



**AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2023**

# PARISH NEWS

**UNITED BENEFICE OF  
PUBLOW WITH PENSFORD,  
COMPTON DANDO  
AND CHELWOOD**

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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: All Saints' Church. Email a photo of our local churches to [pensford@gmail.com](mailto:pensford@gmail.com) and see it as one of our front cover.

## PARISH PONDERINGS

This article is a follow on from our May article in which I briefly mentioned the Diocese of Bath and Wells challenge of addressing income shortfall post pandemic.

For some considerable time conversations have been ongoing about bridging a £2m income shortfall in providing ministry and clergy to every parish. The Diocese has made voluntary and involuntary redundancies. Some clergy have naturally retired while others have taken early retirement. Other cost cutting measures have also been actioned to ameliorate the severity of this financial impact. Despite this, more measures are required.

It is a necessity to reorganise ever larger groups of parishes (called benefices) under a single clergy person in response to rural congregations shrinking. Parish churches are grouped together in benefices to work together and support each other. Groups of Benefices belong to a Deanery for the same purpose. Chew Magna is our deanery in which each clergy person may be responsible for between 4-7 churches according to proposals in the Deployment Plan for Stipendiary Clergy, version 2 which can be found at [www.chewmagna.org](http://www.chewmagna.org).

Currently our Benefice of All Saints' Publow with Pensford, St Mary's Compton Dando and Chelwood village, (St Leonard's Church being officially closed) is covered by me as a part-time House for Duty priest. The Deployment Plan proposal does not recommend changing that this year, but as the Church communities are asked to submit their perspective on the whole plan by October, we also invite our village communities to submit their thoughts too so that we can include them in the feedback. The second part of the feedback that is wanted on the Deployment Plan, regards the possibility of our Benefice splitting up in future if there is no priest here. We're being asked to think now about which other Benefice our churches and villages might like to join. For example; it might be that All Saints' might wish to join Chew Valley East and St Mary's Compton Dando join with Keynsham because of close practical road links or other more traditional links. It is important that everyone is included in the conversations and consultation because things are changing and will change further. If you would like to speak to me, our churchwardens or PCC members, please do so. My email is [dmcalverley@icloud.com](mailto:dmcalverley@icloud.com). Our benefice email is [pensfordparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:pensfordparishoffice@gmail.com). St Mary's and Chelwood villagers are invited to take part in the first 30 minutes of our PCC meeting on July 27th 7:30pm on this topic. If you missed the July 11th All Saints' PCC discussions, you are also most welcome to join us too.

Have a great summer break.

**Every blessing in Christ, Rev Denise Calverley**

**From the Parish Registers of  
St Mary's Compton  
Dando  
Holy Matrimony  
24th June 2023 - Matthew CREW  
and Julie HOLLOWAY**

**From the Parish Registers of  
All Saints' Publow  
Interment of Ashes  
5th July 2023 - Sheila YOUNG**

## All Saints' Publow, Service of The Word and Talk by James Turner, 6th August 10am

James is an orthopaedic surgeon with a specialism in treating clubfeet in babies and children. This birth deformity is easily cured but untreated has devastating consequences. James spends time working in parts of the world with little resource and recently has been on a mission to Syria to help train local healthcare professionals in how to diagnose and correctly manage babies and children with clubfeet. He will talk of his experiences and the role healthcare training and faith have in helping the local communities in which he has worked. We look forward to welcoming all members of the community to this short service and talk.

## All Saints' Market, 1st July

Once again we were grateful to our large number of supporters who turned out in force to browse and buy from the stalls on Saturday, 1st July. In addition to the loaded home baking stall, there were plenty of pre-loved games to choose from; an even larger selection of cards produced by Cheryl Brewin and a stall loaded with jars of honey from the bee hives at the Old Vicarage, tended by Norman Heckington. In total we realised £419.20 for the All Saints' General Fund and wish to thank everyone who helped by baking, buying and selling.

