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ST DUBRICIUS FLOWER FESTIVAL

AUGUST 2025

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CHURCH EMAIL

The church email has changed to dubricius465@yahoo.com

This is our main account from which all pew sheets, magazines etc. are sent and which we would encourage you to use.

The old email stdubriciuschurch@yahoo.co.uk is however still in operation for continuity and is checked for mail on a regular basis.

FRIDAY 15TH AUGUST

80TH ANNIVERSARY OF VJ DAY,

*St Dubricius Church, Porlock
Service of Remembrance and
Thanksgiving*

*This will commence with the
observance of the
National 2 minute Silence
at 12 noon*



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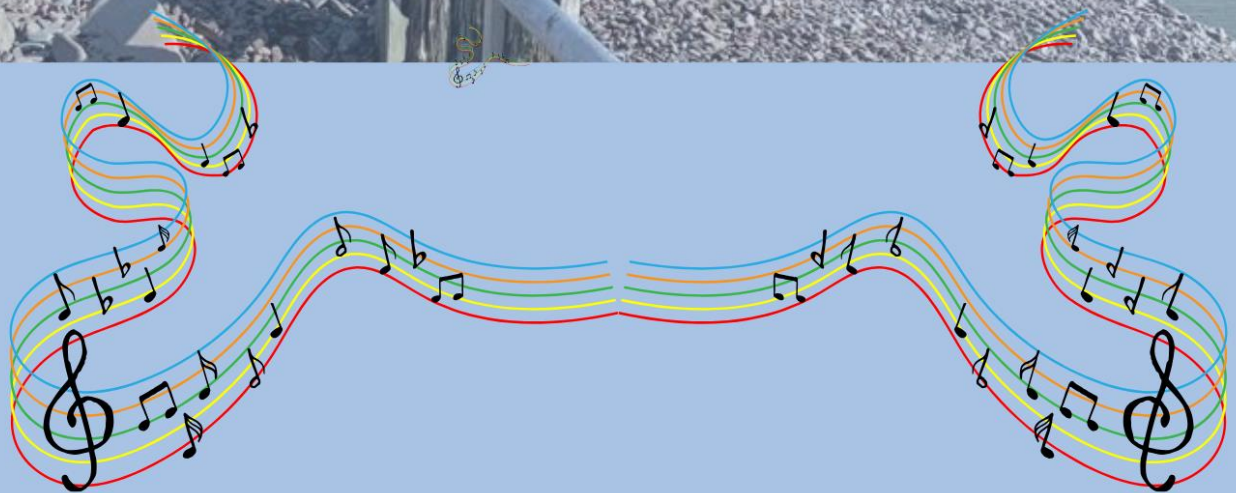
PORLOCK WEIR

SONGS OF PRAISE

SUNDAY 17TH AUGUST

6PM

LIFT YOUR SPIRIT
WITH
UPLIFTING
HYMNS



DATES FOR DIARIES & NOTICES

Open Door meeting in St Dubricius Church every Friday at 11am. All welcome.

Me & U Prayers – the first Friday of every month at 10.30am in St Dubricius Lady Chapel before Open Door – everybody welcome.

Weekday Morning Prayer – This takes place at 9.00am weekdays at St Dubricius, Porlock or St Mary's, Oare; details each week can be found in the pew sheet.

St Dubricius Flower Festival – 1st to 5th August

Looking Ahead – St Dubricius Open Day, 18th October

Wendy Flint is looking for photographs of baptisms and weddings that have taken place at St Dubricius church. These could be recent or many years ago. Also, if you have a memory of such an event that you'd like to share, she would be pleased to hear from you. Do you still have the christening gown or wedding dress worn in the photo? Would you consider allowing it to be displayed at the Open Day on Saturday 18th October, if so – please let Wendy know on 07958 320486.

Church Giving

If you wish to give a donation via regular giving, please leave your offering in the chest at the back of the church, or give your envelope to Bill Ball. He will then process the donation in the regular giving register and pay it into the bank.

We pray for...

Ivor Ellis, Andrew Spence, Rosemary Cape, Nick Simpson, Aaliyah, Ron & Iris Savery, Martin Spence, Dori Dawes, Steve Godfrey, Nicola Madeley, Anthony Rose, Vernon Rush, John Rogers, Pauline Clarke and Olga Miller



We remember those who have died:

Margaret Johnson and Joss Milton

Additional Services for August

80th Anniversary of VJ Day - Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

On May 8th, members of our communities came together to mark the 80th anniversary of VE day, but for so many, the war was not over. For those involved in the conflict in the middle east the waiting was to continue.

On **Friday August 15th at 12noon**, we invite our communities to come together once more, as our focus turns to that day 80 years ago; a day which is widely recognized as the day the war ended in the Pacific, while the formal surrender documents were not signed until September 2nd 1945.

