



## NETTLECOMBE SUMMER NEWSLETTER



It is wonderful to be writing this with the sun shining, unlike recent years! Once again we were fortunate to have a wonderful day for our fete, the good weather allowed people to spend time relaxing in the lovely setting, while having tea and cake and contemplating further purchases. We are very lucky to have so many willing helpers and such good local support on the day and raising £3,800, a record, a tribute to you all.

In April we had our obligatory 5 yearly inspection of the Church and looking back over the past 5 years we have managed to fulfil all the necessary tasks as well as most of the recommended ones. Looking at the cost of these it has only been possible because of the tremendous work over the preceding 5 years from the fete and other fund raising activities.

The big task for the next 5 years is to improve the drainage at the South side of the Church as it is much damper there than elsewhere. There are several smaller jobs too but it is good to report that the Church building looks largely to be in reasonable condition.

We are still trying to preserve or at least stop the marked deterioration of the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> century effigies in the South recesses. Since these are of historical interest we hope to raise sufficient funds from specific charities to pay for this without touching general Church funds.

Improved heating for the church would be nice as it can be very cold in winter. However due to limited electrical power supply we cannot simply add in more heaters. Whatever the solution it will be costly to install and run. We welcome any suggestions.

We were very busy in June with a baptism, 2 weddings and a funeral - proof the Church is very well used by the local community on days other than Sundays. We celebrated the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Queen's coronation with Pimms' after evensong and had a wonderful Choral Compline. July has been a little quieter but we have had the new Trinity altar frontal in use and on the 28<sup>th</sup> this was dedicated by Rev'd Val at the service when Yvonne Thorne celebrated her first communion.

With all the anticipated activity in the church we undertook a big spring clean in April - including the tower steps which were cleaned from top to bottom!

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

- There will be a concert in the church on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August - 7pm. A Summer Serenade** will be performed by Fru Chilvers, Kelly Sharp, Ashley Bremner accompanied by Paul Chilvers on the piano. It promises to be a wonderful evening of music, followed by canapés and drinks. Tickets £12.50 - proceeds to Myeloma UK and Church funds.  
Contact Richard Devitt -01643 821102 or Carol Warren 01984 633129 for tickets or on the door.
- Compline will continue at 8pm on second Sundays until and including October (apart from August) - we are hoping to do another Choral one so keep looking in Pathways and the service notice on the Church door.
- Harvest festival will be on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October - hopefully with the West Somerset Brass Band. Anyone willing to help decorate please contact Lucy 01643 821102.



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**Changes across the benefice.** Some may know that unfortunately the current benefice administrator had to resign due to family commitments. There will be a delay whilst arrangements are made for a replacement to support Rev'd Val in administration duties so please be patient. Rev'd Val will also be busy moving in August - but not far only to the Bicknoller Rectory. The Diocese of Bath and Wells decided not to replace the House for Duty administrator post and will be selling Stogumber Rectory but a new House for Duty (Priest) in future years is possible. Obviously Rev'd Val will be especially busy over the next few months so please do not hesitate to contact the Churchwardens.

**Your PCC members** At the annual meeting in April the following were elected: Bob Lintott (vice chair), John Crothers (secretary), Stuart Wynne, Richard Devitt, Lucy Devitt (Deanery Synod representative) Clive Thorne and Richard Lewis (Treasurer). Carol Warren and Jane Wynne remain as your Churchwardens.

### SERVICES FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

#### August

4<sup>th</sup> - 6pm BCP\* Evening Prayer

11<sup>th</sup> - 10.30am C/W\*\* Benefice Communion

18<sup>th</sup> - 9.30am BCP Morning Prayer

25<sup>th</sup> - 9.30am BCP Communion

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> 10.30am - Community Prayers - at this time Rev'd Val and/or Rev'd Jon will spend time in the Church before visiting parishioners. You are welcome to join them in the Church or let them know of anyone who would appreciate a call.

#### September

1<sup>st</sup> - 6pm BCP Evening Prayer

8<sup>th</sup> - Compline 8pm

15<sup>th</sup> - 9.30am BCP Morning Prayer

22<sup>nd</sup> - 9.30am BCP Communion

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> - 10.30am Community prayers

29<sup>th</sup> - no service (Benefice Communion @ Sampford Brett)

(\* Book of Common Prayer \*\* Common Worship)

If you would like to be keep informed of services in Nettlecombe and across the benefice - as well as benefice events then consider taking Pathways the benefice magazine. £5/year for 12 editions. Please contact Jane Wynne -640743.

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