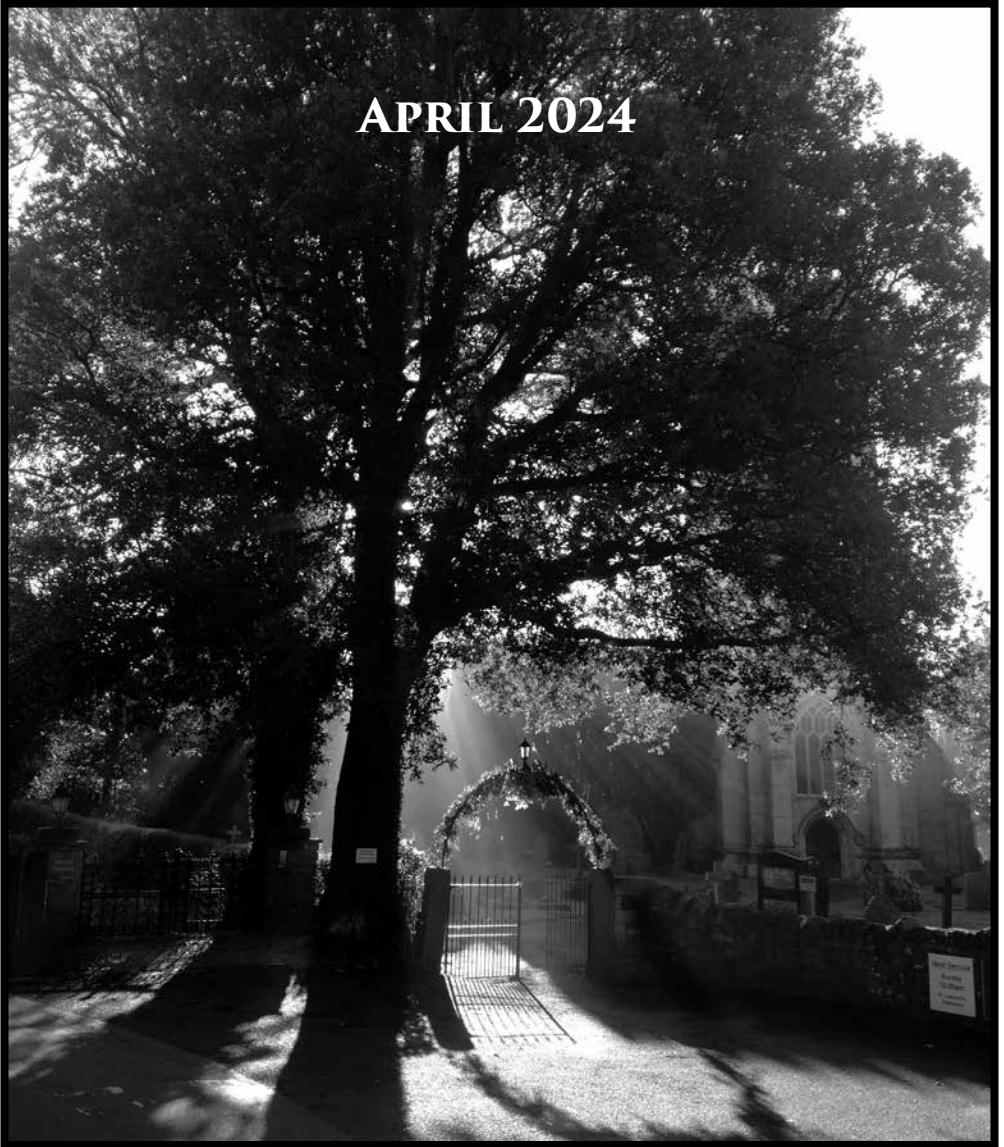


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CHURCH SERVICES

1ST SUNDAY

Publow All Saints' 10:00am Holy Communion

2ND SUNDAY

Compton Dando St. Mary's 10:00am Café Church

3RD SUNDAY

Publow All Saints' 10:00am Holy Communion

4TH SUNDAY

Compton Dando St. Mary's 10:00am Holy Communion

5TH SUNDAY

Rotation between Publow All Saints' and Compton Dando St. Mary's

WEEKLY

Every Wednesday Publow All Saints' 9.30am Morning Prayer

Every Thursday Compton Dando St. Mary's 9.30am Morning Prayer

FRONT COVER IMAGE: Many thanks to Jane Flower for the photo of Publow All Saints' church. Email a jpeg of our local churches to pensford@gmail.com and see it as one of our front cover.

