

# *The Village Connection*

Leigh on Mendip + Downhead + Stoke St Michael +

**Issue 320**

**August 2025**



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## From The Reverend Stephen Kivett

*It is often said that a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. Yes, one step can make all the difference in the world!* I've become an avid viewer of the television series 'Race Across the World'. The participants set off in pairs to predetermined destinations with a small amount of cash in their pockets and very little else!

Jesus once sent 72 of his followers on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go with these instructions: *Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road.* Like the 'Race Across the World' participants they were only allowed to take with them the bare necessities, and had to rely on the kindness of strangers for help and guidance.

It's highly unlikely that you or I will follow in the footsteps of the 72 or the 'Race Across the World' participants. Nevertheless, we can take that first step in our journey of faith knowing that in the **here and now** we can make a difference. For:

*One song can spark a moment  
One flower can wake a dream.  
One tree can start a forest;  
One bird can herald spring.*

*One vote can change a nation;  
One sunbeam light a room.  
One candle wipes out darkness  
One laugh can conquer gloom.*

*One smile begins a friendship;  
One handclasp lifts a soul.  
One star can guide a ship at sea;  
One word can frame the goal.*

*One step can start a journey;  
One word can start a prayer.  
One hope; can raise our spirits  
One touch can show you care.*

*One voice can speak with wisdom;  
One heart can know what's true.  
One life can make a difference;  
You see.....it's up to you.*

*Anon*

Dear Lord,

I expect to pass through this world but once;  
And any good thing, therefore, that I can do,  
Or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature,  
Let me do it now; Let me not defer or neglect it,  
For I shall not pass this way again. **Amen.**

*Attributed to Stephen Grellet 1773 – 1855*

With every blessing,  
Revd. Stephen Kivett

## From the Registers

### Weddings

Duncan Pelham & Katherine Anscombe      Nunney      5th July

### Funerals

Maureen Bowring      Nunney      3rd July

## Stoke Church PCC- notes from meeting held on 14.7.25

In the interest of being open and keeping our community informed of what's going on at church here is an abridged version of the draft minutes from the last PCC meeting. Any questions arising from these notes, please get in touch with the Churchwardens.

**Vacancy Update-** We are delighted that our newly appointed vicar- Rev'd Keith Johnson and his wife Rachel, will be moving to Nunney at the beginning of October, the start of his ministry with us will begin with his service of welcome to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> October. More details about this nearer the time.

**Church fabric-** we have decided to prioritise the repairs to the vestry roof (which is leaking badly) and the south-west "Villagers" window (which is in danger of blowing out, like the 'Dove' window did). Substantial funds are required to cover the costs, and research around grants will be done; plus a fund-raising initiative locally.

**Church finances-** the squeeze is on our finances, as with us all individually. We have major repairs required in the church. We will launch a "Friends" organisation in the local community to help support the church with practical tasks and financially.

We were delighted that the *To Love and Cherish* Wedding exhibition raised a wonderful £900. And the Stoke Fest (teas and coffees) £375. Thank you to all involved and to those who supported these events.

**Help at church-** There are always lots of tasks needing doing to keep a church community going, and we are thin on the ground and need to recruit others from the community who would like to support our village church. We hope the new "Friends" group will help with this. We need help with many tasks, including seeking grants for building works, basic simple maintenance; new people on the PCC; and now that Justine is leaving the village we need a new Churchwarden and Safeguarding officer. Anyone interested in helping, even in small ways, should talk to Jane in the first instance.

### Future events-

- 5<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest celebrations - service and supper
- 29<sup>th</sup> November - Christmas Fayre
- Community Concert - date TBA

## Letter from Bishop Christopher Foster

Do you use Wikipedia? It's often a very convenient place to look for information when we want to know more about something or about a person. But, perhaps, like me you've discovered its limitations. As you might anticipate from a free online encyclopaedia to which anyone can contribute and is open to anyone to edit it is both impressively collaborative and also sometimes incomplete or less than fully accurate. Nevertheless, it remains for me – and perhaps you? – a go-to source of quick information.

So, I wasn't surprised when I consulted Wikipedia's 'August anniversaries' to find it is less than comprehensive about the Christian calendar this month. St Bartholomew's Day is recorded on 24 August – alongside Ukraine Independence Day which surely also deserves marking. Bartholomew (usually identified as Nathanael, one of the twelve disciples of Jesus) isn't generally well celebrated on his festival day, except in places where he's the patron saint of the parish and church, such as Crewkerne where the annual charter fair remembers their link with St Bart. Even so their fair has been moved into September after the end of the holiday season.

