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PARISH NEWS

**UNITED BENEFICE OF
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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 their photo of Pensford Church and the Church Rooms. Email a jpeg of our local churches to pensford@gmail.com and see it as one of our front cover.

PARISH PONDERINGS

Praying In Difficult Times

Conflict is a part of life that we all experience in various ways. But for many in the world today conflict is happening that is destroying any hope of a peaceful life and livelihood or future. What can we do about that? We can pray. Ephesians 6:10-18 says, "Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God's armour so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. Therefore, put on every piece of God's armour so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armour of God's righteousness. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers"

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So, to help answer the question how do we pray in difficult and complicated times, the answer is just pray. Shut the door and talk to God. He hears all of us, all the time. "When we tell God what we know he knows, he then helps us know it the way he does."

A prayer for peace taken from 24/7 Prayer

You can simply pray this prayer especially for Israel and Gaza. (But also for any place of international conflict). "God of all nations, we pray today for Israel and Gaza. We pray for those grieving the sudden loss of loved ones, captives, and those whose homes have been destroyed. We pray for effective international peacemaking, seeking diplomacy over warmongering on all sides. Blessed are the merciful and the peacemakers." (Matthew 5:7, 9) Amen.

God bless you, Rev Denise



**CHRISTMAS MARKET
ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, PUBLLOW
Saturday 2nd December 2023**

10:00am - 12:30pm

Home Baking - Cakes, Chutneys, Jams,
Pickled Eggs and Onions

A range of Christmas Crafts and Gifts

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Hamper Raffle at 12:00 noon

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Proceeds to All Saints' Church,
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**From the Parish Registers of
All Saints' Publow
Baptism**

1st October - Thomas Howard Roger
Huish

Interment of Ashes

12th October - Patricia Dorothy Batten

13th October - John Blanchard

**All Saints' Market
7th October**

Our market in October was another very successful event, when a good number of our stalwart supporters came to browse and buy from the home baking and plant stalls. Local honey was also available. The amazing sum of £548.34 was forwarded to the All Saints' General account towards running expenses of the church.

As usual, a big thank you to everyone who helped in any way. Our next market, on Saturday, 4th November, will host the Traidcraft stall alongside home baking, plants and Christmas hamper raffle tickets. For further information: Judith Hillman 01761 490324, Janet Smith 490584 or Gillian Wookey 490336.

Service for All Souls

On Sunday, 5th November, 2023, at 3.00pm a Service for All Souls will be held at All Saints' Church Publow. This service is for all those who have lost loved ones during the last few years, but there may be many more who would wish to attend. All are welcome. The Service will be followed by tea and cake.

**From the Parish Registers of
St Mary's
Compton Dando
Holy Matrimony**

23rd September 2023 - Nadia KAMEL
and William DAVIS

**All Saints'
Market
Saturday 4th
November
10 - 11:30**

- Home Baking
- Traidcraft Stall • Plants
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— DIOCESE OF BATH AND WELLS —

Time to re-member

I am shortly leaving Bath and Wells for a time to serve as interim Acting Diocesan Bishop in the Diocese of Coventry. You may know that the city of Coventry saw some very heavy shelling during World War 2, which resulted in the destruction of the Cathedral.

A new Cathedral has since been built and stands alongside the old ruin as a testament of hope. Though different in style, there's a harmony of old and new. It shows us where conflict can destroy, peace can be found as we seek to live together as the people of God.

This marrying of modern and traditional styles of architecture, helps us to consider how we fashion the life we are called to live as Christians in our communities. It is not that we put aside our differences nor require others to conform to our own shape or form. Rather we recognise the value of listening fully to others and learn to hear the voice of God. Determining to value the worth of each contribution and discerning together a faithful walk with God.

This season of Remembrance encourages us to look back and to value the contributions of those who have gone before us, giving their lives in the service of others. It is not about glorifying the concept of war and conflict but the desire to establish a peaceful world for all. As we look back, so we are invited to look forward and commit to establishing a world where all have a place and where the Prince of Peace, Jesus, is our example.

Coventry is the home to the Community of the Cross of Nails. A community of reconciliation based around the cross fashioned by iron nails found within the ruins of the Cathedral following the fire. Its mission is to live out the practice of peace-building, encouraging people across the world to learn to be reconciled with themselves and one another, as they find reconciliation with God, through Christ.

As I leave here, I do so with plenty of memories, many happy, occasionally sad. Often the latter are those where I have got things wrong and failed to live up to my calling to be the grace-filled child of God I long to be. So, if I have let you down, I am sorry and please pray for me, as I will for you, that God continues to reconcile us to Himself and to one another.

And as we hold our acts of remembrance this month, may we become re-membered (put back together), as the people of God.

Bishop Ruth



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For more details contact our Head Coach Dan Church 0773 8081652.

