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Keinton Mandeville Parish Church Openers – May 2023

Should you need to swap, please could you let Emma know as well as the person due to hand the key onto you. Meanwhile, if anyone else would like to help with the locking and unlocking of the church, please call 223344.

Sunday 28 th May – Sunday 4 th June	Judith Sherwood	223834
Sunday 4 th June – Sunday 11 th	John Walker	223617
Sunday 11 th June – Sunday 18 th	Alan Lines	223441
Sunday 18 th June – Sunday 25 th	Chris & Sandra Weigh	224696
Sunday 25 th June – Sunday 2 nd July	Anthea Walton	223500

Churches opening for private prayer

The churches of Barton St David, Keinton Mandeville and Kingweston are now all open daily. Lydford church will open at the weekends as before once local conditions allow.

Church Car Parks

In Keinton, Kingweston and Lydford it is now possible to give when you visit using the QR codes found on noticeboards or at the door. If you use the churchyards or car park please do consider making occasional or regular donations towards their maintenance and their ongoing place in the lives of our communities.

Keinton Mandeville Knit and Natter Group

Knit and Natter meets on Monday afternoons from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. New members, irrespective of ability are always welcome or even those who have never knitted before. For further information please phone (01458) 223344.

Wheathill Benefice Worship

Date	08:30 am	10:30 am (or as noted)	Other Services
4th June Trinity	Morning Prayer Keinton	Holy Communion Lydford on Fosse	—
11th June St Barnabus		Benefice Holy Communion Kingweston	
18th June Trinity 2	Morning Prayer Barton St David	Holy Communion Keinton Mandeville	
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Contact Jane Durham 07421 700 242 or rev.jane.durham@gmail.com for an informal conversation.

Involvement in the day-to-day life of the Church is not a requirement although it would be welcomed.



What a Day! Keinton Mandeville celebrates the Coronation of King Charles III

The Sun dances worked and the people of Keinton Mandeville came out to celebrate in style the Coronation of King Charles III at the Village Hall on Sunday, 7th May.



The celebrations kicked off with a beautiful rendition of "God Save The King" sung by the school choir, with the crowd then joining for a repeat.

The event was officially opened by Somerton resident and 'Bake Off' celebrity Val Stones at 1:00pm and the festivities commenced!

Cakes were judged, winners announced and then the fabulous cakes were cut for everyone to enjoy with a cup of tea. **Strawberries and cream** went down a treat with **Pimms from the bar**.



Morris Dancers delighted and encouraged audience participation!

Miniature ponies **Peanut & Raisin** drew a crowd as did the **Vintage tractors**.



Coconuts were pelted, Ducks hooked and a harmless soft toy carrot splatted by the children, who then bounced happily on the **Bouncy Castle** fuelled by unlimited Candy Floss!



Muscles were flexed in the **Tug of War** which went to the wire in a nail-biting final.

People scratched their heads as they worked their way through a fiendish prize-winning **Coronation quiz**.

The **picnics** were enjoyed whilst listening to live music in the afternoon and a **BBQ and Thai food** kept the party going into the evening with a **disco**.

All of this was made possible with the help of a hard-working group of volunteers and generous contributors and not least the Keinton Mandeville Villagers who turned out in force!



Many thanks go to :-

Val Stones; Westfield Dairies; Pim's Thai Takeaway; VJ - Keinton Stores; AJ - BBQ; Keinton School Choir; Keinton Mandeville Primary School; Wyvern Jubilee Morris Dancers; Vintage Tractors; Shetland Ponies (Peanut & Raisin); Robert & Tricia; Keinton PSA; Keinton Mandeville Adventure Group; Westfield Farm; Keinton Mandeville Parish Council; St Mary Magdalene Church, Keinton Mandeville; Tracey for Face Painting; RNAS Yeovilton and ALL the Volunteers you know who you are!

Keinton Mandeville Table Top Games Group

Do you like playing table top games like Scrabble, Rummikub, Boggle, Cards, Chess etc? Then why not come along to the group which meets in Keinton Mandeville Village Hall on **Wednesday, June 14th** between 10:00am and 12 noon.

