

# Parish Magazine - St Anne's, Syston

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## BENEFICE LETTER

### A Brave New World.

What does the world look like to you today, in the aftermath of a global pandemic? What have we learned, and what will we do differently? In many ways it seems that we have inherited more problems with the soaring cost of living, energy prices going off the scale and a bitter war in Eastern Europe. And of course, many of the pre-pandemic problems such as refugees fleeing their homelands are still with us.

And yet we have just had an amazing celebration of the reign of one of the most amazing monarchs of all time, whose lifetime of service and integrity stands as an example to all those who exercise power and authority. We

have too, the many people who are opening their homes to Ukrainian refugees, and those who are working tirelessly to secure a future for a planet that we seem to be intent on destroying. As churches we are already thinking very hard about how to be Eco churches.

So as always, we seem to have a world made up of the good, the bad and the ugly! But perhaps the answers to the future lie in the past through looking afresh at how and why our world was created. How spirituality and creation are inextricably linked. About how the modern concept of sustainability, of a world living in harmony, relate to biblical teaching. If we take a walk through Genesis we find that God blessed humanity and said, “be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.” (*Gen. 1: v28*). He also “took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.” (*Gen. 2: v15*). Perhaps much of the world has long forgotten that there is a world of difference between the idea of taking control in the word *subdue* and the idea of nurturing in the word *care*, but I would guess that anyone who has ever had to really care for plants, crops, animals or other people will understand that both ideas are necessary for welfare and development.

The real point of these commands though lies in persuading nature to work for us rather than conquering it by force; land had to be worked, planted and irrigated, its natural resources harnessed for humanity to flourish. But since this command also applies to all living creatures, this is not a mandate for humanity to prosper at the expense of other species or peoples by destroying them or their habitats. And in the context to which this was written, the natural world presented real and immediate dangers and challenges-for humanity to flourish nature had to be subdued in the sense of being brought under control and regulated. Humanity and all living things, both great and small, were created at the same time for their mutual benefit – to be used but not abused – in many cases to develop a symbiotic relationship; dependent on each other for their well-being even as they evolved. And as we have seen, we mess with God’s plan or try to control nature at our peril! And for the people of Israel their covenant relationship with God as the Creator of all things was inter-generational. Everywhere in the Old Testament you will find people celebrating God’s name and his blessings ‘*through all generations*’ or ‘*to the next generation*’, particularly in the psalms. Descriptions of the enjoyment and management of creation in all its majesty, mystery and fruitfulness are integral to much of this praise and thanksgiving.

What we perhaps have forgotten is that much of this enjoyment arises from Israel's obedience to God's will when it came to looking after Creation. Unfortunately, obedience is sometimes difficult, and we often don't want to do it. But ultimately obedience benefits everyone as well as glorifying God's gift of Creation. The prophets Hosea and Isaiah show us exactly creation should work with images of the wolf and the lamb and the earth responding to the grain. "The earth shall answer the grain, the wine and the oil". (*Hos. 2: v22.*), and "the wolf shall live with the lamb" (*Is 11: v6*) If through obedience we can work towards a world such as this then the result will be harmony for *all* creation-including us. Genesis tells us that God saw "*everything* He had made", and "it was very good." It is an entity of which mankind is a part, "essential to the design as a whole" but only as the "other parts of creation" are.<sup>1</sup>

As God's tenants, our relationship with His world must be one of integrity, nurturing and caring for every single thing, animal and person He has created, in a way that is sustainable into the future and works towards the wellbeing of each and every part of what He has made. Being made in God's image does not make us divine-it devolves onto us the responsibility of a caring rule for the whole of His natural world and its inhabitants.<sup>2</sup> So perhaps if we wish to go forward into a brave new world we need to look back towards the old one.

Blessings Richard

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<sup>1</sup> Bauckham, R. (2010) *The Bible and Ecology*, Darton, Longman and Todd (2010) ch 1, p15.

<sup>2</sup> Bauckham R. (2010) *The Bible and Ecology*, Darton, Longman and Todd (2010) ch 1, p1

# BRISTOL DIOCESE NEWS

**Rosemary Radcliffe will be ordained as a Deacon on Sunday 3rd July and will be Assistant Curate in the Benefice of Warmley, Syston and Bitton.**

Please read Rosemary's story below:

*"I became a Christian as an older teenager and was confirmed in 1989.*

*I then drifted for a number of years, maintaining a loose connection to Church through Brownies and Girlguiding, and a spirituality through nature.*

*It wasn't until I joined the Choir at St Martin's Church, Knowle that my faith began to truly develop, through consideration of the hymns and anthems we sang together.*



*The past five years has been a roller-coaster of exploration and discernment and I give thanks for the people who have sustained and encouraged me along the way.*

*"When things were challenging, I would recall Proverbs 3:5-6 - "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. And know that God is in this with me. His love is forever."*