Ping Pong

One of the teenagers living in the Parish attended a Parish Council meeting and said that there was nothing to do in the village. He asked if the Parish Council could provide something for young people and others to do on the Memorial Hall playing fields. The Parish Council had some CIL money available and agreed to purchase an outdoor table tennis table which the Memorial Hall committee agreed could be located on the playing fields. A concrete base was laid by one of our Parish Councillors and the table tennis table arrived on 19 September.

It is now available for anyone to use in the playing fields. No need to ask just bring some bats and a ball and just play.'

Pensford Village Duck Race

After a surprising rain delay during our late summer heatwave, the Pensford Village Duck Race finally took off at 2.40 pm on Sunday 10th September.

DJ Jack (jackbobby-dj) started the race (with the crowd joining in a tense countdown) and 600 ducks, helped by Brian, Pat and Clive, flew down into the weir behind the Rising Sun pub. They all swam furiously downstream guided by the waders Steve, Tom and Dave. The crowd rushed round to the finish line by the garden to watch the beak-biting finish, as Shaun and Simon caught the winning ducks and stopped the others from sailing on to the sea. The duck owner winners were; 1st Jo Barnes (£50), 2nd Bill Bailey £25) and Jen Best 3rd (£10) Henry the duckling has grown a bit since last year's appearance, but his weight (5 stone 7lbs) was closely guessed by Harry and Tommy who won the soft duck prize. There were some great ideas for The Naming of Poppys Duck Competition. From the list of guesses, Poppy chose Steve, a really original duck name! Well done Susan Ayles for the name choice. Steve is now happily nesting at his new Ayles home. Pensford Village Tennis Club have been organising the Duck race fundraising event for many years now. They provided games and fun for all the family. Thanks to the tennis committee for their hard work. Also to Lisa, Jack and Sonia at The Rising Sun for providing the music, food and drinks. This year again it was well supported by hundreds of villagers and visitors.

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Growing success at Great Avon Wood

Great Avon Wood is a ground-breaking partnership between local charities, Avon Needs Trees and the Forest of Avon Trust. The 100-acre woodland is near the village of Pensford. Over the summer a dedicated community of volunteers has been working hard to care for the newly planted trees.

Project Manager, Heather Mack explains: "We planted 6,000 trees earlier this year and are so pleased that over 90% of them are thriving due to the hard work and dedication of our amazing volunteers. We will start planting again in mid December and need the help of hundreds of volunteers as we plant a further 16,000 trees. Come and join our growing community!"

The planting season is from mid December until the end of March. During this time volunteers will be out tree planting five days a week, from

Wednesday to Sunday. Everyone is invited to get stuck in and help create the new woodland. As well as tree-planting, Great Avon Wood has already been the venue for numerous community events. These have included storytelling, tree ID, tree seed collection, bat and owl spotting, family days, and a series of forest school sessions with young people from central Bristol and Pensford Primary School.

The ancient Publow Oak has often been the focal point of these events and is a natural heritage feature of the woodland.

Find out more and register for volunteering at: www.avonneedstrees.org.uk/gaw Donate to the Great Avon Wood Fund here and help ensure the woodland is cared for over the coming years: <https://avonneedstrees.org.uk/donate/the-great-avon-wood-fund>.

West of England Rural Network (WERN)

Your Community Oil Buying Scheme - buying oil together, to pay lower prices. The West of England Rural Network is a local charity promoting rural sustainability. Already well recognised in the community as the organisation from which the Village Agents operate, they have additionally, over the last 10 years, been successfully operating a syndicate oil buying scheme, aimed at reducing rural fuel poverty. By placing a single, large order once a month and negotiating with multiple national suppliers to get the best price, members may on average pay 6 pence per litre less than the average high street oil price. Thanks to a grant awarded by Quartet Community Foundation, annual membership (*normally £20/year for domestic users) is free for domestic heating oil users aged 70 and over. The scheme is open to all residents, community buildings (£30/year) and businesses (£100/year) within Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire and Bristol. If you're interested in joining or learning more about the Community Oil Buying Scheme, give Kaz a call, on Tel: 01275 333701, email: karen@wern.org.uk or visit WERN's website www.wern.org.uk/community-oil-buying-scheme/

November, 2023

- Saturday, 4th** Market, *All Saints' Publow*, 10.00 - 11.30am
- Sunday, 5th** Holy Communion, *All Saints' Publow*, 10.00am
All Souls Service, *All Saints' Publow*, 3.00pm
- Sunday, 12th** Remembrance Service of the Word, *All Saints' Publow*, 9.30am
Remembrance Service, *St. Mary's Compton Dando*, 10.00am
Both services followed by Act of Remembrance at *Village War Memorial*
- Sunday, 19th** Holy Communion, *All Saints' Publow*, 10.00am
- Sunday, 26th** Holy Communion, *St. Mary's Compton Dando*, 10.00am
- ### December, 2023
- Saturday, 2nd** Christmas Market, *All Saints' Publow*, 10.00am - 12.30pm
- Sunday, 3rd** Advent Sunday, Holy Communion, *All Saints' Publow*, 10.00am
- Sunday, 10th** Café Church, *St. Mary's Compton Dando*, 10.00am
Carol Service, *All Saints' Publow*, 6.00pm
- Sunday, 17th** Holy Communion, *All Saints' Publow*, 10.00am
Carol Service, *St. Mary's Compton Dando*, 6.00pm
- Sunday, 24th** Christmas Eve, Christingle Service, *All Saints' Publow*, 3.00pm
Midnight Mass, *All Saints' Publow*, 11.00pm
- Monday, 25th** Christmas Day, Christmas Communion, *St. Mary's Compton Dando*, 10.30am
- Sunday, 31st** Holy Communion, *St. Mary's Compton Dando*, 10.00am





