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CHURCH SERVICES

1ST SUNDAY

Publow All Saints' 9:30am Holy Communion

2ND SUNDAY

Compton Dando St. Mary's 10:00am Cafe Church
Tea Time Fellowship 3:00pm (Pensford Memorial Hall)

3RD SUNDAY

Publow All Saints' 9:30am Holy Communion
Compton Dando St. Mary's 11:00am Holy Communion

4TH SUNDAY

Chelwood St. Leonard's 9:30am Holy Communion
Publow All Saints' 6:00pm Choral Evensong March, June & September

5TH SUNDAY

Rotation round the Benefice

WEEKLY

Every Thursday Compton Dando St. Mary's 10:30am Holy Communion (said)

FRONT COVER IMAGE: Many thanks to Jane Flower for her photo of Pensford Church.
Email a photo of our local churches to pensford@gmail.com
and see it as one of our front cover.

PARISH PONDERINGS



Parish Ponderings

What season are you in?

Exodus 33:11 The Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend.

Spring is a very beautiful time, green and colourful. I had a pair of new eyes seeing our countryside when one of my siblings was visiting recently. Our quality of life, being able to enjoy green spaces, having a pint in the garden of a pub, talking to people in the shop or greet them along the road...was the antithesis of his daily experience. This holiday season was deeply refreshing for him. It made me think what season are we in? A season that is deeply refreshing? Or perhaps we need deep refreshing.

Moses would go alone away from his people encamped in the desert to talk to God in a tent especially set up for that purpose. It was called the tent of meeting. Moses would speak candidly to God about his work and all of his many concerns. And there God would listen and speak plainly to Moses.

Moses would then know what 'season' he was in. He was being real and finding his bearings with God. He would know what to do next, how to lead the people, and deal with many demanding challenges.

My simple prayer is that you would be deeply refreshed this season. God bless you.
Rev. Denise

**From the Parish Registers of
All Saints' Publow**

Holy Matrimony

30th March, 2019

Emma PARSONS and Benjamin CUSH

Funeral Service and Burial

29th March, 2019 - Jean BILK

**All Saints' Church
Market**

The church market for All Saints' Publow held on 6th April was another enjoyable and successful morning. The home baking stall was well stocked and did a brisk trade. Colour was added with some lovely spring primrose plants. Alison Whitcombe and friends had a stall of amazing crafts for sale to support the Westhay Opportunity Centre. A total of £269.21 was raised for church funds. Many thanks to all who support this fundraising and social event.

Our next market will be on Saturday, 4th May when our visiting stall will be Helen Groves with her beautiful fused glass items. In addition, raffle tickets for the Summer Hamper will be on sale. The draw will take place at our concert in conjunction with Vox in Frox on Saturday, 15th June at All Saints' Church.

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

Christian Aid Week

12th - 18th May

An envelope for this year's Christian Aid Collection can be found with this edition of Parish News. For the previous two years we have invited all of you who would like to contribute to hand in your filled envelope at any of the three churches in the Benefice, or give it to any church member for delivery. Please do so again.

This year Christian Aid is highlighting the dangers of childbirth in Sierra Leone where lack of health clinics, good hygiene and medical training make it the world's most dangerous place to give birth.

Contributions this year will be targeted on improving conditions in Sierra Leone, so your continuing support is urgently needed. If you are able to fill in the Gift Aid form on the envelope, this will increase your donation by 25%. All contributions will be gratefully received.

On behalf of Christian Aid, thank you for your support. Judith Hillman 01761 490324

House Group

Wednesday evenings

Following on from the successful Alpha Course, the Benefice bible study group is expanding into a House Group. As a group we will choose to study and talk about a variety of topics from the bible, books, DVD sessions, etc. Everyone is invited and the location will move around the Benefice to accommodate everyone. Please ring Revd Denise on 07849 821588 for more details.

All Saints' Publow

Annual Meeting

The Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting of All Saints' Publow was held on Wednesday, 27th March, 2019.

- Andrew Hillman and Janet Smith were elected as Churchwardens for the coming year. They were warmly thanked for their continued commitment to All Saints'.
- Matthew Critten was thanked for his contribution as he also stood down.
- Anne Hall and Yvonne Phillips were elected to the Parochial Church Council to serve for a three-year term.
- The Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 2018 were approved by the meeting.
- Graham Williams had confirmed his decision not to stand for re-election to the PCC. His outstanding contribution to the life of All Saints' over very many years was recorded.

Jill Sherborne Hon. Secretary to the PCC



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Now, don't get me wrong this isn't about us in Somerset trying to prove we are better than anyone else. We have seen plenty in recent days which has sought to divide rather than unite us as a country. Rather, this is an opportunity to value the uniqueness of some of our wonderful people, places and possibilities here in Somerset and across the diocese. I do hope you will join in!