# ST. ANNE'S

## CHURCH SERVICES

<b><u>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</u></b> Thomas the Apostle	No Morning Service at St Anne's	6.30pm Evening Prayer
<b><u>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July</u></b> The Fourth Sunday after Trinity	10.30am Holy Communion	No Evening Service at St Anne's
<b><u>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July</u></b> The Fifth Sunday after Trinity	No Family Worship at St Anne's	6.30pm Holy Communion
<b><u>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July</u></b> The Sixth Sunday after Trinity	10.30am Morning Prayer	No Evening Service at St Anne's
<b><u>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July</u></b> The Seventh Sunday after Trinity	10.30am Holy Communion	No Evening Service at St Anne's

<b><u>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August</u></b> The Eighth Sunday after Trinity	No Morning Service at St Anne's	6.30pm Evening Prayer
<b><u>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August</u></b> The Ninth Sunday after Trinity	10.30am Holy Communion	No Evening Service at St Anne's
<b><u>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August</u></b> The Tenth Sunday after Trinity	No Morning Service at St Anne's	6.30pm Evening Prayer
<b><u>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August</u></b> The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity	10.30am Morning Prayer	No Evening Service at St Anne's

**Please note: Services may be subject to change.**



# THE FRIENDS OF SISTON COMMONS

The Friends of Siston Commons have continued to work hard to restore and maintain different areas, including Webbs Heath and the path beside the brook alongside Siston Park Common. We have linked up with some fantastic college student volunteers from the Warmley Park School and College, who have been litter picking around the Commons on Wednesday mornings.



We did some extra litter picking to ensure the area around the beacon and the routes to it, were looking pristine for the lighting of the beacon, which was a wonderful evening with a lovely appreciative crowd. The photo is looking down Siston Hill from the beacon on the evening of the beacon lighting. I love the different colours of grasses and other plants.

We picked more litter during and after the Siston Parish Council Jubilee celebration on Warmley Park and we had a stall to tell everyone about our work. Money is still being counted, but so far SPC has raised over £1400 at the event for their chosen charities: Help for Heroes, Warmley Community Centre, Siston and Warmley Community Gardening Group(Signal Box), Kingswood Museum and Warmley Wheelers. We then had the stall again at the Warmley Community Centre as they celebrated the Jubilee on the Sunday.

All in all, a busy time but so joyful !

If you would like to join us, please email [friendsofsistoncommon@outlook.com](mailto:friendsofsistoncommon@outlook.com)

If you would like to join Phoebe on her walks again, please keep an eye out for details nearer the time.

***Ros Mahoney***

Secretary, Friends of Siston Common (FoSC) &

Parish Councillor for the Rural Ward of Siston Parish Council



**PRESS RELEASE: 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**MP hails new Kingswood “Wildbelt” on recent Siston visit**

A council-led £1million bid to protect nature in Kingswood from overdevelopment has been hailed by the area’s MP on a recent visit.

The Common Connections initiative is a four-year landscape and habitat restoration project along the South Gloucestershire and Bristol border to improve links between registered common land, woodlands and other natural habitats to create a “Wildbelt” - an area of land where building and other development is not allowed, so that nature can be protected and restored.

The £1million project boosts the Council’s efforts around promoting biodiversity and enriching nature across the district, enhancing and existing habitat types, creating and improving grassland and wildflower meadows, building ponds, restoring hedges and planting around 6,000 new trees.

Kingswood MP Chris Skidmore endorsed the project on a recent visit hosted by James Hackett of the Friends of Siston Common – one of the 60 green spaces to benefit through the project.

Chris, who chairs the All Party Parliamentary Group on the Environment, said: “It is great to see on the ground the practical ways that nature and biodiversity is being nurtured across various treasured green spaces in Kingswood, including Siston Common.

I pay tribute to the fantastic work of James and local “Friends” volunteers, alongside that of the Council, to protect Siston Common’s future as part of a pioneering new Wildbelt concept.

“This month marks three years since I signed the UK’s net-zero commitment into law as a former Government minister and supporting nature and biodiversity is critical to achieving this.”

He added: “South Gloucestershire boasts a tremendous array of rural and urban green spaces and it is important we do all we can to protect and improve them for future generations to enjoy. Introducing a Wildbelt will be a valuable means to further protecting precious green spaces from overdevelopment threats.”