Chew Valley Choral Society

Come and join us for an evening of Christmas music!

We will be singing *The First Nowell*, a lovely piece by Vaughan Williams which includes some well-known tunes. We will also be singing a short and joyful mass by George Malcolm, *Missa ad Praesepe* ("Mass at the Crib").

And of course no Christmas concert would be complete without some carols!

Saturday 2nd December 2023 at 7.30pm

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Pensford Local History Group (PLHG)

Programme of talks for Autumn 2023

- ◆ **Monday 6th November - Lord's Wood in Pensford** - We all have Lord's Wood practically on our doorstep but how many of us know the full story? Andrew Hillman will enlighten everyone about the flora and fauna, the management practices, the challenges faced and the many highlights the woods bring.

Email: pensfordhistorygroup@gmail.com

Update on the recent workshop on past, present and future flood risks on the River Chew.

30 September 2023 was the day that distinguished academics from the University of Bath and the University of Greenwich met and shared their findings with members of the PLHG as well as local past and present residents from Pensford and others when the River Chew changed the village landscape in just a few hours on 10 July 1968. Dr Thomas Kjeldsen from the University of Bath started the day off with an illuminating presentation about the history of DocuFlood which included some very detailed statistics. What was so interesting was to learn that severe floods had affected the area during so many other years including - 1786, 1797, 1876, 1926 and the big freeze of 1947. He also asked if anyone had any additional photos or stories that they would like to share of the floods of 1968. Photographs collated by PLHG and presented by Paul Cooper highlighted the awful havoc and devastation within their village caused by the River Chew on 10 July 1968. By midnight 10 bridges were down. Also included were some photos of the River Avon at Keynsham and the floods that ensued there at the same time. A local resident Paul Hunt

was often able to advise on the time some of the Pensford photographs were taken as well as identify most of the people included. Peppered throughout his dialogue were some amusing memories of many of the Pensford people shown in the photographs. At that truly difficult time photographers were not really appreciated. Now their importance is being realised through DocuFlood whose main aim is to reduce these happenings in the future. The wider learning and understanding gained from this workshop were of huge benefit to PLHG, residents, visitors and the DocuFlood contacts from the University of Bath as well as the University of Greenwich. It is anticipated that this shared understanding of the flood risk will help to discover valuable insights to safeguard our future.

The audience thanked the academics who attended and participated including Dr Ioanna Stamataki from the University of Greenwich (previously with the University of Bath), Dr Thomas Kjeldsen and Dr Ramtin Sabeti from the University of Bath. Grateful thanks to Pensford Local History Group for their collaboration in organising the event at Pensford Memorial Hall including the particularly welcome cuppas. Penned by Veronica Bowerman, ALHA (Avon Local History & Archaeology)

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Dan Norris, Metro Mayor for the West of England

'Skills Connect' Launches

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Birthday Buses

Don't forget if your Birthday is coming up next month to apply for your free bus pass at www.birthdaybus.co.uk. You can use it to make as many journeys as you like without restrictions throughout the whole month of your birthday.

Thinking about getting solar panels for your home, but worried about the costs?

Local residents have the opportunity to save money on their energy bills by joining a money-saving, group-buying scheme for carbon-cutting solar panels. 'Solar Together West of England', allows residents to band together to access cheaper deals on installing solar panels, batteries and electric charge points in their area.

It is free to register and there is no obligation to go ahead with an installation. Please visit www.solartogether.co.uk/west-of-england for more information.

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 Thursday 9th November Howard Burnett will talk on 'Orchids'. The competition will be: a house plant. 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.

Avon Wildlife Trust Chew Valley Group Programme -

Thursday November 23rd:
ETHIOPIA - Birds & Mammals
Illustrated talk by Mike Landen.

In this illustrated talk Mike focuses mainly on the birds seen and photographed on his trip to Ethiopia. But mammals such as the Ethiopian Wolf and Mountain Nyala also feature.

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guests welcome.

- November 1st
The Queens, Chew Magna
- November 15th
Stoke Inn, Chew Stoke

Both sessions are from 12.30-2.30 pm. It
costs £3 per session, all of which will go
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Sudoku challenge - 1123 (Hard)

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