**NEWSLETTER NUMBER 286**

1) We are officially in meteorological autumn, so expect the usual rubbish weather this season brings us. We cannot change the weather and a quick look skywards provides a good idea of what to expect, so why do we get weather forecasts every hour or so!

2) For those getting this by email Tomorrow 7th September 2025 is Stawley Flower Show.

3) All Saints’ Church represented the Church of England during the Global Week of Prayer by hosting the lunch time session on Thursday. This was organised by Rev Andrew Norris through Wellinton Churches Together.

**OUR SERVICE ON SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2025 – 12TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

This will be a **Sung Eucharist** starting at **11.15 a.m.** The celebrant will be **Rev Stephen Bowen.** There will be refreshments served after the service, please stay and chat.

**RABSON’S RAMBLE**

**Awake, my soul, and with the sun**

Our service on Sunday will start with this hymn and it will bring back memories of my school days. This was the hymn we sang without fail on the first day of every term. As my school appeared to rival St Trinian’s, I can see why the Headmistress chose it as Verse 2 begins “Redeem thy mis-spent time that’s past” which is most appropriate after each school holiday! The words were written by Thomas Ken (1637 – 1711) who was Bishop of our Diocese. It was probably written before 1674 but did not appear in print until 1694 when it was in a pamphlet. It then appeared in the Appendix to “*A Manual of Prayers for the Use of the Scholars of Winchester College. And all other Devout Christians.”* A revised text then appeared in the 1709 edition of that book and it is thought that the revisions were by Thomas Ken himself. There were fourteen verses at that time.

 The tune is called Morning Hymn, which clearly fits with the words of the first half of the text, and the tune was composed by François H. Barthélémon. The tune first appeared in “*The Hymns and Psalms used at the Asylum or House of Refuge for Female Orphans. Printed for William Gawler, Organist to the Asylum”* (London, c. 1785). It was composed specifically for the present words, at the request of the chaplain to the Asylum, although it was then called New Jerusalem. The present harmonisation only dates from 1964 whilst the opening tune was amended to make a small run rather than a jump between notes 1 and 3.

 The hymn has clearly stood the test of time so sing it with gusto and think of the orphans in the Asylum who must have learned it by rote before they could even read. I wonder how they felt about redeeming their mis-spent time that’s past although I suspect their focus was more on the ”and live this day as if ‘twere thy last”. However this orphanage sounds a more enlightened one as the third line of verse 2 asks them to “improve thy talent with due care” before exhorting them “for the great day thyself prepare” i.e. for when they die. The Lord gives and the Lord takes away!

**ROTA FOR SUNDAY 7/9/2025**

**Sidesmen:-** Angela Setter and Rachel Yates

**Reader:-** Rachel Yates

**Coffee:-** Angela Setter and Rachel Yates

**Flowers:-** Melodie Lane

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY 7/9/2025**

**Collect:-** Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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:-**

Deuteronomy Chapter 30, vv 15 – end

Philemon Chapter 1, vv 1 – 21

Luke Chapter 14, vv 25 – 33

**PRAYER LIST**

The people of Pakistan who have endured epic floods and the subsequent loss of human life, homes, animals and stored grain.

Elizabeth Miles

Eunice Durrance

Ian Sansom

Mike Toogood

Pam Wilkie

Paul

Stephen Daley

Susan Dobson

**YEARS MIND FOR SEPTEMBER**

13th Sylvia Bertie Lane

**BIRTHDAY LIST FOR SEPTEMBER**

10TH Ann Fry

We wish you a very Happy Birthday and hope you have a grand celebratory day.

**OUTREACH GROUPS**

**Knit, Sew and Natter**

The next meeting will be on Thursday, 4th September 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, 13th September 2025 at 12.00 noon. The group usually 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, 23RD September 2025. There will be the normal chat as well as a superb tea of sandwiches and cakes to demolish.

**OUR NEXT SERVICE**

This will be a **Sung Eucharist** starting at **11.15 a.m.** on **Sunday 14th September 2025.** The celebrant will be **Rev Andy Barton.** There will be refreshments served after the service.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, 28th September 2025**

**Harvest Festival followed by Harvest Lunch**

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival with our normal morning Service and this will be followed by a free lunch for everyone in the Lang Room – please note we will put out a basket for donations if you wish to contribute.

**Sunday, 5th October 2025**

**History Talk at 3.00 p.m.**

There will be an illustrated talk on the building of All Saints’ Church at 3.00 p.m. The cost will be £5-00 per person. This will be followed by tea and cakes.

The exact dates for the events below will be finalised shortly.

**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 12th – 14th**

**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.

**NEWS FROM WEST TONE BENEFICE**

**STAWLEY**

**Saturday 7th September 2025 – Flower Show**

This will be held at the Appley Pavilion on Saturday, 7th September 2025, between

2.30 p.m. & 5.00pm. There is usually no admission charge.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

**Interesting items from the newspapers**

1) Last Saturdays Daily Telegraph had an item to say that archaeologists have discovered the location of the Pool of Siloam, where Jesus sent a blind beggar to wash in its waters. A high dam wall dated to the end of the 9th century B.C. has been found. The wall is part of an engineering complex which captured water from the Gihon Spring, channelled it through the Tyropoeon Valley to the Kidron Stream. The dam wall is over 11 metres high, 8 metres wide and 21 metres long.

2) Somerset County Gazette’s ‘Looking Back’ column carried an article from 40 years ago re Peter Horsford (one time Lay Reader at All Saints’). He was concerned by TDBC’s censorship due to the Brewhouse Theatre’s attitude towards the performances of clairvoyance and psychic arts that had appeared on stage the previous week.

**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) . This week:

*In this Global Week of prayer, the Home Service goes international as Revd. Tim Buckley from the Life Central Church in Wellington leads our worship on the theme of “Extending the Kingdom” from Columbo in Sri Lanka.  We also introduce Hilary Allen who begins her series of Christian poetry readings on the theme of “Aspects of God’s love”*

**FUN CORNER**