August frequently means reduced activity, and fewer events. If that's an opportunity for catching our breath and taking a break from the challenges of deadlines and expectations, then all well and good. But let's not forget, despite them being omitted from the Wikipedia list, the other red-letter August days in the calendar. On 15 August we honour the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of our Lord Jesus, and on the 6 August, we mark the glorious Transfiguration of our Lord. That festival day recalls how Peter, James and John experienced on a mountain top the transformation of Jesus' physical appearance, enabling them to glimpse the glory of his divinity.



Make the most of these three significant festival days in August. As well, don't forget the other significant days this month, such as Ukraine Independence Day (24), VJ day (15) marking the end of World War 2, and – another date missed in the Wikipedia list – the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dropping of the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima. Saints' days and anniversaries are significant prompts to our prayers.

Bishop Christopher Foster

## Sidesmen & Flowers



### Leigh on Mendip

	Sideman	Flowers
3 August	Dave Mattick & Caroline Dove	Joan Pattison
10 August	No service	-
17 August	No service	-
24 August	-	Jenny Wigley
31 August	No service	-
7 September	Tom & Sue Rodford	Sue Rodford

### Church/Brass Cleaning

August - Caroline Palmer and Vicky Higgins  
September - Vanessa Barnes and Sarah Middle

### Stoke St Michael

	Sideman	Flowers
3 August	Jane Evans	Karen Pearce
10 August	Janet Gilham	-
17 August	Justine North	Linda Strong
24 August	No service	-
31 August	Justine North	Hazel Tucker
7 September	Jane Evans	-

### Church Cleaning

August - Jane Evans  
September - Cicely Middle

### Coffee and Chat

'Coffee and Chat' continues to take place in Stoke Church every Friday, between 10 and midday. It's a very informal and friendly occasion. There can be any number of us, sometimes 8, sometimes as many as 14 of us. Visitors to Stoke often drop by too. What do we talk about? Anything. We came up with idea of the wedding dress exhibition and concert and the Pimms and Cream Teas at Stoke Fest. There'll be another great idea to get people together and raise money for the window repair soon! What else? Gardening. Where to get the car repaired. Everything. Some people come for a general chat, others because they're in need of a friendly ear. There are a lot of stories shared and there's lots of laughter.

We'd love more people to join us for their end of the week, mid-morning break. Everyone of all ages is welcome. Children love the space in the church and know where to find the books and games.



### FRIENDS OF LEIGH CHURCH

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### AUGUST UPDATE

Firstly, many many thanks to all those who supported FOLC during the two July events – serving or consuming refreshments at the Car Show & Village Day and/or opening their garden, visiting the gardens, making cakes, serving or partaking of refreshments for our Open Gardens event. Over £1,000 was raised for the charity.

On Thursday 28 August we will have a Savoury Cream Tea (think cheese scones, cheese and chutney) from 3 to 5pm in the Tower Room Café at St Giles. The next cash Bingo date is Saturday 11 October in the Memorial Hall – bar open 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Entry £5 including table snacks, with a book of 10 games for £6. A fun evening.

We're very excited to introduce 'Last Wednesday at Leigh is 7th November' Last Wednesday are a choral group based in London, singing a mix of early and contemporary music. The programme will take in composers from Thomas Tallis and William Byrd to John Tavener and Howard Skempton, with an emphasis on music celebrating the winter season ahead. There will be more detail next month when tickets will also be on sale – medieval song in the medieval church, a rare opportunity!

All our fundraising supports the vital maintenance and repairs for our beautiful Grade 1 listed church. We are awaiting a response to the Project Enquiry, relating to the next phase of repairs, submitted to the Lottery Heritage Fund. If our proposal meets their criteria we will then prepare a detailed grant application.

The Tower Room café remains open every day as a peaceful place to rest, work or socialise. With free wi-fi, electronic access to the church records and children's toys together with self-serve refreshments it is well worth a visit.

