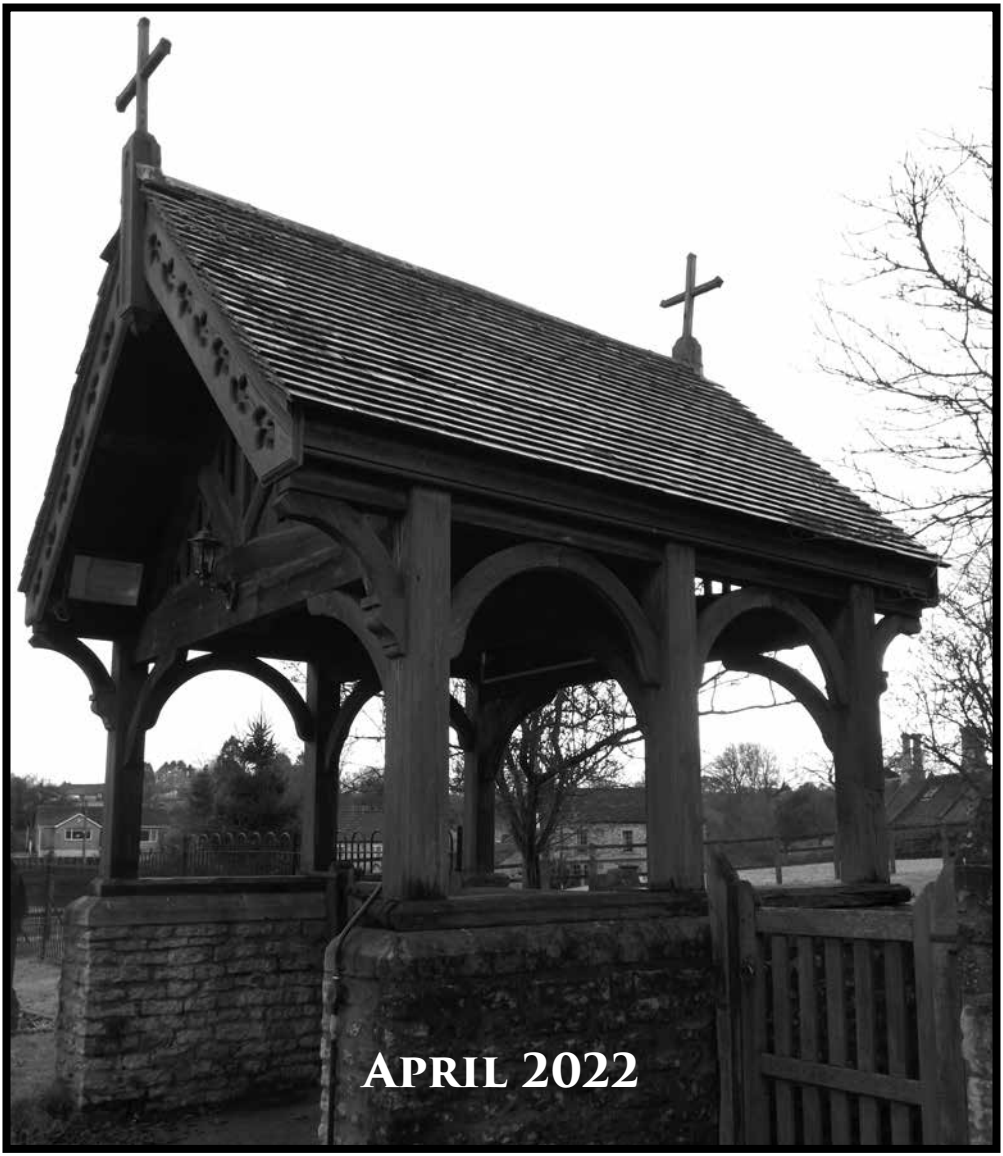

April 2022

Parish News

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Priest In Charge

Revd Denise Calverley		07849 821588

Church wardens

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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: St. Mary's Compton Dando
Email a photo of our local churches to pensford@gmail.com
and see it as one of our front cover.

Parish Ponderings

"But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ."

When we travel internationally we need a passport, we can't cross borders without one. The British passport inside cover says, "*Her Britannic Majesty's Secretary of State requests and requires in the name of Her Majesty all those to whom it may concern to allow the bearer to pass freely without let or hindrance, and to afford the bearer such assistance and protection as may be necessary.*" A passport provides protection and status. Implied is also a promise, if you need assistance your nation has your back.

Once, Panamanian machine gun carrying soldiers boarded our bus demanding passports from US citizens only. Dread struck me. After a fearful several minutes, our passports were returned to us and the soldiers departed the bus.