At our next market on Saturday, 5th August we will have Brenda's craft stall as well as home baking, then on Saturday, 2nd September there will be pottery from Kim Hacker, home baking and possibly some more honey! For further information: Judith Hillman 01761 490324, Janet Smith 490584 or Gillian Wookey 490336.

## Christian Aid Collection

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christian Aid Week collection this year. As a result of the traditional envelope scheme as well as our own digital envelope, donations amounted to the sum of £236.00. As many of you also completed Gift Aid forms the reclaimed tax boosted the grand total given to Christian Aid to £289.75.

## Elizabeth Pines' Foundation Education Trust

Applications are invited from further and higher education students for financial assistance towards the cost of books and/or other materials necessary for their studies.

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## All Saints' Market

**Saturday 5th  
August  
10 - 11:30**

- ♦ Home Baking
- ♦ Brenda's Craft Stall
- ♦ Local Honey



**Saturday 2nd  
September  
10 - 11:30**

- ♦ Home Baking
- ♦ Pottery from Kim Hacker

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## — DIOCESE OF BATH AND WELLS —

### What a joy!

'In response to God's immense love for us we seek to be God's people living and telling the story of Jesus.' In conversations with people from around the diocese about our vision in recent months, we have talked of all the different ways that we can serve the communities in which we are based - how we can enable the life of the whole of the people of God.

One of the community connections that many of our churches nurture is with their local school, in particular with our church schools where day in, day out teachers and their support staff reflect God's love and teachings with the pupils in their care. As rewarding as that role is, it is a tough one. The long summer holiday may be in sight but anyone who knows a teacher or member of school staff will tell you how much that is needed as well as how much work is done during that 'break'. They truly need our support and love and prayers. We should also give thanks for those working in our schools during the summer, cleaning, building, or preparing for the new academic year.

Not all of us are blessed with the gifts to teach, but many of us have other gifts that can help our school communities. For some it is the gift of storytelling, sharing the teachings of Jesus as an Open the Book volunteer, others serve as chaplains. Some will simply live out their Christian faith by volunteering in classrooms or in the playground or by praying regularly for the school community. All of these roles are valuable to our schools, and rewarding for those who fulfil them.

What our schools and Academy Trusts need in particular are governors and trustees. There are many opportunities, especially for foundation governors and trustees who have a distinct responsibility for championing the Christian character of our schools. That may sound daunting, but that responsibility isn't held alone as there is support locally and from our excellent diocesan education team. And if you do take on that role, what a joy to know that you are playing your part to support and nurture our young people in the way of our Lord who said, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."

3 John 1:4.

**Bishop Michael**

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## LOCAL GROUPS

### Pensford Tennis Club Pavilion Open Day Sunday 18th June

**Storms and thunder had been forecast. Would it be a wash out?**

After 4 years (including 2 COVID years) of planning, we had all fingers and toes crossed that the day would be dry. The new pavilion was decorated in Wimbledon purple, green and white bunting and balloons. The snack and drinks tables were ready for the children to arrive at 10 am, and it was dry and sunny. It stayed that way all day! We were off at 10 am, with coaches Dan Bellamy, Dan Church (Avon Development Coach of the Year 2023) in charge of a great day's menu of tennis activities. Toddler tennis, Walking Tennis, Rusty Rackets and a new ball machine were all planned for our enjoyment. The toddlers' rackets were nearly as big as they were and what fun they had, playing the coaches' chasing and ball games. The teenage group had more competitive fun too. More importantly, after all that exercise, a loaded table of pizza, crisps, cakes and squash awaited them and were snaffled in an instant. Locusts, eat your heart out! Then came the highlight of the day when our Beryl Coombs; a vision in white and beloved queen of the courts at Knowle, Pensford and Wimbledon, honoured us by cutting the ribbon to open our beautiful new Pavilion. After a thank you speech by Committee member Elaine Davidson, Beryl remembered her much loved brother Bernard who was President of Pensford tennis club for over 20 years and was well known to so many people both locally and nationally. She honoured his memory in front of her large audience of over 60 people, before cutting the ribbons to officially open the new pavilion. Then followed a real celebration of prosecco, cucumber sandwiches, homemade cakes, strawberries and cream all served in true Wimbledon style. After a suitable time of chatting and digesting, more tennis was played including the new Walking Tennis and testing out our new ball machine. Both were great fun. So it was nearly 3pm when people wandered home, and then it drizzled... a bit! We love it when the forecast is SO wrong!