+Hugh Nelson, Bishop to the Armed Forces states that :

“The 80th anniversary of VJ Day is a moment of profound significance for our nation. It is a time to remember with deep gratitude the courage and sacrifice of those who fought for the freedoms we enjoy today. In an increasingly dangerous world, I encourage all our churches to participate in these commemorations, to ring their bells, to offer prayers for peace, and to provide spaces for their communities to come together in remembrance. As we honour the past, so we renew our commitment to building a more peaceful and just world for all.”

Porlock Weir Songs of Praise

There will be outdoor service of popular hymns on **Sunday 17th August at 6pm** at Porlock Weir – weather permitting, otherwise it will move to St Nicholas' Chapel.

If you have any favourites you would like included, please do email Alison on alison.curate@hotmail.com or Ann on porlockposse@gmail.com with your request and why it is special to you.

Please note the usual 6pm Service of Holy Communion with Healing and Anointing that would have happened on this Sunday will now take place the following week, Sunday 24th August.

Selworthy Flower Festival – Celebration Songs of Praise

There will be a service of thanksgiving and praise at **4pm on Sunday 24th August** at All Saints' Church, Selworthy, as part of the Flower Festival that will be happening there from 21st – 25th August. We look forward to seeing you.

Gathering Fragments

On the **31st August**, which is a 5th Sunday we will have a joint Benefices service at St. Dubricius Church at 10.30am. This is a service of Holy Communion in which we will be focusing on the abundance of gifts God gives us and the way in which Jesus supplies us with all our needs, wasting nothing. It is an opportunity for all our parishes to worship together and all are warmly welcomed.

Thoughts from Rev Alison

July has been a busy month for all; you will all know for yourselves how it has impacted you, whether physically, emotionally or spiritually. We as a community have shared joys and sorrows, and have grown closer because of that.

I sit down to share some thoughts after an amazing weekend in my life as a curate here in this very special place, having yesterday led a wedding blessing service at St Bueno's, Culbone and today sharing in the Lammas service at Stoke Pero.



Lammas, something that hadn't been on my radar before coming here, is a very special occasion as a loaf of bread is brought to the altar, symbolic of the first grains of harvest given in thanksgiving to God and surrounded by God's wonderful creation - what better place to come together to worship. Each year, I learn a little more, for Lammas is also a wonderful time to pause, reflect and give thanks. Finding time to do that in our busy lives can be difficult but so important in so many ways.

I recently had the joy of conducting a wedding where the reading was part of the lovely romantic poetry that is found in the Song of Solomon – and contains many pearls of wisdom and guidelines. I used one to remind the newly weds about the importance of valuing the time they could spend together, it is something that comes in the invitation from Solomon to his beloved as he says, 'Arise, my love, my fair one and come away.'

It is important to spend quality time with the one you love and the one who loves you, which includes having that time with God, to pause, reflect and give thanks.

So as I prepare to lay aside the busyness of work and home life to go on a Retreat to do just that, I want to share with you some useful prompts I found online focusing on ways to do that with the spirit of Lammas in mind.

- **Gratitude for Abundance**

- What are you most grateful for at this point in the year?
- List five ways in which you have experienced abundance in the past few months.

- **Personal Harvest**

- What personal achievements or milestones have you reached this year?
- Reflect on a project or goal you have been working on. What fruits has this labour borne?

- **Community and connection**

- How have your relationships and connections grown or changed this year?
- Describe a time when you felt particularly supported by your community or loved ones.

- **Learning and Growth**

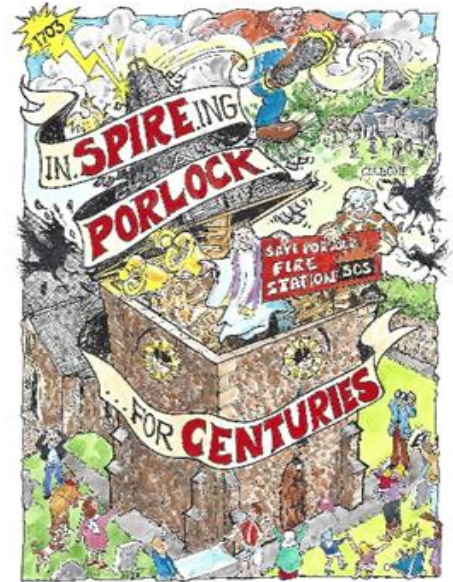
- What lessons have you learned so far this year?
- In what ways have you grown personally, professionally, or spiritually since the beginning of the year?

- **Future Intentions**

- What are your intentions or goals for the remainder of the year?
- How can you continue to nurture your personal and professional growth in the coming months?

With every blessing
Revd. Alison

The Inspired Heritage Open Day held on 12th July was attended by over 100 people on what was the hottest day of the year. Visitors were able to browse the displays of the trial activities and work which had taken place at Abbeyfield residential home and at the school.



This event was an opportunity for our Consultants to discuss with visitors how they would prefer to learn about saving our heritage. This information will be useful as the results are essential in shaping our project and support our funding application to the Heritage Fund.

