

Newsletter

Bruton

Pitcombe

Redlynch

Brewham

Shepton Montague

Wyke Champflower



The potential for fuel bills to increase very dramatically this Winter is alarming. It remains to be seen what the Government's response to this situation will be. Given the already stretched state of the public finances, it seems probable that any help that is provided from central funds will not fully meet the increased costs. As ever, it is those who are least able to weather the storm who are most at risk, as energy costs compound the pressure on households already having to cope with other cost increases.

Maybe this affects you? Maybe you are well-placed to withstand these likely price rises? Maybe it affects your neighbour, relative or friend?

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Working out a way of responding to this situation that is both effective and respects the dignity of those who may be struggling is by no means straightforward. Perhaps we could work together to contribute something towards alleviating the risk of fuel poverty this winter. If you have thoughts or suggestions and would like to be part of trying to design a response (no doubt in partnership with other organisations or agencies), do please get in touch, using the contact details at the end of this newsletter.



If you have something to contribute to a future edition of this newsletter, do please send it to the Rector at the benefice office address.

Easy-to-follow details of how to receive this newsletter by email can be found on the St Mary's website, or email benefice@stmarysbruton.org. If you are aware of someone who might like to receive it but does not use email, please consider printing a copy yourself and delivering it to them.

News from our Parishes



Fr Barrie Gaskell (pictured left) has taken up his post as Chaplain at Sexey's Hospital.

Following the successful screening of 'The Electrical Life of Louis Wain', the series of Moviola Film Nights continues at St Peter's, Shepton Montague with a screening of 'Benediction' on 8 September at 7.30 pm. Tickets and drinks are available on the door.

The clock on the West tower of St Mary's is now working again, following a major overhaul. The chimes now

work properly too. Many thanks to Harry Mills for doing some of the work himself (under instruction from the clock repairer!), thereby greatly reducing the cost.

Bo Lee & Workman Galleries are holding another exhibition at St Peter's, Redlynch from 19 August to 4 September. Details about opening times can be found on St.Mary's website.



BO LEE AND WORKMAN

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Work is a Four Letter Word

20 August - 4 September

Preview | Friday 19 August 6-8pm

St Peter's Church
Redlynch, Bruton
Somerset, BA10 0NH

www.boleeworkman.com | 07970 492858 | 07789 743832
Open: Friday - Sunday 11am - 5pm (Wed/Thurs by appointment)

Brewham PCC has appointed a new Secretary – welcome and thanks to Caroline Rathbone for taking on this role. Shepton Montague PCC is still looking for a secretary and Bruton PCC is still looking for a treasurer, please contact the churchwardens if you know of a potential candidate for either role.

Bruton Art Society is holding its annual show at the memorial hall at King's School from Saturday 20 August.

The lost property box at St Mary's is overflowing. We will soon have a clear out, so please have a think whether you may have left anything in the church and come and claim anything that is yours.



St. Mary's has two thriving choirs, an adult choir and a children's choir. The adult choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings and sings on the first Sunday of each month, and the children's choir rehearses on a Friday afternoon and sings on the third Sunday. We recruit each year, in the autumn, which is an ideal time to start in a new choir as it gives time to settle in before we start preparing for our Christmas services. Both choirs are very welcoming to people of all ages and abilities. The ability to read music is useful, but not essential, and help is given to those who need a bit of extra support. If you enjoy singing and would like to join one of our choirs, please get in touch with Harry Mills, the choir master by emailing choir@stmarysbruton.org.

The Friends of St Mary's needs some new trustees to replace trustees who have moved away or are otherwise not able to continue in the role. Do please think of anyone you know who might be willing to help by being a trustee – it is not very onerous. Please speak to Harry Mills or the Rector if you have suggestions.

Regular 'coffee and chat' meetings are now taking place in Brewham village hall – fortnightly on Mondays.

The Community fete at the Unionist Club in Bruton raised a very welcome £1,136. It was hot work and many thanks are due to all those who contributed to this in advance or on the day.