Three weeks ago the world watched as Ukraine was invaded. Another war in Europe erupted in another century at the whim of an autocratic power hungry megalomaniac. With millions displaced, thousands dying, and the living trying to survive in horrendous conditions while their army defends their freedom. Where is hope?

Where is God in all this for those suffering? This is a serious question that deserves a serious conversation. My experience working amongst people in extreme poverty and war torn communities has made me ask this question many times. There is no one simple answer.

But as I read my bible I see the suffering in Jesus' culture and life that is true for so many today. Despised, rejected, homeless, the most morally upright man whoever lived suffered horribly. At the end of Jesus' life in the hours before his death he went to the garden of Gethsemane to talk to his Father, to pray. He withdrew from friends who he'd told "*my soul was overwhelmed to the point of death.*" On the ground he prayed, "*Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me, yet not my will, but yours be done….being in anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling on the ground.*" He knew every detail of the torture he would suffer, his body unavoidably responding to anguish. His soul also responding to the incomprehensible spiritual pain of separation from God his Father who he had been with in perfect loving relationship for eternity. After 3 hours on the cross Jesus cried out "*My God, My God why have you forsaken me!*" 2 Corinthians 5:21 "*For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God…*" Jesus incarceration, torture and crucifixion paid the penalty for ALL sin for ALL time. Jesus literally became sin for us so that sin and death would be conquered forever. God's answer for all the suffering in this broken and sinful world was to take suffering on himself in our place in Jesus so that we would be right with God and become citizens of heaven. Citizens in heaven then must do something while we reside on earth.

The 18th century evangelist John Wesley suggests, "*Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, As long as ever you can.*" We have more opportunities and resources to act to do good than ever. The **sanctuaryfoundation.org.uk** with Reset **resetuk.org** and **refugeesathome.org**, **homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk** the Diocese of Bath and Wells and the Church of England are working together with many other charities, individuals, businesses and churches to assist Ukrainian refugees find safety amongst homes in the UK. If you are interested in being involved by donating or offering a spare room to a family please click on one of the links provided to express your interest. Our churches are thinking about what we might do to help as part of a community effort recognising that we can do more good by working together. If you're already doing something and/or you'd like to come together with your ideas, express your interest, offer time, skills or resources to a joined up effort please email pensfordparishoffice@gmail.com so that we can begin a wider conversation and action in aiding those in need. ***God bless you and give you peace, Rev Denise***

From the Parish Registers of

All Saints' Publow

Funeral Service followed by Burial

25th February -
Rosemary Diana 'Guilly' JONES

Interment of Ashes

1st March -
Hordon Frederick BOND

6th March -
Eric ADDY Myra ADDY

The Children's Society

Last year the annual box emptying took place during June. This year I have been asked to bring it forward, slightly, so it may seem only a short time since I asked for your boxes.

If possible, please bring yours to All Saints' Church. If not, I will be in touch and collect from your home.

On behalf of the Children's Society, grateful thanks to all of you who hold a box.

Judith Hillman, Local Co-ordinator

Dates for your Diary

April 2022

Sat 2nd	All Saints' Coffee Morning and Market, *All Saints' Church*, 10.00am – 11.30pm
Sun 3rd	Holy Communion, *All Saints' Publow* 10.00am
Sun 10th	PALM SUNDAY Café Church, *St. Mary's Compton Dando*, 10.00am
Mon 11th	MONDAY of HOLY WEEK, Morning Prayer, *All Saints' Publow*, 9.30am
Tues 12th	TUESDAY of HOLY WEEK, Morning Prayer, *St. Mary's Compton Dando*, 9.30am
Wed 13th	WEDNESDAY of HOLY WEEK, Morning Prayer, *All Saints' Publow*, 9.30am
Thurs 14th	MAUNDY THURSDAY, Morning Prayer, *St. Mary's Compton Dando*, 9.30am Holy Communion & Stripping of Altar, *All Saints' Publow*, 7.30pm
Fri 15th	GOOD FRIDAY, Service of Reflection, *St. Mary's Compton Dando*, 2.00pm
Sun 17th	EASTER SUNDAY, Holy Communion, *All Saints' Publow*, 10.00am Holy Communion, *St. Mary's Compton Dando*, 11.15am
Sun 24th	Holy Communion, *St. Mary's Compton Dando*, 10.00am

All Saints' Market, March 2022

A steady stream of visitors to All Saints' Church on Saturday, 5th March, resulted in a lively and enthusiastic crowd enjoying coffee and chat.

