothers' UNION

Cleeve and Claverham Mother's Union annual Worldwide Lunch was very well attended again this year, held at Cleeve Village Hall in October and supported by members from other MU groups within the Deanery plus local people, helping to raise over £800 for overseas projects.



Over eighty folks enjoyed a delicious hot lunch followed by the usual array of wonderful home-made

desserts. This is a wonderful outreach event and very much enjoyed by everyone. Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 19th November** at 12noon in Holy Trinity church room. Our speaker will be Maxine Gilman, and she will be telling us all about her work as our Village Agent. *Gill*



I am going to do a trip to Cleveland Foodbank on **Friday 29th November**.

Any donations should be put in the box at Holy Trinity before then. The current shopping list requests are-

Tinned Veg

Tinned Custard

Jam

Toilet rolls

Antibacterial spray

If you are donating mince pies or anything else perishable could you please make sure that the sell by date is after the 25th December! Thank you *Helen*

Thoughts on a New Structure from St Mary's Churchwarden, John Dickinson

As you all know, we have been considering for a while how best to present the 5 churches to attract prospective incumbents. At the suggestion of the bishop, we particularly have been considering, and ultimately agreed, changing the benefice structure from a team to a group.

There were a number of factors which led us to that decision, and it is perhaps helpful to try to explain these and highlight what differences in the make-up of a group compared with a team, made that desirable.

Firstly, what is a group ministry?

It is a group of 2 or more benefices, established by a pastoral scheme or bishop's order in which the incumbent of any benefice in the group is entitled to minister all offices and services in all of the benefices. Where an incumbent ministers outside of their own benefice, they must do so according to the direction of the incumbent of that benefice.

In a group it is the duty of all incumbents to assist each other in providing the best possible cure of souls throughout the entire group.

It is intended to be a permanent structure. The rights and duties of incumbents within the group attach to the office, not the individual. They automatically transfer to succeeding incumbents.

It is a collaborative ministry of priests who are equals, both responsible to the area dean(s). There is no implied or actual hierarchy between them. This clearly differentiates group ministries from team ministries, where one team priest or rector would be the team leader, with other team priests, at least nominally, reporting to them. It is this parity which makes the group so attractive to priests of different status.

Legally, the group structure is looser than the team structure. It is easier to set up, and easier to unpick if future circumstances require it.

Primarily the restructuring to a group is a response to the lack of any admissible applicant in the first round of advertising, and the lack of any applicant in the second. With the benefit of hindsight, we see 2 main reasons why we may have seemed an unattractive proposition.

Firstly, under the team structure advertised it looked like the successful candidate for Priest in Charge would have to deal with 2 independent PCCs, with everything that implies for workload. At the moment there are not enough applicants around to fill vacant positions so, human nature being what it is, simpler positions are likely to be filled first.

Secondly, the team of 5 churches as originally envisaged, was not considered to be a suitable proposition for someone fresh from curacy, and newly ordained priests would not have been invited to apply for it. Since new ordinands are likely to represent the largest pool of potential applicants, especially in early summer, this means we were already fishing in a depleted pool.

The Group structure we are pursuing addresses both of these issues, by presenting a cleaner and clearer role definition (i.e. 1 priest deals with 1 PCC) and provides an opportunity for the right sort of ordinand. The median age for a newly ordained woman priest is 54 years, the median age for a male ordinand is 41 years. Given that they will be arriving with transferable skills from elsewhere in their lives, one would imagine the Yatton Moor part of the team should be quite attractive to such people. Equally the House for Duty position for Cleeve with Claverham would likely go to a priest or chaplain with at least some, possibly extensive, experience of priesthood in one form or another. The fact that the position is not a subordinate role to someone who may be less experienced is likely to be more attractive.

As many have said many times, with the right candidates appointed, either Team or Group can work. Hopefully by adopting a more obviously attractive structure (and by re-presenting ourselves in new profiles) we can get them to apply in the first place.

Yatton Local History Society

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday December 3rd** when there will be a talk by Philip Ashford on Steep Holm from 1300-1830. 7.30pm at Yatton Methodist Church BS49 4DW. Contact yattonlocalhistorysoc@gmail.com

Holy Trinity Christmas Fayre 2024

To be held on **SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER**
at Cleeve Village Hall from 11am to 3pm



There will be all the usual fun-of-the-Fayre events, with numerous stalls providing **Super Hand-Made Gift Ideas for Christmas, together with lots of other stalls including preserves, jams, scrummy cakes, bottle stall, tombola, pick a basket, bric-a-brac, and books.**

In addition, there will be delicious piping hot lunches from noon, with tea and coffee served throughout the day.