Thank you to all who came to help, welcomers, stewards and the refreshment team.



Benefice Services (& Culbone and Oare) – August 2025

Sunday 3rd August

(G) Hosea 11: 1-11, Colossians 3: 1-11, Luke 12: 13-21

St Dubricius 8.00am
St Dubricius 10.30am
All Saints' Selworthy 11.00am

St Bueno's, Culbone 11.00am
St Mary's, Oare 3.00pm

St Dubricius Flower Festival

Holy Communion (BCP)
Holy Communion (CW)
Matins (BCP)
(Joint service with Luccombe)
Holy Communion (BCP)
Evensong

Sunday 10th August

(G) Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20, Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16, Luke 12: 32-40

St Dubricius 8.00am
St Mary's Luccombe 9.30am

St Dubricius 10.30am
St Mary's, Oare 11.00am

Trinity 8

Holy Communion (BCP)
Holy Communion (CW)
(Joint service with Selworthy)
Holy Communion (CW)
Holy Communion (BCP)

Friday 15th August

St Dubricius 12noon

VJ Day 80th Anniversary

Service of Remembrance and
Thanksgiving (*beginning with
National 2min silence at 12*)

Sunday 17th August

(G) Isaiah 5 : 1-7, Hebrews 11 : 29 – 12 : 2, Luke 12 : 49-56

Lynch 8.30am
St Dubricius 10.30am
All Saints' Selworthy 11.00am

St. Mary's, Oare. 11.00am
Porlock Weir Harbour 6.00pm

Trinity 9

Holy Communion (BCP)
Morning Prayer
Holy Communion with Baptism(BCP)
(Joint service with Luccombe)
Holy Communion (BCP)
Songs of Praise

Sunday 24th August

(R) Isaiah 43: 8-13, Acts 5: 12-16 or 1 Corin. 4: 9-15, Luke 22: 24-30

St Dubricius 8.00am
St. Mary's, Luccombe. 9.30am

Methodist Church 10.45am
St Mary's, Oare 11.00am
All Saints' Selworthy 4.00pm
St. Dubricius 6.00pm

St Bartholomew, Apostle & Selworthy Flower Festival

Holy Communion (BCP)
Morning Prayer (CW)
(Joint service with Selworthy)
Celebrate
Morning Prayer (BCP)
Songs of Praise
Holy Communion with anointing
and laying on of hands

Sunday 31st August

(G) Jeremiah 2: 4-13, Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16, Luke 14: 1, 7-14

St Dubricius 8.00am
St Dubricius 10.30am

Trinity 11

Holy Communion (BCP)
Joint Benefices Service,
'Gathering Fragments'

Sunday 7th September

(G) Jeremiah 18: 1-11, Philemon 1-21, Luke 14: 25-33

St Dubricius 8.00am
St Dubricius 10.30am
All Saints' Selworthy 11.00am

St Bueno's, Culbone 11.00am
St Mary's, Oare 3.00pm

Trinity 12

Holy Communion (BCP)
Holy Communion (CW)
Matins (BCP)
(Joint service with Luccombe)
Holy Communion (BCP)
Evensong

Charity of the Month - August 2025

CAMPHILL VILLAGE TRUST

Adult learning disability charity UK

For 70 years, Camphill Village Trust is a leading national charity and adult social care provider supporting adults with learning disabilities, autism and mental health problems to lead a life of opportunity. We empower people to make informed choices and contribute to their communities.



We support over 550 adults across ten communities in England, offering **Supported Living** services and meaningful supported nature-based activities through our **Nature-based Therapies and Skills Programmes**. We believe we are leaders of a new future by integrating social care with the therapeutic power of nature.

We want to be leaders of the Green Care future – re-imagining an innovative, integrated, high-quality social care offer with the proven benefits of nature and the environment, resulting in A Life of Opportunity for people who access our services.

At Camphill Village Trust, we work to give the people we support a life of opportunity. We focus on the ability of the person not the disability and ensure the support received is tailored to the individual.



Whether someone is learning to live more independently, to cook, to use a potter's wheel, to weave beautiful scarves or make some of the finest homemade cheese in the country, it takes time. And it takes the feeling of security and acceptance that many people find, for the first time in our communities.

Since our earliest days, we have relied on the generosity of our friends to enable adults with additional needs, live lives which are fulfilling and enable them to contribute to society, and we welcome all donations.

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The poster features a decorative border of various flowers, including blue forget-me-nots, pink roses, and white anemones, interspersed with green foliage. A blue treble clef and a musical staff with colorful notes (yellow, green, blue) are positioned on the left side, curving around the central text. The background is a soft, pinkish-white with faint floral patterns.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, SELWORTH FLOWER FESTIVAL 2025

You are warmly invited
to join us for our

Songs of Praise Service

**Sunday 24th August
at 4 pm**