They were able to purchase from the laden home baking stall and choose a good variety of cards from Falmingo's range brought along by Sarah Hamblin. A colourful assortment of primulas and a few bedding plants were also available and sold rapidly. This enabled the Market Group to contribute £397.34 to the All Saints' General Fund. Thank you to everyone involved for a great result.

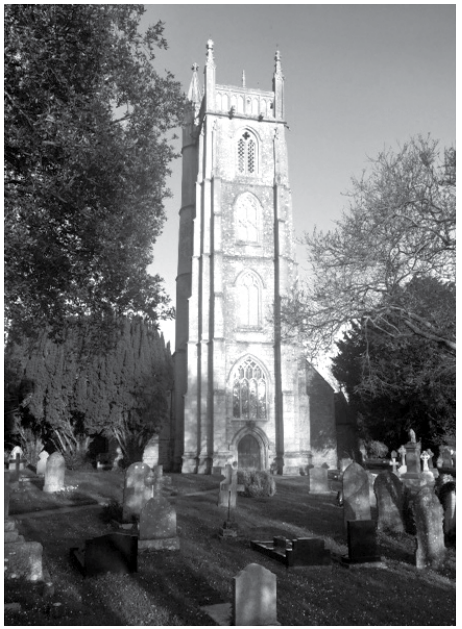
Our next event is on Saturday, 2nd April when we will welcome the Westhay Opportunity Centre with their craft stall. Home Baking will also be available! We look forward to seeing you there.

For further information:
Gillian Wookey 01761 490336
Janet Smith 01761 490584

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

All Saints' Publow - Tuesday, 26th April, 7.30pm at All Saints' Church

St. Mary's Compton Dando - Thursday, 28th April, 7.30pm at St. Marys Church



Coffee Morning & Market

To be held at

All Saints' Church, Publow

Saturday, 2nd April 2022
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Hope in a turbulent world

By Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton

I write this on Ash Wednesday, a day when we begin a period of reflection and penitence, and remember our mortality. Those of us receiving the ash crosses on our foreheads today will hear these words: 'Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return…'

Faced with our death we consider how we might live. Are there things we need to change? What might we need to seek forgiveness for and from whom? '…Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ' are the words which follow the ash.

Our Archbishops and the Pope have invited us to set this particular Ash Wednesday aside to pray for peace in Ukraine. It would be easy for us to point the finger at those we hold responsible for such atrocity against brothers and sisters. And yet we need to recognise that all of us carry responsibility for our own failures to live as peacemakers and reconcilers. Not one of us is perfect and Lent offers us an opportunity for honest realism and a chance to repent and seek forgiveness.

As you read this letter we will be approaching the end of Lent, and Easter will be in sight. Much will have happened in the world since I wrote it. Two years ago, I was praying for the world caught up in the early throes of a pandemic and lockdown. Who could have known that we would still be living with the virus and how much life would have changed for us? Today I am joining in the prayer and fasting for countries at war. Where will we be as we enter Holy week and approach Easter? What might be the outcome for Ukraine, Russia, ourselves?

And yet that is the very heart of faith. We do not know what the future holds but we do know the One who holds us. The fact is that God so loved the world that when He sees us in our greatest need, at our most threatened, fragile, He comes to be with us. To share the pain and give Himself fully, even to the point of death. And the story of Easter tells us that death is not the end. That life is found through the death of the Saviour.

I don't know what your experience of these last couple of years has been. What deaths you might have faced. I expect many of us carry the scars and wounds of loss. Pain and death are not things we can avoid. And neither did Christ. The hope He offers us is that they are not the end of the story but rather the beginning. Hope can be ignited and life restored through the faithful following in the footsteps of the One who loves us.

It does not mean that all will be wonderful and our journey smooth. It won't stop wars from taking place or people from hurting one another. But it does mean that hope, forgiveness and new starts can be found as we look to follow Christ's example.

With thankfulness for you, and His love - Ruth

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In the second half of the concert we will draw from our repertoire to include folk songs and lullabies showing the happier side of being a mother.

Following on from our virtual choir rendition of Bridge Over Troubled Water we will be holding a retiring collection in aid of the Bristol charity 'Mothers for Mothers' *We are mothers, who have suffered and recovered from depression, anxiety or isolation during pregnancy or after the birth of one or more of our babies. We are women with lived experience who offer support, advice and information.*

Tickets are available on line from: **www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/songs-of-motherhood-vox-in-frox-and-friends-tickets**

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 14th April

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Image details: Top row: Michael Stevens, Richard Lane
Bottom row: Lila Streether, Alison ter Haar

Chew Valley Choral Society

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Our spring concert is a celebration of the glory of church music, with much-loved and less familiar anthems from the 16th to 20th centuries with brief historical and musical introductions.