See www.somersetday.com for more details.

And surely that is what the Church should be about too. Celebrating all that is good, joyful and abundant in us. It reminds me of those words from Philippians 4:8...

'Whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.'

It is so easy to get caught up with negatives, with the glass half empty syndrome, with stuff that brings us down rather than building us up. I wonder if we might make this month one where we encourage ourselves and others to find the best in the world and people around us. Live life in all its fullness! (John 10:10)

Rt Rev Ruth Worsley
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Pensford Local History Group

Pensford commemorated the 50 years since the Great Flood of 1968, with an exhibition, events and the publication of a book "*We remember it well*". The question afterwards was what to do with all the stories, photographs and other material that had been acquired during the year. Collectively it was decided to offer everything to the Archive Office in the Guildhall in Bath. With this in mind Pensford Local History Group welcomed Anne Buchanan to their April meeting. Anne is Local Studies Librarian for B&NES who works in partnership with the Authority's Archive Department. She explained very clearly the difference between a library and an archive, what they hold, how they operate and how we, the public, can use them. Anne's engaging and easy manner encouraged many questions, as she talked about what is offered and selected for archiving, as well as the complications of copyright.

When donating a collection it is very helpful to catalogue it, following the Archive guidelines, as donors will know the information relating to the letters, stories, images or books. Small details such as the names of people in photographs, of buildings, dates of events, and owners of material is invaluable and cannot be done by staff. These details will help people like us to do searches and use the valuable donations.

Summer walk.

We have arranged a history walk around Wells on Monday 13 May starting at 7:00pm. Meet by the fountain in the market place and it's £3.00 per person. All welcome.

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- May 2nd - NO MEETING
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Pensford Tennis Club

Summer has arrived! The LTA Summer League starts this month - (The final Winter League results are unavailable before going to print). Though some summer league matches will mean the courts will not always be available for club play on Friday evenings please check out our website.

On Sunday 12 May from 10:00 - 14:00 the Club will be having an Open Day. The programme for the day includes mini tennis sessions, family time and free play plus our LTA coach, Dan Church, providing beginner taster sessions for everyone. The Club will provide rackets and balls so just come along wearing non-marking trainers. Also Club members will be on hand to welcome newcomers and make up pairs. Soft drinks and nibbles will be provide and feel free to bring your own picnic. The aim of the day is to ensure that everyone gets a chance to play the game of tennis and enjoy a great family outing. Any questions please ring 01761 490834 or 01761 490867.

Pensford Tennis Club is flourishing and always welcomes new members. Our membership fees are extremely competitive and there are special deals for families. Concessionary rates are available to the disabled, persons on a low income or other special circumstances. To find out more about us please check out our website www.pensfordtennisclub.co.uk. We would love to hear from you.

Our coach, Dan Church, runs a very comprehensive and effective coaching programme which is open to members and non-members alike. Dan caters for all levels and abilities and he can be contacted on 07738 081652 or email danchurch04@hotmail.com. He is also available for private lessons. Our club championships and the Box League competitions are also organised by Dan.

Through all major school holidays Dan runs holiday camps. These sessions are designed to be fun, engaging and allow kids to progress quickly with their tennis by learning a different stroke each day culminating with a tournament or mini Olympics to allow kids to practice everything they will have learnt over the course of the week. The Easter Holiday Camp this year was well supported and enjoyed by all.

- Mondays:** 7:00pm - 8:00pm Adult Improvers
Tuedays: 3:30pm - 4:30pm After School Tennis Club. (Any child under 11 years old, from any school, can sign up)
4:30pm - 5:00pm Tots Tennis Group (Children 3 -5 years old)
5:00pm - 5:45pm Red Ball Rally Group (Children 6 - 9 years old)
5:45pm - 6:45pm Tennis for Kids (7-12 years old)
- Seniors** 7:00pm - 8:00pm Adult Improvers
Fridays: 3:30pm - 4:30pm FUNdamentals (Children 4-11 years old)
4:30pm - 5:30pm Tennis for Kids # ThisGirlCan (Girls aged 4-11)

Our next Quiz Night is on Monday 20 May in The Rising Sun, Pensford, 8:10pm. We hope you can join us.