### Stoke St Michael PCSO visits

Our PCSO Will Mortimer is in the village monthly. He's found that the best place to meet people is in the church at 'Coffee and Chat' on a Friday morning. He is with us from 10am to 11am (the first hour of 'Coffee and Chat'). If you are worried about something relating to crime and safety please come and talk to him. He is very very approachable and will listen and advise.

**Next visits:** **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August and**  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September**  
**10 – 11am Stoke Church**

## Mendip Live Wires

At our July monthly meeting, we had the pleasure of welcoming the talented Sabrina and Sharon from Bespoke Home UK. They treated us to a truly inspiring and hands-on demonstration focused on the art of upcycling and revamping old furniture—a perfect way to spark creativity while giving tired pieces a fresh new look.



During the session, Sabrina and Sharon walked us through two beautiful techniques. First, they demonstrated how to decoupage a drawer using a simple paper napkin. It was fascinating to see how a basic item could transform a plain surface into something charming and unique. Next, they showed us the stencilling process on another drawer, adding elegant and intricate patterns with ease.

Both methods were explained clearly and executed in a way that felt very approachable, even for beginners. The overall process was straightforward, and the materials required were minimal, making it a wonderfully accessible craft. Many of us left the meeting feeling inspired and confident that we could try these techniques ourselves at home. It was a delightful and educational experience that sparked lots of conversation and creativity among our members.

We all then enjoyed a cuppa and cake/biscuits and a lovely chat with other members of the meeting.

We are a thriving WI group with members from Leigh on Mendip and other surrounding villages, with wide-ranging ages and interests – meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month in the Memorial Hall. More room, of course, for new members. If you think this could be for you just turn up or contact Caroline on 074974 025608. Our new e-mail address is [mendiplivewires@gmail.com](mailto:mendiplivewires@gmail.com)

There is more information on Leigh on Mendip Village Website. (<https://leigh-on-mendip.org.uk/>) via either the Groups button or Events page, where you will find a link to our Facebook group.

## THE LEIGH LUNCH at Leigh on Mendip Memorial Hall

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## Sunday Stokers

*'...we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.'* (Romans 5: 3-5)

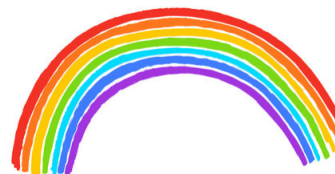


In June, the Stokers explored the theme of **hope**. We looked at some powerful photographs and talked about the symbols of hope that we see in the world around us: the rainbow, first shown to Noah after the flood and displayed in so many windows to encourage people during COVID times; the dove, iconic in our church's recently mended stained glass window; and, of course, the cross. We talked about the need for hope in these troubled times of war and climate change.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu said, 'Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all the darkness.' We felt that this statement linked all of the images of hope together, and with this in mind, the children decorated sun catchers in the shape of the cross. Hung in windows, these catch the light and remind us of the hope we have in Christ.

July brought the final Stokers session before the summer break and we took the opportunity to review the year and what Stokers means to the children. They identified our Stokers values as kindness, understanding, trust and respect, and made a banner to represent this. A good year!

Stokers will restart in September with an exciting project: watch this space for further details. All 3-12 year olds will be welcome to join us!





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Justine North



### A new community of contemplation at St Mary's House, Frome

At St Mary's House in Frome, something tender and hopeful is beginning to take root. Mary's House Community (MHC), a new Christian community based in the former rectory of St Mary's Church, is preparing to welcome its first residents. MHC is envisioned as a place for people who long to live more simply, more prayerfully, and more honestly, in community with others and in gentle connection with the world around them.

Rooted in a shared rhythm of contemplation, dialogue, and creation, Mary's House Community is a place for the spiritually curious, and those wishing to live in deeper connection with others. Daily prayer, shared meals, and local engagement will be held together in a rhythm that nourishes both inner transformation and outward love.

Rev'd Liz Dudley, Vicar of St Mary's, described the vision for it, "We're not aiming to build a project or a programme. We're trying to create the conditions for community, for friendship, reflection, and prayer to flourish in everyday life. It's less about doing and more about becoming."

Up to five people will live together in the house, with room for a couple or two people open to sharing. During that time, they will pay rent and contribute to living expenses. But the residents will not simply move in as tenants, they will help shape the beginnings of this new community, one that is anchored in faith, but open to mystery and to the wisdom of each person's journey.