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Publow with Pensford Parish Council meeting - Monday 14th March 2022

B&NES: An update from B&NES Traffic &Network Manager regarding measures on the A37 to improve pedestrian safety following removal of traffic island. It was reported that the island had been hit more than 12 times and so it had to be removed. Speed Survey results were shared and the average speed leaving the village was higher than the average speed entering the village at that point and so a flashing 30mph sign would be installed in the Chelwood direction and police had been asked to enforce the speed limit. Once the flashing sign had been installed, another speed survey would be taken to assess the impact. In addition, they would implement edge of carriageway lines to give the visual appearance of the road narrowing to slow traffic and they would clear overgrown vegetation to improve sight lines for pedestrians. They would also install an additional Speed Camera warning sign. They have also looked at Pensford Hill and are considering installing additional bollards and looking at the position of the giveway markings. The traffic and network manager was asked to consider a school children crossing sign at the site of the removed island to warn of children crossing the road to the bus stop. He was also asked to consider the derestricted signs going into Publow Lane and whether 20mph would be possible. Paul Garrod was thanked for attending the meeting and considering the Parish Councils concerns.

Planning - see online for full details

Matters for Discussion / Decision

It was reported that notification had been received from B&NES that the Parish Council is free to Co-opt to fill the vacancy. No applications had been received in time to be considered this month. The Parish Council approved up to £400 to purchase a tree for the village green to commemorate the Queens Platinum Jubilee, but a volunteer was needed to keep the tree watered. PB volunteered to dig a trial hole to test the soil for suitability. Apple Trees and Field Maples were being considered. A grant of £100 was approved for the Woollard Village Social Committee to help celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee. No one volunteered to join the Climate Emergency working group. The Staffing Panel reported that they had carried out the Clerks Appraisal. The Parish Council approved the NJC pay award for the clerk (SCP 25) and back dated to April 1 2021. The Parish Council were concerned to hear reports of human excrement and rubbish being left in the Hursley Hill Layby. Although the council were not opposed to Lorries staying overnight in the layby but they were opposed to those leaving mess behind. The Parish Council would contact B&NES and ask for CCTV warning notices. The Parish Council confirmed that the April meeting would go ahead on the 11th April and the July meeting would be moved to 25th July. B&NES: The Ward Councillor reported that the planning officers case against the resourceful earth Planning application was strong if the applicant was going to appeal the decision to refuse the application. He would be requesting that the CPRE were reinstated as consultees for planning applications. He had supported the Parish Councils request for Double yellow lines opposite the Village Hall and had requested that they are extended to Publow Bridge. He had been following the WECA (West of England Combined Authority) JLTP4 (Joint Local Transport Plan 4) which includes a large Park &Ride at Whitchurch and has raised concerns that this will bring more cars through Pensford.

Next meeting: Monday 11th April 2022

For the full details visit www.publow-with-pensford-pc.gov.uk

Tower Friends

Flowers in the doorway of St Thomas Becket for Guilly Jones who was a remarkable friend and supporter for our special Tower. We are so grateful for all the memorable , fun musical garden parties hosted by Guilly & Tony with much money raised for Charities, including the Tower. We now have a comfortable 'arbour seat ' in the corner of the Churchyard thanks to Guilly's generosity. Guilly introduced many of her pals to the Tower Friends Team and they are now enthusiastic and energetic additions to all we try to do. We shall miss her very much .

The flowery milk bottles were painted by Guilly for use at the Tower tea Parties.

Please join us for the Queens Jubilee Tea Party in the Churchyard on Sunday 5th June from 2pm.

Chew Valley Gadget Busters are here for you

April 6th and 20th, 12.30-2.30, The Queens, Chew Magna

Visit Gadget Busters who are here to help. Either book an appointment by e-mailing cvgadgetbusters@gmail.com, or turn up on the day. We are holding 2 hour sessions on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, from12.30 - 2.30 at The Queens, Silver Street, Chew Magna. In April the dates are April 6th and 20th. Masks to be worn and hand sanitiser will be available. It costs £3 per session, all of which will go to charity. We are still looking for more volunteers, so if you would like to become a Gadget Busters volunteer, please email cvgadgetbusters@gmail.com for more information.

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Gerald Penney

Family Visit to Publow Church

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Publow is full of fond family memories for Gerald as his parents are buried in Publow Church - Jesse Robertson Penney and Gertrude Alice Penney. In addition, Jesse and Gertrude were married in Publow Church and lovingly built the house in the village called 'Westover' where Gerald grew up.

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Chew Valley U3A - Forthcoming Meeting

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