PARISH PONDERINGS

Easter has just been celebrated. Lent, prayer, bible study and reflection took us on a journey to Resurrection.

During Lent, the Academy Awards or "Oscars" happened. Whilst inconsequential to many, cinematic artistic inspiration creates something that can inspire us and makes us think differently about deep things. The Oscar winning best song 2023 was a quiet one called What I Was Made For for the movie Barbie. The famous plastic toy journeys into the real world and finds real life confusing, unjust and painful. Chaos ensues when she confronts the question, what was she really made for? This song was in the top 50 in most countries in the world in 2023, meaning it resonated with multimillions of people. Part of the lyrics reveal an ancient question confronting humanity.

I used to know but I'm not sure now

What I was made for... Looked so alive, turns out, I'm not real...

I don't know how to feel... But someday I might...

Something I wait for... Something I'm made for...

The question is worth listening to and asking, "am I fulfilling the purpose for which I was made?"

The good news of the Resurrection is that we can know exactly what we are made for. Relationship and Resurrection! Re-engineering life backwards for a moment from eternity might sound like this...

How did I get here? By believing that Jesus Christ died to give you new life in abundant relationship with God. "I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." John 10:10.

How? "For God... gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him will not truly die but have eternal life."

What did I do? "If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9

That's it? Oh, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind'... And...: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

That's it? Yes. Welcome home! It's so good finally to have you here!

Rev. Denise Calverley

**From the Parish registers of
St Mary's Compton
Dando**

Funeral

22nd February 2024 - Heather Mary
MAGGS

From the Parish Registers of

All Saints' Publow

Baptism

3rd March - Lara Rose PARSONS

Funeral Service

7th March - Maurice Ivor BABER

**Annual Parochial
Church Meetings**

All Saints' Publow,

Tuesday 16th April, 7.30pm

St. Mary's Compton Dando,

Thursday, 18th April, 7.30pm

The Vestry meeting to elect Churchwardens for the coming year and the Annual Meeting to receive and approve the Annual Report and Accounts for 2023 will be held in our two churches, details as above.

All parishioners whose names are entered on the Electoral Roll of their church are entitled to vote at this meeting.

We look forward to welcoming many of you to this important meeting.

March Market Report

It was a surprise to see a good covering of snow early on Saturday, 2nd March, but the All Saints' coffee morning and market went ahead as planned. Alison Whitcombe brought a well-laden stall of colourful items for spring and Easter from the Westhay Opportunity Centre. Teresa had a stall loaded with cards for all occasions and the home baking stall, full of goodies, was soon cleared. Colourful primroses were also popular. Thank you to the many people who braved the weather and helped us realise a sum of just under £400 towards maintenance at All Saints' church. Thanks also to the many helpers, without whom this would not be possible.

Our next event will be on Saturday, 6th April, when we plan more home baking, cards from Mary Payne and a plant stall.

For further information: Judith Hillman 01761 490324, Janet Smith 490584 or Gillian Wookey 490336.

All Saints' Church

Book of Remembrance

We are planning an update to the Book of Remembrance held at All Saints' Church Publow. Anyone wishing to have the name of a family member or friend written in the Book, please take an application form from the notice board at All Saints or contact Judith Hillman 01761 490324/07802 662291.

March 2024

Thursday 28th **Maundy Thursday** Holy Communion, *All Saints' Publow*, 7.30pm

Friday, 29th **Good Friday** Service of Reflection, *St. Mary's Compton Dando*, 3.00pm

Sunday, 31st **Easter Sunday**
Holy Communion, *All Saints' Publow*, 10.00am
Holy Communion, *St. Mary's Compton Dando*, 11.30am

April 2024

Saturday, 6th Church Market, *All Saints' Publow*, 10.00 - 11.30am

Sunday, 7th Holy Communion, *All Saints' Publow*, 10.00am

Sunday, 14th Café Church, *St. Mary's Compton Dando*, 10.00am

Tuesday, 16th Annual Parochial Church Meeting, *All Saints' Publow*, 7.30pm

Thursday, 18th Annual Parochial Church Meeting, *St. Mary's Compton Dando*, 7.30pm

Sunday, 21st Holy Communion, *All Saints' Publow*, 10.00am

Sunday, 28th Holy Communion, *St. Mary's Compton Dando*, 10.00am

All Saints' Market



**Saturday 6th April
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- *Home Baking*
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— DIOCESE OF BATH AND WELLS —

Worship is key

From Michael Langrish, Assistant Bishop for Bath and Wells

In January I was back in my old Diocese of Exeter, marking the death of Sabine Baring Gould 100 years before. What an extraordinary person he was, with an incredible range and roundedness of learning and interests, in an equally full and fulfilled life. He was a great traveller and prolific writer of biographies, folklore, travel books, theology, novels and hymns, including some, such as 'Onward Christian soldiers' that remain popular today.



