**NEWSLETTER NUMBER 281**

We are very pleased to say that after five years of study, Edward Yates has passed his exams and has received a letter to say that he can now officially call himself **Doctor Edward Yates**. We can only stand back in awe and say “Congratulations”. Not only can he do doctoring but he will be playing the organ for you all on Sunday. I am most grateful to him for taking this on, so I can disappear to Sidmouth Folk Festival.

During next week **Jon Kimber** will be moving out of the area for a couple of months before moving back to Tiverton. The churchwardens climbed the tower before last Sunday’s service to give him a card and bottle on behalf of us all. We are certainly going to miss him. He has replied as follows:-

*Thanks very much for the card and bubbly! I very much enjoyed my 27 odd years Tower Captain and Steeple Keeper at Rockwell Green and was glad that I was able to contribute in someway via the All Saints’ PCC meetings if only in a practical capacity.*

**OUR SERVICE ON SUNDAY 3RD AUGUST 2025 – 7TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

The service this Sunday will be a **Sung Eucharist** starting at **11.15 a.m.** The celebrantwill be **Rev Stephen Bowen.** Refreshments will be served after the service so we hope you will stay and chat.

**LOOKING FORWARDS – REV ANDY**

Think back to 1983 and you might remember the Brinks Mat robbery. This notorious heist took place at a Brink's-Mat warehouse near Heathrow Airport. The six thieves, initially expecting to find Spanish currency, instead discovered and stole gold bullion worth nearly £100 million in today’s money. Fast forward to today and if you enjoy a good TV drama then Series Two of Gold can be found on iPlayer. We have made it to the last episode, and the penultimate one ended with three of the characters running from the police in dramatic fashion. How will it end, will there be a plot twist, will justice be served or will money win the day?

 This Sunday’s reading warns us against relying on material wealth. Elsewhere in the Bible we hear the wisdom that love of money lies at the root of all evil. Jesus often spoke about money, wealth and status and, if we are honest, then all of us can’t help but find it attractive, even if we are not gold thieves sitting on our millions. The lesson to be drawn is not that money in itself is bad. Much good can come from prudent use of money. Just as we can make good choices about how to spend our time or our energy, virtuous choices over money can be life-giving. The problems start when we fall into the trap of thinking that money offers us a way of living without the need for God in our lives.

 Access to the Kingdom of God is not via material wealth. This is good news for those whose life has not afforded them financial security and bad news for those of us who place too much trust in it. It is worth asking ourselves from time to time, what are we not prepared to relinquish in life. If the answer is wealth or status, then we are at risk of missing out on the wonderful life that God offers. It's all about grace. Not our knowledge, our strength, our power, our status, or our bank balance. But God’s grace. If you are down on yourself at the moment, worry not. It is not what you have or what you think that matters. Be prepared to be surprised by grace.

**ROTA FOR SUNDAY 3/8/2025**

**Sidesmen:-** Alison Toogood and Charlotte Pringle Kosikowsky

**Reader:-** Rachel Yates

**Coffee:-** Alison Toogood and Charlotte Pringle Kosikowsky

**Flowers:-** Melodie Lane

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY 3/8/2025**

**Collect:-** Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

**Readings:-**

Ecclesiastes Chapter 1.2, vv 12 – 14

Colossians Chapter 3, vv 1 – 11

Luke Chapter 12, vv 13 – 21

**PRAYER LIST**

Cynthia Sansom

Elizabeth Miles

Eunice Durrance

Ian Sansom

Mike Toogood

Pam Wilkie

Paul

Nigel and Rev Paul Chaplin on the death of their mother, Mary

Stephen Daley

Susan Dobson

**YEARS MIND FOR SEPTEMBER**

3rd  Winnie Florence Quick

8th Doreen

10th Vera Pamela Twose

10th Frederick Charles (Fred) Thomas

**BIRTHDAY LIST FOR AUGUST**

6th Lorna Grinter

We all hope you have a very Happy Birthday, celebrating in whatever way you want. Enjoy your special day.

**OUTREACH GROUPS**

Why not give one of these groups a try? They would all welcome new members.

**Knit, Sew and Natter**

The next meeting will be on Thursday, 7th August 2025 starting at 2.00 p.m. It will be the usual meeting with lots of chat and refreshments.

**Soup ‘n’ a Bite**

The next meeting of this group will be on Saturday, 9th August 2025 at 12.00 noon. The group offers a choice of soups, a variety of bread and/or rolls, various cheeses, fresh fruit. tea or coffee. There is also a free raffle.

**Recycled Teenagers**

The next meeting, which will take place at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 28th August 2025. There will be the normal chat as well as a superb tea of sandwiches and cakes to demolish.

**OUR NEXT SERVICE**

The next service at All Saints’ will be a **Sung Eucharist** on **Sunday 10th August 2025** starting at **11.15 a.m.** The celebrant will be the vicar, **Rev Andy Barton.**  There will be coffee and chat following the service.

**FORTHCOMING FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE EVENT**

The next event will be a **Treasure Hunt with tea and cake** starting at **3.00 p.m.** on **Sunday, 24/8/2025.** There will be two treasure hunts on offer. Route 1 will be a walking treasure hunt and Route 2 will be a car treasure hunt.

**Fund raising committee events further ahead**

The exact dates will be finalised shortly.

**September on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon**

Talk on the building of All Saints’ Church followed by tea and cakes

**October**

Cocktails and Mocktails with the same format as last time.

**November**

**Quiz night with jacket potato and filling supper.**

Same format as before with teams of up to 6 people, bring your own drinks. Start eating fish now to get the brain in tiptop condition. Supply your own drinks.

**December**

**Christmas tree festival**

This will be a two-day event with the trees staying up until the school has had its two Christmas services in the church.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

**Rev Andrew Norris writes**

The “Home Service” is a weekly programme which brings Christian worship into your front room which is broadcast on 105.3 FM on Wednesdays at 11.00am and repeated Sunday at 10.00 am.  It is also available via the internet at any time on [www.10radio.org](http://www.10radio.org) **.** If you have prayer or song requests or want others to know about what is happening in your church, contact revandrew@10Radio.org  This week:

*Adam Green, retired lay reader from the Wivey and the Hills benefice, explores the question "Who are we praying to?", in our act of worship.  He also talks about contemplative prayer and how that is exercised in the monthly meeting of the local Julian prayer group.*

**FUN CORNER**

One Sunday morning the pastor noticed little Alex standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names and small American flags mounted on either side of it. The six-year-old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the little boy and said quietly “Good morning, Alex”. “Good morning, Pastor,” he replied, still focussed on the plaque. “Pastor, what is this?” The pastor replied, “Well, son, it’s a memorial to all the young men who died in the service”. Soberly, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque. Finally, little Alex’s voice, barely audible and trembling with fear, asked “Which service, the 8.00 or the 10.30?”

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