

IN TOUCH



SONGS OF PRAISE AT PORLOCK WEIR

SEPTEMBER 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.



Harvest Festival Celebrations 2025 throughout our Benefices

14th Sep Stoke Pero 4.00pm

28th Sep St Bueno's, 3.00pm
 Culbone

5th Oct St Dubricius, 10.30am
 Porlock (*Holy Communion*)
 (*followed by Harvest Lunch*)

5th Oct St Mary's, 3.00pm
 Oare

12th Oct St Mary's, 3.00pm
 Luccombe

A decorative border surrounds the central text box, featuring four musical staves. The top and bottom staves are horizontal, while the left and right staves are vertical. Each staff contains various musical notes in red, blue, and purple, along with treble and bass clefs and sharp symbols.

**St Dubricius Church,
Porlock**

Invites you to an evening of

Hymns & Pimms

On Saturday, 20th September

Commencing at 7.00pm

**No booking required, just turn
up to this FREE* event and have
a wonderful time singing some
of the most joyful hymns.**

**Donations toward the upkeep of our church*



**Did You, Or A Family
Member Get Married
At St Dubricius
Church?**

Or

**Were You, Or A Family
Member Baptised
Here?**

If so, we would love to hear from you for a special event planned for later in the year. Please telephone 01643 862284 or speak to Revd Ann or Wendy, the Churchwarden.

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.

Hymns & Pimms – Saturday, 20th September: Stephen Kingdon has asked that requests for hymns to be sung on the night are to be submitted to him by the end of the 10.30 service on Sunday 14th September. You will find request slips in St Dubricius church now for you to complete. Thank you. Wendy.

Bible Study Group – we will resume on Friday 5th September at 2pm, finishing by 3.30pm and will continue to meet at those times on Fridays. We will be exploring the Acts of the Apostles; please let us know if you are intending to come so that we can obtain enough books. Any further questions please do ask. Rev. Ann & Rev. Alison

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.

Request from Rev. Andrew Day, Porlock Methodist

The Little Fishes toddler group meet on a Tuesday morning and are looking for a volunteer to help out for the first half term of the coming term. Please speak to Rev. Ann for more details.

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.

Message from Reverend Alison

There have been many joys during my curacy here so far, and I know there are plenty to come, but one of them has been being a part of the monthly evening service of Holy Communion with Laying on of Hands and Anointing. Initially, ministering alongside Rev John who has faithfully served his congregations over many years through this particular ministry, I look forward to the day when we can share the sanctuary once more during this very special service.



We offer this ministry quite simply because we believe in the healing power of God and as one of the introductions to the service puts it, “Our Lord Jesus Christ went about preaching the gospel and healing. He commanded his disciples to lay hands on the sick that they might be healed. Following his example, and in obedience to his command, we shall lay hands praying that the Lord will grant healing and peace according to his loving and gracious will.

Saint James writes, ‘Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins he will be forgiven.’ In fulfilment of this we shall anoint with oil, praying that the Lord will grant healing and restoration and forgiveness according to his loving and gracious will.”

I am conscious that for some, the thought of this ministry is off-putting and can cause concern, and I just want to take this opportunity to reassure people that to come forward and experience Christ’s healing grace through the laying on of hands or anointing is not an expectation or a requirement to being a part of this service. For many, this experience comes through the receiving of the bread and wine during the communion and that is absolutely fine – God reaches out to each of us in the way that He knows we need.

It is the sort of service you can come to once or many times, that you can come to at a time of particular need or as part of your regular pattern of worship, however and whenever you come you are very welcome.

If it is a service you have never been to and would like to know more about it before you experience it, then please do come with your questions. Equally, if you are someone who comes and you feel there is something that maybe can be done slightly differently then we are happy to listen.

Like all the services we share, it is one rooted in the love of Christ, who taught his disciples to love one another and whose example we follow. In our community of love, as we pray together, as we share concern for those around us, as we pray and care for the sick around us, we recall the words to his disciples, knowing they are as relevant for us today 'In so far as you did this to one of these, you did it to me.'