We would especially like to thank: Pensford, Publow and Stantons Trust, Chelwood Community Energy, The Miners Welfare, Avon LTA and our own Committee members for their generous donations. Thanks to Richard and Emily Huish for donating the lovely kitchen. Also to Alan Burbridge our President and longtime treasurer for all his support over many years. Thanks also to the Memorial Hall Committee and Publow Parish Council. From Sue, Ann, Alison, Sally, Dan C, Dan B, Jules, Steve. (Tennis Club Committee)

**For more information about the Pensford Tennis Club, please go to;**  
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For more information about the choir, please visit our website:  
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## July, 2023

Saturday, 29th Concert by Gregory Steward, *All Saints' Church*, 6.00pm

## August, 2023

Saturday, 5th Market, *All Saints' Publow*, 10.00 - 11.30am

Sunday, 6th Service of The Word and talk by James Turner, *All Saints' Publow*, 10.00am

Sunday, 13th Café Church, *St. Mary's Compton Dando*, 10.00am

Sunday, 20th Service of The Word, *All Saints' Publow*, 10.00am

Sunday, 27th Holy Communion, *St. Mary's Compton Dando*, 10.00am

## September, 2023

Saturday, 2nd Market, *All Saints' Publow*, 10.00 - 11.30am

Sunday, 3rd Holy Communion, *All Saints' Publow*, 10.00am

Sunday, 10th Café Church, *St. Mary's Compton Dando*, 10.00am

Sunday, 17th Holy Communion, *All Saints' Publow*, 10.00am

Sunday, 24th Holy Communion, *St. Mary's Compton Dando*, 10.00am



All Saints' Church will be serving refreshments and home made cakes on  
Sunday 27 August from 2 - 5 pm in  
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and Tower clock refurbishment.

## Chew Valley Gadget Busters

♦Aug 2nd, The Queens, Chew Magna ♦Aug 16th, Stoke Inn, Chew Stoke

Chew Valley Gadget Busters are holding face to face sessions, thanks to The Queens pub in Chew Magna and the Stoke Inn, Chew Stoke. So do visit Gadget Busters who are here to help. Either book an appointment by e-mailing [cvgadgetbusters@gmail.com](mailto:cvgadgetbusters@gmail.com), or turn up on the day. We hold two, 2-hour sessions a month on a Wednesday; the first Wednesday of each month is at The Queens pub, Silver Street, Chew Magna, and the third Wednesday of each month at the Stoke Inn, Bristol Road, Chew Stoke. Both sessions are from 12.30-2.30pm. It costs £3 per session, all of which will go to charity. We can also help with booking WESTLink Bus.

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## Concert in Pensford Church Tower.

Thursday, August 3rd 2023

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<p>There will be an auction of Flower Show produce at 8.00pm also in the Hall. Schedules for the Show will be available from 24th July at <a href="http://www.chelwood-village.co.uk">www.chelwood-village.co.uk</a> - 01761 490218</p>		
		

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### Robin Box

Sylvia and all the family would like to express their heartfelt thanks for all the support, cards messages and flowers given to us following the passing of Rob. Also many thanks to Woollard for the flag. God bless you all. *Sara Box*

### Chew Valley U3A

Will resume its monthly meetings programme at Ubley Parish Hall, on Monday 21st August 2023, when Sandy Bateman will present a talk entitled "The Magic of Minack", the open-air theatre near Penzance.

### Sudoku challenge - 0823 (Easy)

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**Chair** - Julie Glynn 01761 490832

**Chelwood Village Hall**  
**Bookings** - Mr Pat Harrison 01761 490218

**Chew Valley Choral Society**  
Catherine Hunt 0781 4098457

**Chew Valley Gardening Society**  
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**Chair** - Dawn Drury 07584710130  
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**Compton Dando Parish Hall**  
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