***James Hackett***

Chairman, Friends of Siston Common (FoSC) &

Parish Councillor for the Rural Ward of Siston Parish Council

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TIME	DAY	DATE	EVENT	CONTACT DETAILS
8.45 – 10.15am	Saturday	20 <sup>th</sup> August	Prayer Breakfast @ St Anne's Hall	Helen Willcox <a href="mailto:helen.willcox@live.co.uk">helen.willcox@live.co.uk</a>
	Monday	29 <sup>th</sup> August	Summer Bank Holiday	
	Sunday	18 <sup>th</sup> September	Harvest Service & Lunch/Cream Tea	Rev Jeremy Andrew
8.45 – 10.15am	Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup> November	Prayer Breakfast @ St Anne's Hall	Helen Willcox <a href="mailto:helen.willcox@live.co.uk">helen.willcox@live.co.uk</a>
	Monday	26 <sup>th</sup> December	Boxing Day Bank Holiday	
	Tuesday	27 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Day Bank Holiday	

NOTE: Contact details shown on Page 2 if not shown here.



## UK & WORLDWIDE EVENTS IN JULY

*A few of things happening this month. More information can be found on individual websites.*

### 1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Plastic Free July

A global movement that helps and encourages millions of people be part of the solution to plastic pollution.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Wrong Trousers Day

Celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and still raising money for Bristol Children's Hospital with the help of Wallace and Gromit.



### 1<sup>st</sup> International Reggae Day

Celebrating the reggae culture and its influence on Jamaican music.

## 7<sup>th</sup> World Chocolate Day

A day where you can feel less guilty about tucking into to your favourite bar of chocolate perhaps!



## 15<sup>th</sup> St Swithin's Day



According to tradition, whatever the weather is like on St Swithins Day - whether rainy or sunny - it will continue for the next 40 days and 40 nights.

Little is known about St Swithin, who was the Bishop of Winchester in the 800s, but what is known that unlike many religious figures he asked not to be buried in a prominent place within Winchester Cathedral, but outside in a simple tomb "where the sweet rain of heaven may fall upon my grave".

His relics were originally buried outside but transferred inside Winchester Cathedral on July 15<sup>th</sup> 971, a day which featured heavy rains. Since then, the belief has been that if it rains on this day, it will continue to rain for 40 more days.

St Swithin's Day, if it does rain  
Full forty days, it will remain  
St Swithin's Day, if it be fair  
For forty days, t'will rain no more



## 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Bristol Harbour Festival

One of the UK's largest festivals – a celebration of Bristol!

## 17<sup>th</sup> World Emoji Day

A day to celebrate the emoji on social media.  
This date was chosen as it features on the calendar emoji.



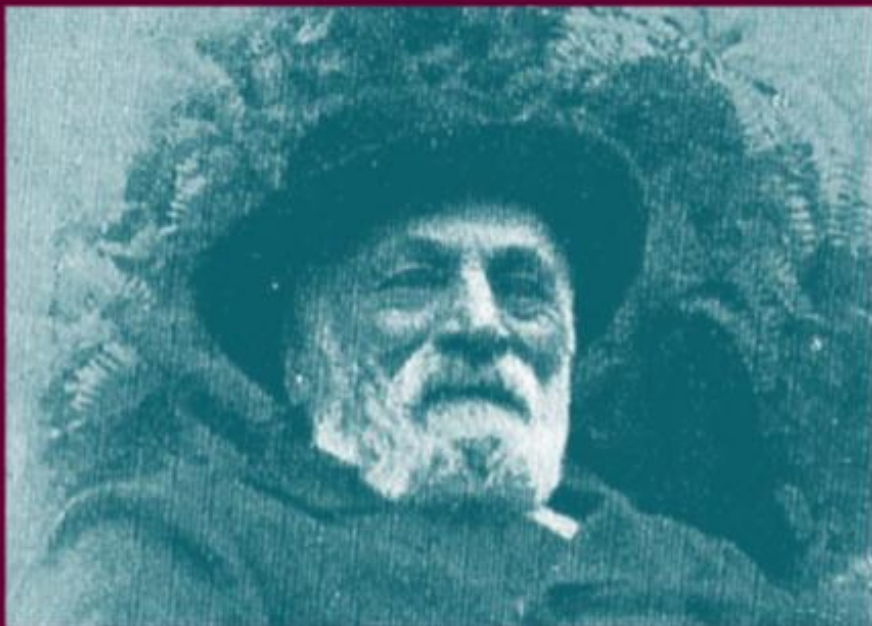
## 18<sup>th</sup> Nelson Mandela Day

A day to honour him – celebrated on what was his birthday.



## 30<sup>th</sup> International Friendship Day

A day to appreciate and promote friendships and bridging gaps between race, religion, gender etc.



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Vacancy

### **Clerk**

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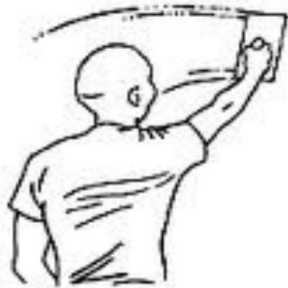
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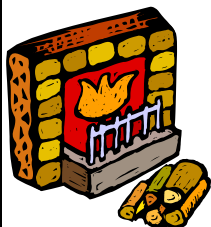
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