We chat, drink tea and coffee and play games and it is all free! The group is open to anyone who would like to come there is no need to book... just come along if you can. We look forward to seeing you. **Also on Wednesday, July 12th** and August 9th from 10:00am - 12 noon.

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June 2023

At last, the sun is shining, the weather is warming up and there are hopes of summer on the horizon!

Obviously, we'll continue to need rain for crops, herds, wildlife and gardens but a bit of sun doesn't go amiss.

I wonder what your favourite or preferred season is? What do you appreciate in the months that go by. We live in a world which is challenged by the effects of climate change, our use of pollutants, plastics, processed items and so much more. This affects us, it also affects the environment around us. Each year *Somerset Wildlife Trust* organises a 'Big Count' where, using the *iNaturalist* app we're encouraged to join in counting some birds, damsel and dragon flies, slow worms, fungi and snails. Details are available on the *Somerset Wildlife Trust Website*. This year the count takes place from 16 - 25 June.

At Faith 'n Fun, our monthly All Age Activity and Worship time in Keinton Churchyard, we'll be taking part on the afternoon of 25 June at 4:00pm. You'd be welcome to join us, or to take part where you are.

But why?

There are any number of reasons but one that resonates for me is the responsibility we're given in Scripture to look after the world, sea, animals, birds, plants. We're called to tend it, to use it well and to look after it. Then Jesus used the beauty of the creation around us as a way of challenging us to trust God to take care of us, because He feeds birds and gives flowers their beauty.

Unfortunately, as we're all too well aware birds are not receiving their food and flowers are disappearing in part because we are not fulfilling our role in caring for the environment and world around us.

There are groups to help us change this, *Arocha* has worked with the environment on environmental concerns for many years and *locally Somerset Wildlife Trust* helps us respond to our context. Maybe you could look up the website of a group you know about and see if you can take part in some way or other.

I hope that you have a good summer, and that you're able to enjoy the amazing world around us, and maybe help us to take care of it, as together we tend the earth and look after it.

With best wishes,

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From the Registers

We offer our congratulations to:

Rebecca DAVIES and Simon BURGESS on the occasion of their wedding at St Peters Church, Lydford on Fosse on Saturday, 13th May 2023.

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of:

Reverend Trevor Vivian COOK of Keinton Mandeville who died at home on Friday, 14th April aged 79 years. A funeral service took place at St Mary Magdalene Church, Keinton Mandeville, on Friday, 5th May followed by committal at Keinton Mandeville Churchyard.

Geoffrey Frederick ('Geoff') NICHOLS of Keinton Mandeville who died in Yeovil District Hospital on Saturday, 25th March 2023 aged 77 years. A funeral service took place at Yeovil Crematorium on Friday, 1st April 2023; his ashes will be interred at St Mary Magdalene Church, Keinton Mandeville.





Benefice Choir

The choir continues to rehearse most Thursday evenings in Kingweston Church and is now starting to prepare music for a wedding to be held there in early September.

Rumour has it that the groom is a fan of Gospel music, so it should be a lively challenge for the choir members to sing their hearts out on such a happy occasion.

Singing for the monthly Benefice services gives the choir the opportunity to learn new music and, for the altos, tenors and basses the harmonies of some of the hymns.

Future diary dates include a *choir party*, also in September, and hopefully the chance to return to *sing in the Bishop's Palace of Wells Cathedral* in October, always a very special event. If you would like to come and join the choir, please get in touch with Lynne Kirkman on (01458) 224158.

Wheathill Priory Community Transport – WPCT

The scheme offers a volunteer driving service by and for the residents of Keinton Mandeville, Kingweston, Lydford and Barton St David.

If you reside in any of these villages, do not drive or have your own transport and have difficulty with public transport you may be eligible to use the scheme.

It can be used for, but not necessarily restricted to:

- Journeys to the doctor, hospital (if free transport is not available), postoffice, shopping.
- Visits to friends or relatives (including when in hospital)
- journeys to bus stops, bus stations, railway stations for onward journeys.