With every blessing,

Rev Alison

Message from Reverend Ann

Dear Friends,

Over the past few months I have been hearing a lot of stories about journeys and travel as many of you have been away visiting family or taking holidays- and I know that some of you are soon to go. It has made me think about the whole business of travel and all the preparation that may go into it. Today, we can travel the world relatively easily, as I know from visiting my son in Australia. Yes, it is a long way, and yes the whole business of going through airports can be frustrating and tiring, but actually it is pretty straightforward compared to travelling a similar distance in times past.



Up until the last century, travelling any distance could mean months of travel across land or sea with all the inherent dangers attached. For early Christians, wanting to take the good news to other areas, the journeys they embarked on were fraught with risks and possibly they did not even know their destination. As Jesus' followers set out to spread the gospel they faced all manner of challenges and barriers to their progress, including ship wrecks and

imprisonment. The Acts of the Apostles describes these early journeys and gives us a background to the epistles which follow in the New Testament.

Most of us know the account of the coming of the Holy Spirit at the beginning of Acts as it is a passage read at every Pentecost, and we may recognise other passages, but how many of us have read through the whole book? If you haven't, and even if you have, you may want to join us for our next Bible Study course beginning on the 5th September (2pm at the Rectory). For the next several weeks we will be working our way through Acts trying to understand more about the earliest Christians and how the gospel spread. It is a fascinating account so do please think about coming along. All are very welcome - and of course there will be refreshments!

With every blessing

Revd Ann

Benefice Visit 14th/15th September

In the middle of September we will have a visit to the Porlock Benefice from our Archdeacon, Simon Hill. He will join us for services on the 14th and meet with people in the benefice on that day and on the following day.

What is the purpose of this visit? Well, it is an opportunity for him to see and experience our context and to discuss ministry with me and others. Part of that weekend will be spent with me completing my ministry development review, a process which is carried out every three years with a minister. Until this year this process was completed with a one to one meeting with the Archdeacon or Bishop, using detailed paperwork completed prior to the meeting. The minister and someone who knows them well would submit their responses and then these would be discussed and objectives set for the next few years.

This year the system has been changed so that the person doing the review, Archdeacon or Bishop, carries out a visit to the benefice attending services and meeting with a variety of people and groups so that the ministry development review can be seen in context. Of course this doesn't mean that all paperwork has gone! I have sent my thoughts to the Archdeacon in advance of his visit but you will have your opportunity to talk to him while he is here and I know he will be pleased to hear your thoughts and experiences.

Personally I think that this visit is a valuable opportunity to share what is good and what is challenging in our benefice and I hope that you will share in that. Ministry involves all of us, using the gifts that God has given us to spread the good news of the gospel. God calls us all but in many different ways - some of us may be priests, some may be readers, lay worship assistants, children's leaders, teachers, pastoral visitors, welcomers, organisers, musicians.....the list is endless and we are all included. This visit is not just about my role as Rector but about all of us serving God in this place.

If you want to think a bit more about this and what it means for you perhaps read the following passages: Romans 12: 4-7; 1 Corinthians 12: 4-31; Ephesians 4: 1-15.

The Benefice of Oare with Culbone will have a visit at a separate time.

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, Olga Miller, Gordon & Ann Green and Jack Bell



We remember those who have died:

Anthony Kenyon and Melody Keeling

Benefice Services (& Culbone and Oare) – September 2025

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

Sunday 14th September

(G) Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28, 1 Timothy 1: 12-17, Luke 15: 1-10

St Dubricius 8.00am
St Mary's Luccombe 9.30am

St Dubricius 10.30am
St Mary's, Oare 11.00am
Stoke Pero 4.00pm

Trinity 13

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

Sunday 21st September

(R) Proverbs 3: 13-18, 2 Corinthians 4: 1-6, Matthew 9: 9-13

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

St. Mary's, Oare. 11.00am
St. Dubricius. 6.00pm

Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

Holy Communion (BCP)
Morning Prayer
Holy Communion (BCP)
(Joint service with Luccombe)
Holy Communion (BCP)
Holy Communion with anointing
and laying on of hands