Come along and enjoy a really friendly and fun event, with super bargains and chances to win some wonderful prizes, especially in the super hampers' raffles, all to be drawn at 2.30pm.

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FINAL THOUGHT - If you are willing to help in any way – eg bake a cake, bring bric-a-brac, books, etc., donate a raffle prize or a hamper prize, help run a stall, help in the kitchen, etc. please ring Lin [838515] or Elizabeth [07787 781716]

FOCOS Christmas Party 2024

The FOCOS Christmas Party is open to all Cleeve and Claverham residents aged 60+ and is a grand night out.

If you qualify to come, but have never joined us before, we can guarantee you will have a great time.

Invitations for Cleeve and Claverham's social event of the year will be distributed, mostly by telephone, between 11th and 16th November.

So, if you are a 'first-timer' or a 'regular' who hasn't received an invitation by 16th November, please ring the FOCOS Christmas Party hot-line on **838515**. [Leave a message if the call centre staff are engaged on another call.]

Just to give you an idea of the planning that is going on, we can confirm that the menu has been agreed; the turkeys have been ordered; the pantomime continues to be rehearsed; the wine is being chilled and the transport is being arranged – so the only thing left is to notify our clientele that the FOCOS [Friends Of Cleeve's Over Sixties] Christmas Party has been booked at -

Cleeve Village Hall

Saturday 7th December

5.45pm for 6pm start – lifts are available, please just ask.

Dave

Super Sophie's Swim

At 8:15 am on Saturday 26th October the family gathered at Hutton Moor Leisure Centre to watch Sophie swim the last half a mile of her 21 mile virtual English Channel Swim.

As many of you will have read in a previous magazine article Sophie chose to do this swim to raise money for The Great Western Air Ambulance Charity.

The Air Ambulance had come as part of the specialist care offered to her Gramps, Simon Pascoe when he collapsed and died suddenly in July.

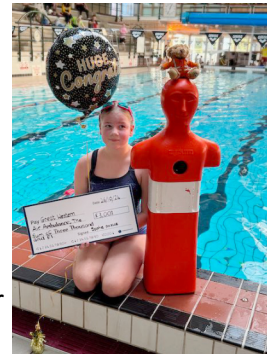
Sophie's intention was to try and raise £2,200 that is needed every time the helicopter takes off, so that someone else could have the chance of their help, should they need it.

Since July Sophie has been working away swimming every week and on Saturday she completed her swim. She did part of her last swim towing a manikin as she does in her lifeguard training, just to add a little more of a challenge. Her last two lengths were very emotional as her brother and cousin were able to swim alongside her and her lifeguard tutor and other team mates were there to cheer her home. She was presented with a super medal to reflect her efforts

Sophie has well exceeded her target and has managed to raise £3001 for the charity. Due to huge support from family, friends, the wider church community and Yatton Bowls Club this donation can now be passed to the charity to help others in need. What a special girl!

Jenny Pascoe

Well done Sophie, what an amazing achievement! Ed



November Music Concert at St Mary's Yatton.

West Mendip Orchestra with Joss Wort (piano) at St Mary's Church, Yatton, **30th November at 7.30pm.**

The West Mendip Orchestra is one of Somerset's principal amateur orchestras and will be joined by local pianist Joss Wort playing Beethoven's 1st piano concerto. Joss is from Yatton and after attending Backwell School entered the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama and is now in his fourth and final year.

Joss gave a highly acclaimed solo recital for the Yatton Music Society shortly after the covid restrictions were relaxed, and this will be his concerto debut.



The WMO was formed in 1974 and was originally known as the Winscombe orchestra. They currently have around 25 regular members and well known talented local musicians are invited to perform as guest soloists for their concerts. Their performances are highly regarded and their concert at St Mary's will be conducted by John Johnson and include Schubert's Rosamunde, Beethoven's Piano Concerto no 1, and the stirring Reinecke's Symphony no. 2.

Concert starts 7.30 tickets £12, students £6, children free. Full details of the concert are on the Yatton Music Society's website www.yms.org.uk.

Claverham news

There will be free entertainment at Broadcroft flats Community Hall on Tuesday **12th November** from 2pm onwards organised by Brian Banwell and Co. If you would like to come please call **07732 330557** to reserve your place. All welcome. *Brian*



Market at the Village hall on **16th November** from 10 - 12noon. Lots of local crafts stalls. Come and buy your Christmas presents!

Dec. 5th ladies' Guild short talk on sewing, sales table, mince pies.

Dec 12th we are in Weston for our Christmas lunch out. No meeting in Jan. *Jean*

Money, Money, Money. Is it a 'Rich Man's World?'