Martha Oster, a trustee of Mary's House, describes it this way: "This is a place for questions, not answers. We'll be learning from one another — bringing our whole selves, our real lives, into a shared space of spiritual reflection and mutual care. It's about staying in the conversation."

Mary's House is not a cloister, it's an invitation to live a life that weaves prayer and presence into the world, not apart from it. The hope is that the residents will also engage with the wider Frome community through events, partnerships, conversations, and quiet acts of hospitality. Alongside its residential life, Mary's House Community plan to host a series of retreat days; open to all. These gatherings, including a time of learning together, working in the gardens, shared meals, and a period of silence, will reflect the community's values in action.

"We want to create spaces for reflection and connection," says Martha. "The retreat days are a way for people to experience the spirit of the house — a pattern of learning, of working with our hands, eating together, and being still. A window into a simpler kind of life."

The community also has a heart for creation care. It's hoped that residents will help tend the Giant's Garden, an outdoor space being nurtured as a place to grow food, and offer support to local young adults. A small prayer hut in the rectory grounds which was once a derelict shed, has been lovingly restored into a 24-hour prayer space, open to anyone seeking quiet or connection.

Martha reflects that "At its core, Mary's House is an act of faith: that it is still possible to live lives shaped by the Jesus' wisdom. Spiritual community is a calling both ancient and new; we are called not just to personal wholeness, but to building communities of solidarity and resistance — resisting the isolation, injustice, and speed of the world through a counter-cultural rhythm of shared life, presence, and prayer."

Pioneer and trustee Andrew Alden, says, "We hope Mary's House becomes a place where people are reminded of what really matters. Not big success or perfect answers, but a life that flows from love, rooted in God, and shared with others."

If you feel drawn to be part of this beginning — or simply want to learn more — visit [www.maryshouse.org](http://www.maryshouse.org), or email [info@maryshouse.org](mailto:info@maryshouse.org).

## STOKE CHURCH

*In preparation date to be confirmed*

## Community Concert

*Come and perform*

*Come and listen*

*Come and join in*

*Any age. What's your thing?*

**Contact Jane or Penny**

[stokestmichaelchurch@gmail.com](mailto:stokestmichaelchurch@gmail.com)

*Do you have a party piece,  
an instrument you play or  
friends you would like to  
perform with?*

*We aim to arrange an  
informal concert in the  
church, sometime in  
October.*

*Do get in touch to  
perform or watch for the  
date to come and listen.*

## Church Services in the Benefices of Stoke St Michael, Leigh on Mendip and the United Parish of Postlebury

### 1st August (Friday)

10.00 Nunney Holy Communion BCP SK

### Sunday 3rd August - 7th Sunday after Trinity

09.30 Wanstrow Holy Communion SK  
11.00 Leigh on Mendip Family Communion GW  
18.00 Stoke St Michael Evensong JE

### Friday 8th August

10.00 Nunney Holy Communion BCP SK

### Sunday 10th August - 8th Sunday after Trinity

09.30 Stoke St Michael Holy Communion GW  
11.00 Witham Holy Communion GW

### 14th August (Thursday)

18.00 Wanstrow Compline & Meditation SD

### 15th August (Friday)

10.00 Nunney Holy Communion BCP SK

### Sunday 17th August - 9th Sunday after Trinity

09.30 Marston Holy Communion GW  
11.00 Stoke St Michael Family Communion GW

### 22nd August (Friday)

10.00 Nunney Holy Communion BCP tbc

## August 2025



### Sunday 24th August - 10th Sunday after Trinity

09.30 Nunney Holy Communion CF/SD  
11.00 Cloford Holy Communion CF/SD

### 29th August (Friday)

10.00 Nunney Holy Communion BCP DG

### Sunday 31st August - 11th Sunday after Trinity

10.00 Stoke St Michael Combined Benefice Service CN

### Friday 5th September

10.00 Nunney Holy Communion BCP SK

### Sunday 7th September - 12th Sunday after Trinity

09.30 Wanstrow Holy Communion SK  
11.00 Leigh on Mendip Family Communion CF/SD  
18.00 Stoke St Michael Evensong JE

### Celebrant key:

CF - Bishop Christopher Foster  
CN - Revd. Christopher North  
CP - Caroline Pomeroy  
DG - Rev'd David Gatcliffe  
GW - Rev'd Graham Witts  
HP - Henry Pomeroy  
JE - Jane Evans  
SD - Rev'd Sally Davenport  
SK - Rev'd Stephen Kivett



