



This is the first letter of 2014 and spring has definitely arrived after the very wet winter.

Christmas seems a long while ago but it was lovely to see so many familiar faces returning for the Christmas day service. Many had a connection with a past wedding or baptism and there was a lot of catching up of news to be done!

Finally the weather allowed the next stage of work to be done on the cemetery and the hedge has been laid – or at least all that is ready. Some tree work is still to be done but the difference is tremendous since last autumn and with the spring flowers it is looking really attractive. To continue to keep this area looking good for all who use it requires volunteers and finance to enable regular grass cutting. If you would like to help on any way then please make use of the contacts at the end of the newsletter or put a donation in the chest in the church. May we respectfully ask that all those who leave flowers in the cemetery are aware of the cemetery rules, on the post at entrance gate, as in particular glass containers in a grassy area are a particular hazard.

In 2014 we will be continuing thoughts regarding the drainage to the south side of the church, although we were pleased to see that the opening up of some drainage channels has improved the situation as no water lay against the base of the church during this winter – a good test indeed! Separate work continues on the survey of the effigies in the south side recesses and funding for any repairs will be sought from specific grants – any suggestions welcome. We also plan to make the area around the switches near the entrance door more attractive using some wood left over from the frontal chest.

We have decided to support the Somerset Community Foundation – Flood Relief Fund for our local charity this year. Donation forms are available in the Church and we will be taking specific collections throughout the year. Although the flooding has subsided there is much clearing up to do and it will be a long while before the area can support the livestock or grow crops. As the Nettlecombe Parish Council also wished to support this fund there is a joint coffee morning in the EMN Hall for this cause.

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April – 10-12md – coffee morning, homemade cakes, books, EMN Hall Monksilver.**

Cakes, plants or books welcome – contact Jane Wynne 640743 – or come and support.

The main fund raiser for the church is also approaching – the church fete. We would welcome raffle prizes, books, good quality clothes, toys, preserves, bric a brac, cakes, tombola etc - or volunteers! If you would like to donate anything then please contact Sue Day -01984 640045 or Lucy Devitt- 01643 821102.

**CHURCH FETE SATURDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MAY 2.30-4pm Huish Barton – fun for all the family.**

**Put the date on your calendar!**



**EASTER SERVICES AT NETTLECOMBE**



Holy week – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 12md – Getting closer – meditational prayers.

**EASTER DAY** – 20<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am – Communion service with West Somerset Brass Band.

Come and join us for a rousing Easter day service. We have a children's corner for our younger visitors, quizzes and puzzles for the older children and an Easter tree that needs decorating with Easter eggs so plenty for all to do. There will be coffee and a chat afterwards – and perhaps some chocolate!

**NB** Following the wet winter work is once again required on the lane leading from Woodford to the cemetery. Although the road is signed as being closed it should be open to traffic at weekends, including Easter. Hopefully the work will be finished by the end of the month. Traffic to the church on weekdays should follow the diversion.



### **COMPLINE SERVICES**

These will restart on the second Sundays from May at 8pm. We plan to do a mix of said and sung services. The first will be a said service on May 11<sup>th</sup>. No service in June as we have the benefice communion that day but look out for more details about July onwards.

**APCM** – The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held after the evening service on 6<sup>th</sup> April.

The PCC members for 2014/15 are; Mr R Lintott (vice chair), Mr J Crothers (secretary), Mr R Lewis (treasurer), Mr R Devitt, Dr S Wynne, Mr C Thorne, Mrs C Warren.

Deanery Synod Representative; Mrs L Devitt.

Churchwarden; Mrs J Wynne.

Carol Warren stood down as Churchwarden after 10 years of service. She was thanked for all her work and we are pleased she will continue to serve on the PCC.

All information and reports are available in the church.

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### **SERVICES**

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April – (Benefice service @Crowcombe 10.30am)

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April – EASTER DAY – 9.30am Communion with West Somerset Brass Band.

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April – 9.30am BCP Communion.

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May – 6pm BCP Evensong

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May- 8pm Said Compline.

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

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May – 9.30am CW Communion

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June – 6pm BCP Evensong

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am Benefice Communion.

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### **CONTACTS**

**CONTACTS** – Please feel free to contact the Churchwarden Jane Wynne (01984 640743); the Rector Rev'd. Val Plumb 01984 656585 email; [revd\\_val@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:revd_val@yahoo.co.uk); Assistant Curate Rev'd. Jon Rose 01984 618715 email; [revjonrose@gmail.com](mailto:revjonrose@gmail.com).

Or feel free to speak to a PCC member at any time.