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- Wed 1st House Group, 7.30pm
 Sat 4th All Saints' Church Market, *Church Room, Pensford*, 10:00 - 11:30am
 Sun 5th **Holy Communion, All Saints' Publow, 9:30am**
 Tues 7th Prayer Group, *Bridge House*, 11:00am
 Wed 8th Archdeacon's Visitation, *St. John's Midsomer Norton*, 5:30pm
 Sun 12th **Café Church, St. Mary's Compton Dando, 10:00am**
Teatime Fellowship, Pensford Memorial Hall, 3:00 - 5:00pm
 Pensford Tennis Club Open Day 10:00 - 14:00
 Mon 13th Pensford Parish Council Meeting
 Tues 14th Coffee Morning, *Compton Dando Parish Hall*, 10:30 - 12:30pm
 Prayer Group, *Bridge House*, 11:00am
 Wed 15th House Group, 7:30pm
 Sun 19th **Holy Communion, All Saints' Publow, 9:30am**
Holy Communion, St. Mary's Compton Dando, 11:00am
 Mon 20th Quiz Night, Pensford Tennis Club, *The Rising Sun, Pensford*, 8:10pm
 Tues 21st Prayer Group, *Bridge House*, 11:00am
 Wed 22nd House Group, 7:30pm
 Sun 26th **Holy Communion, St. Leonard's Chelwood, 9:30am**
 Tues 28th Prayer Group, *Bridge House*, 11:00am

JUNE 2019

- Sat 1st All Saints' Church Market, *Church Room, Pensford*, 10:00 - 11:30am
 Sun 2nd **Holy Communion, All Saints' Publow, 9:30am**
 Sun 9th Tower Tea Party, *St Thomas a Becket, Pensford* 2:00 - 5:00pm
 Mon 10th Pensford Parish Council Meeting
 Sat 15th Vox in Frox Concert, *All Saints' Publow*, 7:30pm
 Sun 16th Compton Dando Open Gardens, 2pm - 6pm
 Mon 17th Quiz Night, Pensford Tennis Club, *The Rising Sun, Pensford*, 8:10pm

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Chelwood Village Hall

The Frozen Roman - Saturday 1st June at 7:30pm

Badapple Theatre return to Chelwood Village Hall on Saturday 1 June at 7.30pm for their fifth visit with the premiere of a new comedy by Kate Bramley, with original songs and music by Jez Lowe.

They came, they saw, they built a wall... they went away again. Or did they?

A clandestine meeting at the Phoenix pub gets heated, as the villagers rack their brains for new ways to fight the imminent housing development that threatens village life as they know it.

The discovery of an ancient Roman site under foot may just throw them a lifetime, if they can somehow authenticate their mysterious findings.

But things aren't always what they seem!

Expect a double dose of comedy as the situation goes "ballisticus maximus".

The cast are Jack Alexander (Eddie in Eddie and the Gold Tops) who makes a welcome return alongside Emma Bright, who was Edie in the original Thankful Village production and Jack Wagman, who has appeared on Coronation Street.

Tickets are available now from Stephen Meale on 01761 490002 or 07890 965172 or online at www.badappletheatre.com £12 adults, £10 Concessions and £6 for under 16s Chelwood Village Hall Saturday 1st June at 7.30 pm

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SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Pensford Primary School

A message from Mr Barton

It's hard for me to believe that we are already at the end of Term 4 and that the Summer Terms are on their way. This week we have welcomed another pupil to the school, and the Year 2 children were very excited to welcome Freddie to their class. This takes our school roll to 89 and leaves only 16 spaces overall and just one spare seat in the dining hall at lunchtime! Pensford can never be a 'big' school and it is a great strength of ours that we are small and able to give more individual attention to the pupils. However, the 25% increase in pupils over the last two and half years has helped to make the school even more vibrant.

Ducklings

Art Week. This was a fun way to end the term. Arts Week was led by our Arts co-ordinator, Miss Cowin, who requested that each class should use three different mediums throughout the week. In the lead up to Easter we thought it would be fun to create, 'Eggs 3 Ways'. Our children began with their favourite indoor activity, colouring in. We then moved onto egg dyeing. This involved adding vinegar and food colouring to water and soaking hard boiled eggs in their shells. The children added their own touches such as googly eyes and sequins to these egg-straordinary creations. Finally the children used special paint pens to make their own Easter-inspired ceramic tiles.

Dragonfly

What a fun science filled week!! This week we have had the opportunity to ask science questions, make predictions and complete experiments. We have found out how to make the best paper planes, worked out what things dissolve, been on a minibeast hunt and watched what happens when you mix vinegar and bicarbonate of soda..

Otter

We have had a brilliant science themed week - we investigated different aircraft to see which one stayed in the air for the longest, made our own solar system using toilet roll, made water rise, watched chemical reactions (vinegar and bicarbonate of soda), and found out why an orange will float with its peel on but sink when it is removed. We also really enjoyed our forest school visit and particularly liked the welly walk in the river.

Kingfisher

To end the term we have had an Art week, where we have produced many different forms of art linked to evolution. The class have also written their own newspaper report based on any topic of their choice and the year 6 had a practise run through for the Maths SATs papers, of which they did extremely well!
Happy Easter Everyone!