**Portishead Deanerywide Meeting with
Rev Dr Sean Doherty
Principal of Trinity College Bristol**

**Tuesday 12th November at 7.30pm
St Peter's Church, Portishead
BS20 6PS**

Refreshments from 7.00pm

All Welcome

The Deanery-wide meeting will feature Rev Dr Sean Doherty, Principal of Trinity College Bristol, and is titled "Money, money, money: Is it a 'Rich Man's World?'".

Sean says "Many people feel uneasy about our economic system, its environmental impact, and global inequality, but feel that there doesn't seem to be any alternative, or much we can do about it. In fact, Jesus and the Bible have many relevant things to say into our current situation. Come with an open mind and lots of questions!"

The Tinderbox Showing at St Andrew's church house in Backwell on Thursday 21st November. At 7.30pm (tea/coffee from 7pm)

The film is 90 minutes long and there will be a discussion afterwards if you want to stay. Further info from mscanning@btinternet.com

See also attached flyer

Christian Aid has paid for a licence for unlimited free home/community screening
The Tinderbox is a rare and thought provoking examination of injustice and conflict in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian territory. You will hear from a wide range of contemporary voices as well as to explore how history continues to play out in the daily lives of people on either side of the divide. Many of our churches and places of worship continue to shy away from talking about Israel and the Occupied Palestinian territory, seeing it as too difficult, controversial or uncomfortable.

The Tinderbox seeks to empower audiences to grapple with difficult truths and find their place in the pursuit of a just peace.

The film was made in 2022 so does not include references to the current war.

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Paul and Renate invite you to a

Christmas Extravaganza

7th -24th November 2024

11am - 5pm - Closed Tuesdays

We are selling beautiful Christmas gifts made by us and other local crafts people, and you can also enjoy fresh, homemade cakes and refreshments.

3 Bishop's Mead, Cleeve BS49 4NH
Tel - 01934 835141
Info@woodnthings-uk.com

All proceeds from refreshments and a percentage from all sales will go to Children's Hospice South West.
There is also a raffle for Cancer Research UK

Supporting children's hospice SOUTH WEST
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CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

hosted by
Cleeve & Claverham
Mothers' Union at
Holy Trinity Church,
Main Road, Cleeve
Sunday 8th December
at 4pm

Everyone is welcome - child-friendly service, and a lovely time for adults too!
- a Christingle to take home for everyone
- hot drink and mince pies/cake for all

The ideal way to start preparing for Christmas - come and join in the celebration.

The service is in aid of the Children's Society



A CRIB SERVICE WITH A DIFFERENCE!

CHRISTMAS EVE 3.30pm (for 4pm)

You are once again invited to attend Holy Trinity's Crib Service (at Bickley, Main Rd).

Like last year the barn will be lit, however ADDED drama this year with a visit from Jack, a reporter from the Jerusalem Times! Sheep and Llamas in the surrounding fields to see and, yes - Marple Mouse is getting involved!

The story of the First Christmas will be told, carols will be sung, and mulled wine, soft drinks, mince pies and cake will be served.

All are very welcome.

Bickley's drive opposite Rhodyate Lane (signposted as Bickley Cottage) will be open for pedestrians only.

For details on parking arrangements (or if you require a lift) - contact Elizabeth on 07787781716

Holy Trinity Cleaning Rota

Enid Pring Ron Pring	November 10th
Kath Hunt	November 17th
Gill Roe Helen Bailey	November 24th
Carole Perrott Jennie Ford	December 1st
Jenny Haworth	December 8th

I went to the house I grew up in and asked if I could look round. They said 'no' and slammed the door.

My parents can be so rude!

Terry - Why did the Teddy bear say no to dessert... Because he was stuffed.

Lastly Ron's - As you know we're off on holiday so, when completing the travel insurance form I answered the question "Do you do dangerous sports." with "Well, I sometimes answer my wife back!"

Stop Press! Lent Retreat 2025 at Hilfield Friary.

Another opportunity to experience the Franciscan community at Hilfield friary, Dorset, and be led by Brother Malcolm SSF in a series of talks on a Lenten theme.

Fri 21st - Sun 23rd March. 16 places available. £160 full board + lodge.

For booking and details contact Rev Nigel - nigelbthomas@gmail.com

Awful Jokes - First Clive's - Would you believe it! My neighbour was knocking on my door at 2.30 this morning! Fortunately I was still up practising on my bagpipes.

Thanks to those who have submitted jokes this month. I haven't been able to get them all in but will hold the rich seam of awfulness until the next edition!

Thank you - for your contributions to this month's Messenger. Articles for the December edition should be with me by Wednesday **27th November**. They can be e-mailed to carole.perrott@gmx.com, given to me at Church or put through the door of 15 Chestnut Drive, Claverham.

The next edition will be published a week earlier than usual so that I can have December off! *Ed*

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