He was a linguist and translator; and, as an archaeologist on Dartmoor, very much a pioneer in the field. For many, his greatest achievement was his collecting the old folk songs of Devon and Cornwall, providing inspiration for such composers as Elgar, Vaughan Williams and Holst. He was also the Squire of Lewtrenchard and, being ordained, he appointed himself as parish priest as well!

This he saw as his true vocation. His responsibility, and that of the local church, was the cure of souls from cradle to grave. This meant a care for the spiritual wellbeing of all in the community and for their bodily and social welfare too. Striving for good health and housing must go hand in hand with growth in faith and prayer. All should be encouraged to full humanity, to holy discipleship, to the recognition, and use, of whatever gifts anyone possessed for the common good. But, underlying all of this, one other aspect of this great man's life speaks very strongly to me now. That is how he understood worship and its relationship to the whole of life. 'To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God'.

The latest edition of Manna (available online) contains encouraging stories of New Christian Worshipping Communities in Bath and Wells. Worshipping is key. I am reminded of the later words of Archbishop William Temple: 'It is sometimes said that conduct is supremely important, and worship helps it. The truth is that worship is supremely important, and conduct tests it.'

Bishop Michael

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CHURCH & LOCAL GROUPS

All Saints' Works

Passers by will have noticed that a diversion is in place around the South West side of the church. This has been to allow a test pit to be dug to seek to establish drainage runs taking water away from the tower. These drains are presently blocked and this presents a very real threat both to the tower and the church itself at that corner of the building. It is clear that the blockage has been caused by tree roots from the large and very old yew trees nearby.

The next step in ensuring that water escapes properly thereby removing the threat to the tower's underpinning and to stop damp affecting the stone and plaster work in that part of the church is to plan and gain approvals for the preferred solution. What that solution actually entails is presently uncertain. It could be to drill out the existing drainage system, which is likely to be both blocked by tree roots and very likely seriously damaged or to establish a whole new soakaway across the churchyard to the old leat just inside the churchyard hedge.

All Saints' Spring Clean

On Tuesday, 19th March a team of fourteen parishioners assembled for the annual spring clean of our beautiful church. With such a wonderful number of keen helpers the tasks were carefully assigned by team leader, Catriona Ree. Less than two hours later all items had been ticked off the list and coffee and hot cross buns appropriately enough were enjoyed. The church looks at its very best for the forthcoming Easter services. The churchyard also looks beautiful with spring flowers and trees bursting into new life for a time of year when many families visit to remember loved ones. Catriona commented that the spirit amongst the wider church community is truly uplifting - and many hands really do make light work.

Pensford Tennis Club

Pickleball the popular new game which has taken America by storm is coming to Pensford Tennis Club soon.

We are getting the equipment together and you will soon be able to play pickleball on our courts. If you don't know how to play there will be coaching too. Pickleball is easy to learn, fun to play and is a great way to exercise. Pickleball is suitable for people of all ages and abilities and is a very social activity that you can play with family and friends, while also giving you the opportunity to meet new people. The game is exciting, challenging and offers a good workout. A one 30-minute game of pickleball can burn up to 300 calories.

Follow our website and social media for updates. Meanwhile, don't forget, spring is here, and the start of the new season is always the best time to become a new member of Pensford Tennis club. www.pensfordtennisclub.co.uk, www.facebook.com/pensfordtennisclub, twitter.com/pensfordtennis

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WildscreenARK

I was delighted to launch WildscreenARK alongside Chris Packham last month. WildscreenARK is a new online nature resource, aimed primarily at children aged 13- 18.

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Chew Valley Gardening Society

This friendly society meet on the second Thursday of the month at 8pm at Stanton Drew Village Hall where there is easy access and parking.

On the 11th April John Addison will talk on 'Soft Fruits'. The competition will be for a Houseplant. If you would like to become a member please contact Graham Nicol, our Chairman, on 01275 333456 or just come along, you are warmly invited.

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- ◆ **Music Club Night with Gabriel Moreno** - the master alchemist of poetry and song returns with his unique blend of Americana Folk music. Friday 5th April - 7.30pm, Old School Rooms, Chew Magna.
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- ◆ **Open Mic Music Night at The Pony** - supportive audience and local music from new and established acts. Tuesday 16th April- 7.30pm, Chew Magna.
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