A reminder that donations to the Brue Larder (our local foodbank) can be left at Hunter & French on the High street in Bruton.

St John's, Brewham will host a recital by the guitarist Justin Daish on 21 October – more details nearer the time.

Overheard Somewhere in Somerset

Our Father

Who art in heaven

Hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven,

Give us this day, our daily bread ,

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us,

But lead us not into Templecombe Station....

Benefice Services

Following invitations in previous issues of this Newsletter for people to share their thoughts, it appears that there is very little interest in meeting together occasionally for a united Benefice service. Taking this on board, the plan is to try something slightly different when there is a 5th Sunday in the month.

On the 5th Sunday, there will still be a service of Holy Communion for those who do wish to attend a church service – this will be the usual 8.00 am BCP service at St Mary's.

But instead of any other church service that day, we will experiment with a range of social events, with the same aim of bringing people together to enjoy one another's company and to live thankfully. Details of these social events will be shared as they are organised – by notices in the churches and on our church/village websites.

Ride and Stride

The annual Ride and Stride event is taking place again this year. Please consider whether you are able to support this either by participating and raising money or by offering hospitality at your church to those who are taking part – simple drink and biscuit and a friendly welcome is all that is required.



Walk, cycle, jog, ride a horse or even visit by car the beautiful churches of Somerset and raise money to keep them alive for worship, families and communities. This event happens on the 10th September this year. Please visit www.ridestride.org for more information on how to take part in this energetic event!

Baby Loss Awareness Week

The death of a baby during pregnancy, birth or shortly after birth can be a devastating experience and is often something that is suffered silently and without a chance to acknowledge and grieve the loss of life. Baby Loss Awareness Week seeks to address this.



Baby Loss Awareness Week

This year, it runs from 9 – 15 October. We plan to hold a service jointly with our two neighbouring benefices in Castle Cary and Evercreech. The service will be at St Andrew's, Ansford on Weds 12 October at 6.00 pm.

Benefice Discussion Group

The groups that were meeting to discuss Sam Wells' book 'humbler Faith, Bigger God' have concluded and we now need to decide on the content of a new series of discussions in the autumn. This could be bible study, or discussions focused on a book (like this last one), or an exploration of some fundamental aspects of our faith. If you have suggestions or requests for the structure and content of these groups, do please let the Rector know soon.



Diary Dates

- 13 August - Coffee Morning, Wyke Manor at 10.00 am
- 27 August - Village Fete at Shepton Montague, Higher Farm, from 2.00 pm
- 3 September - Deanery Synod, North Barrow Village Hall at 9.30 am
- 3 September - Wedding at St John's, 1.30 pm
- 3 September - Baptism at St John's, 3.00 pm
- 5 September - Brewham PCC meeting, Colinshayes at 7.30 pm
- 8 September - Moviola at St Peter's, Shepton Montague: 'Benediction' at 7.30 pm
- 9 September - Pitcombe PCC meeting, (venue tbc) at 2.30 pm
- 10 September - Ride & Stride event
- 10 September - Wedding at St Mary's, 3.00 pm
- 18 September - Baptism at St John's, 2.00 pm
- 18 September - Harvest Festival at Wyke Champflower, 6.30 pm
- 21 September - Bruton PCC meeting, (venue tbc) at 5.30 pm
- 25 September - Harvest Festival at Pitcombe, 6.00 pm
- 25 September - Harvest Festival at Shepton Montague, 6.00 pm

Further ahead...

- 2 October - Harvest Festival at Brewham, 11.00 am
- 5 October - 'Sailing around the world', a talk at St Leonard's, Pitcombe at 5.30 pm
- 16 October - Harvest Festival at Bruton, 11.00 am
- 21 October - concert at St John's – Justin Daish
- 23 October - Harvest Festival at Redlynch, 11.00 am
- 12 November - chamber music concert at St Leonard's, Pitcombe at 3.00 pm

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