## Stoke St. Michael War Memorial Hall



### CINEMA NIGHTS:

**Tuesday's cinema will be taking a short break during summer and will resume in September.**

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

**Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Sept: Village Duck & Boat Races – make your own boats in the Hall first. Further details to follow...**



**Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Sept: Annual Wilf Quiz – details to follow ...**

### COMMUNITY BOOK SWAP

**Did you know, We have over 400 books and 25 puzzles in the summer house at the rear of the hall. These are regularly updated.**

### Leigh on Mendip Allotment Association

The Leigh on Mendip allotments are in the field to the west side of the Recreation Playing Field. If you live in the parish of Leigh on Mendip and want to register, or simply discuss having an allotment, please contact :- Tim Spurgeon, 18, Park Hayes, tel 07813 505830 or e mail [timsurgeon@btinternet.com](mailto:timsurgeon@btinternet.com)

## East Mendip Gardening Club

The last official month of summer is the perfect time to enjoy your garden while it's still at its best. Children are on school holiday, lawns are in full use, and there's plenty of delicious fruit and veg to fill your dinner plate! Perhaps not this year lawns may be in full use but certainly not green and fruit and veg may not be as prolific as in other years. Gardeners and farmers may well be hoping for the pattern of past years for rain as soon as the schools break up to be the norm.

If the rain does come then there will be lots to do particularly weeding as they seem to be the last and first to grow and they compete with your crops for nutrients and water.

Prune all summer flowering shrubs, such as climbing hydrangeas, once the blooms are finished and cut back faded perennials to keep borders tidy.

Collect ripened seeds and store them for next year. Leaving some seed heads in place can be attractive and allows the plant to self-seed in the surrounding soil.

Take cuttings of your favourite tender perennials such as pelargoniums and fuchsia to propagate them for next year.

Apply a high-potash fertiliser such as tomato food once fruits start to form on peppers, cucumber and aubergine plants.

Cut back herbs to encourage a new flush of tasty leaves that you can harvest before the first frosts. Dry or freeze excess herbs to use in the kitchen later on.

Pinch out the tips of your runner bean plants once they reach the top of their support. This encourages side-shooting and more beans at a manageable height for picking.

On a sunny day, collect seeds of herbs such as dill, bronze fennel, caraway and chervil and dry in a warm spot out of direct sunlight. Chervil must be sown immediately.

If you have plants fruiting in containers, make sure you give them a high potash liquid feed to keep them healthy and productive.

Cut back the fruited canes of your summer raspberries, leaving the new green canes for next year's crop. Tie in next year's raspberry canes to support wires or fencing.

Don't worry if your lawn is looking brown, the autumn rains will soon make it green again.

Recycle your water inside the house —

Taken from <https://www.thompson-morgan.com/what-to-sow-and-grow-in-august>

On Tuesday 26th August the East Mendip Gardening Club will meet for their summer social and Annual General Meeting at Simbriss Farm. If you would like to join us please contact our Chair Mark Manley, [markamanley81@googlemail.com](mailto:markamanley81@googlemail.com) or see <https://www.ashwickparish.org/clubs-and-societies/east-mendip-gardening-club>

collect washing up water in a bucket outside for watering beds and lawns.

Keep an eye out for scarlet lily beetles on your lilies — remove and crush any you see. Also check for the sticky brown larvae on the underside of leaves.

Use boiling water as a weed killer on your paved areas. Weeds wilt and die within a few days.

Winter-flowering pansies can be sown now for colour in the cooler months.

Sow parsley, coriander and chervil in seed trays now for growing under glass throughout the winter.

Make final sowings of spring cabbages into seedbeds now — they're a great crop to have next April when not much else is ready to eat!

Swiss chard 'Bright Lights' can be sown in drills now for autumn 'baby leaves' or to over-winter for a spring crop.

There's still time to make direct sowings of fast-maturing carrots.

Finish planting out kale plants for winter and spring cropping.

Plant newly pot grown strawberry plants (or your own runners as soon as they have rooted) in an area where you haven't grown strawberries for three years or more to avoid disease. Planting now will allow them to establish well before winter.

Think about which bulbs you would like to see blooming next spring — now's the time to order ready for autumn planting. Think colourful drifts of narcissus and tulips in borders, beds, and containers.



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