You can view this newsletter and any previous versions online at:
www.publow-with-pensford-pc.gov.uk



Chew Valley U3A

Monday 20th May

Chew Valley U3A will hold their Annual General Meeting at Ubley Village Hall on Monday 20th May at 10.30 am so please come and join us for light refreshments at 10.00 am prior to the commencement of the meeting. As we do not meet in the summer months the next meeting following the AGM will be on 19th August, 2019.

'Chew Valley Branch Versus Arthritis'

4th July 2019

Coffee Morning from 10.30am - 12.00pm at Liz Balmforth's in Ham Lane, Bishop Sutton. Stalls will include Cakes, Cards, Bring & Buy and a Raffle. Entrance £1.50 to include coffee/tea and biscuits.

The Arts Society Mendip

7th May

'In the wake of Handel - his impact on 300 years of British culture'. Peter Medhurst will demonstrate to The Arts Society Mendip the impact this German had on British art.

11th June

'Fakes and Forgeries'. After the AGM at 10.00 am, Malcolm Kenwood, a former specialist police detective, will talk to The Arts Society Mendip on how the skilled art forgers can convince even the specialists.

Both these events will be held at Bath and West Bar & Restaurant, B&W Show Ground, Shepton Mallet, BA4 6QN at 11:00am

www.theartssocietymendip.org.uk

Guests Welcome. Contact 01934 862435.

The Somerset Russets

Sunday 12th May 4:00pm

The band will recreate the sound of 18th and 19th century village bands, playing dance music from the British Isles and Beyond with West Gallery pieces as performed by church bands of the period. At St Andrew's Chew Stoke. Tea and cakes available from 3:30pm Admission Free. There will be a collection in aid of Heads Up, a charity working with local people affected by mental health issues.

Cam Valley Arts Spring Exhibiton & Sale

Saturday 4th May 2019

Conygre Hall, North Road, Timsbury Nr Bath BA2 0JQ

Looking for that special gift or wanting a unique, original piece of artwork for your home? Then come and visit us in Timsbury on Saturday 4th May. Here are a few comments from last year: Amanda: "Amazing - such talented artists." Jane: "Very friendly as usual, and fabulous items, and lots new." Over twenty local artists will be attending - a chance for you to meet local artists and see how they create their work. Entry is free and there will be refreshments. www.camvalleyartstrail.co.uk

Gadget Busters

Wednesday 1st, 15th, 29th May 2019

Gadget Busters is based at the Rural Links Wellness Wednesdays Hub at the Children's Centre next to Chew Valley School and takes place every 2 weeks on alternate Wednesdays 9.45-11.45am, £3 per Gadget Busters session.

Get help with your laptop, iPad, tablet, phone or camera. Drop into our friendly and informal group to talk to one of our volunteers.

If you would like more details, please call AgeUK B&NES on 01225 484510.

You don't need to book, just turn up.

Chew Valley Children's Centre, Chew Lane Chew Magna BS40 8QA.

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Chew Valley Gardening Society

Thursday 9th May

On Thursday May 9th we shall be having a plant sale and there will also be a short talk by Mary Payne.

We aim to provide an interesting and informative range of talks and activities for those interested in gardening, whether a beginner or experienced.

New members and visitors are always welcome at our meetings, which close with tea or coffee, giving you a chance to chat with gardening friends, old and new.

Please come along to the Old Schoolroom in Chew Magna on the second Thursday each month, at 8.00pm

Full details of the programme of talks and visits for 2019 are shown on the Society's Facebook Page:

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Thank you to all who donated items, made cakes and helped at the sale in aid of St Mary's Church on 23rd March. Thank you also to all who came along to buy. We are pleased to say we raised £480 for St Mary's. We really appreciated your support.

Richard and Jenny Davis

Chelwood Lucky Draw

March 2019

£12 - J. Penney; £10 - G. Gardiner; £7 - S. Young;
£3 - P. Telling.

April 2019

£12 - M. Godfrey; £10 - S. Meale; £7 - J.P. Young;
£3 - J. Penney.

Sudoku challenge - 0519 (Hard)

6	2	1						
3	5	9						8
					9		5	3
		2		3			6	
			1	4		9	8	
			2	9				5
2	8	6						
		3						4

7	9	3	6	2	1	5	4	8
4	8	1	5	9	3	7	6	2
2	6	5	4	8	7	9	1	3
6	4	2	9	7	5	3	8	1
9	1	7	2	3	8	4	5	6
3	5	8	1	4	6	2	7	9
5	2	9	8	6	4	1	3	7
8	7	4	3	1	9	6	2	5
1	3	6	7	5	2	8	9	4

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