Sunday 28th September

(W) Genesis 28: 10-17 or Rev. 12: 7-12, Hebrews 1: 5-end, John 1: 47-end

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

St Dubricius 10.45am
St Mary's, Oare 11.00am
St Bueno's, Culbone 3.00pm

St Michael & All Angels

Holy Communion (BCP)
Morning Prayer (CW)
(Joint service with Selworthy)
Celebrate
Morning Prayer (BCP)
Harvest Service

Sunday 5th October

(G) Lamentations 1: 1-6, 2 Timothy 1: 1-14, Luke 17: 5-10

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 16

Holy Communion (BCP)
Harvest Festival Holy Communion (CW)
Matins (BCP)
(Joint service with Luccombe)
Holy Communion (BCP)
Harvest Service

14TH SEPTEMBER

A SERVICE FOR HARVEST



STOKE PERO CHURCH
AT 4PM

ALL ARE WELCOME!

28TH SEPTEMBER
**A SERVICE
FOR HARVEST**



ST BUENO CHURCH,
CULBONE
AT 3PM

ALL ARE WELCOME!

CHARITY OF THE MONTH

SEPTEMBER 2025

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT



Douglas MacMillan founded this charity in 1911 when he watched his father die of cancer. His father's pain and suffering moved Douglas so much that he founded the Society for the Prevention and Relief of Cancer which became MacMillan Cancer Support in 2006.

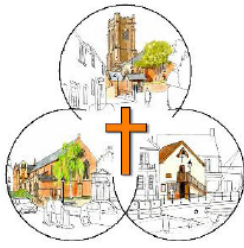
I had help from MacMillan when I had three cancer episodes in the past. In 1998 a primary in the bowel for which I had an operation and was told I was clear. A secondary bowel cancer tumour was discovered in my liver in 2001 for which I had surgery and six months chemotherapy (every second week) and then again another three years later what I called a "thirdy" appeared in my lung. This was in 2004 and yet another operation. With the help of my faith, friends and family I have maintained good health since.

The worst time was before and after the liver operation with a tumour the size of an orange and a 20% prospect of surviving 10 years. It was difficult to cope and I knew I needed help. Because every cancer appeared in different organs, I needed different surgeons and hospitals. My London hospital where I had chemo and later my lung operation, provided no support at that time but the Douglas MacMillan Centre at my local hospital had a unit and held a support group with classes for exercise, relaxation and meditation. Booklets on your specific cancer disease were freely available to read.

The Beacon Centre at Musgrove Hospital, likewise has a MacMillan booth offering support and booklets. MacMillan wished me to stress that they are also there to support family and friends of the patient.

When faced with a life threatening diagnosis, treatment and a difficult road ahead MacMillan Cancer Support nurses are often assigned to patients to travel the pathway with them and assist in any way they can. We all know of friends who have been affected by this illness, many in our own village. Please join me in supporting this wonderful charity who are there for us when we need them.

Rosemary



The Parish of Minehead

Children and Families Worker Post

*Do you enjoy working with children and young people and their families?
Are you passionate about exploring new and creative ways to share the
good news of Jesus with this age group?
Do you have experience and ideas to share with us?*

We are seeking to employ a Children and Families Worker
to join our team here in Minehead Parish.

We are looking for someone who can bring new and creative ideas to
the work we are already doing with children and young people;
who is a good and supportive team member as well as able to take the
lead and work on their own when needed.

Hours: 15/16 a week

*The hours of work are flexible but will include weekdays and weekends, and
occasionally after-school or evenings.*

Pay: £13 per hour

Please note: This post is fixed term for two years.

All applications must be received by Friday 3rd October at noon.

*For more information or to receive an application pack, please contact
Reverend Michelle Butcher (Associate Vicar):*

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