Should you find yourself in need of a lift please give us a call – preferably 48hrs in advance – and we will do what we can to help – **contact number is: 07799 487 719**

For further information visit the village web site or, alternatively, brochures are available from the coordinator. **4th Covid Jabs** – If you are a resident of Keinton Mandeville, Lydford-on-Fosse, Barton St David or Kingweston, your local Community Transport is able to provide FREE transport to Local Vaccination Centres. Interested? Please call 07799 487 719.

Transport to Church

An understanding has been reached with (WPCT) **Wheathill Priory Community Transport** for those people who need lifts to Church Services.

WPCT will try to assist on Sunday mornings, so if this applies to you or someone you know, **please ring 07799 487 719**, preferably 48 hours in advance.

Thank you WPCT!

The Henry Livius Trust

The Livius Trust aims to provide items, services or facilities at Keinton Mandeville Primary School to advance religion in accordance with the doctrines of the Church of England. The Trustees are open to any proposals to accord with the Trusts aims.

Rev. Jane Durham (01458) 223417

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Women's Institute – Keinton Mandeville and surrounding villages

The WI meets in Barton St. David Village Hall on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:15 pm. We have a wide and varied programme of speakers and activities, which are both fun and informative.

We are a friendly and supportive group and look forward to welcoming any new members to our relaxed and enjoyable meetings.

Meeting: Thursday 15th June (7:15 pm)

Note: There will be a stall at the Barton St. David Carnival, on **Saturday, 15th July, on the village playing field.**

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Next Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday 6th June at 7:30pm in the village hall. Public session will take place at 7:30pm immediately before the formal meeting. All are welcome to attend.

Keinton Environment Group (KEG)

Wildlife Garden Open Day

The Keinton Environment Group is hosting a 'Wildlife Garden Open Day' on Sunday 16th July, from 2:00pm to 5:00pm.

As many of the houses in Keinton have some wonderful gardens, all very different, we thought we would take the opportunity to open up a few gardens for people to visit, and see first hand some of the lovely wilding and wildlife activities that are very present in our village. If you would like to take part and open your garden for the afternoon, that would be great! We want to be able to show how wilding your garden, or how planting up the right mix of flowers and plants, enables wildlife to live very happily with us humans!

Entry will be free, and some houses will be offering tea/coffee/refreshments. More information to follow, but if you are interested in opening your garden, please contact us using the email at the end of this article.

Rewilding

We are getting ready to start planting pollinator-friendly verges and other areas around the village this coming autumn. Do get in touch (details below) if you have an area you would like to consider for us to "re-wild". Also we'd like to hear from anyone who might like to help with this project - *we think it would be a great idea for young people doing their Duke of Edinburgh Awards to get involved as a community service project.*

Traffic issues

We are still encouraging people to voice their worries about worsening traffic issues in the village; if you have any reports of traffic incidents please let us know (*contact details below*) but more importantly send details to the Parish Council and/or directly to Somerset County Highways (*Report a problem on the road*) (somerset.gov.uk)

K.E.G. Next Meeting

This is on Wednesday 14th June at 7.30 in the Quarry Inn.

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Your chance to informally meet members of the Parish Council

Saturday 10th June

2:00 – 4:00 pm in The Barton Inn

Refreshments provided

Topics you might want to discuss:

- **Neighbourhood Plan**
our chance to have legal say in what can and can't happen in the village
- **Becoming a Councillor**
we currently have 2 vacancies; would you like to find out more?
- **Financial priorities for the village**

Barton St David Scout Group

Although we enjoy the winter and find many exciting activities to do, the warmer months of the year bring the 'out' back into scOUTing!

Meetings are being held for the most part at Orchard Park Farm unless the weather conditions make it impossible. All sections are looking forward to their camps over the summer where they will meet other youngsters from right across the East of Somerset. They are looking forward to all sorts of adventurous activities from *Dragon Boating to Archery*. The Explorers are just back from their camp in London where the activity was the *London Monopoly Run*. Just like the board game but played for real with photos giving the evidence of completion of all the stages. I wish I'd been able to do something like that when I was a 14 year old...

Our weekly meetings started this term on a high. **Beavers** have just enjoyed a *Coronation Tea Party* and are due to make fire and cook dough rings, take part in an agility course and do first aid during in May. In June they are hiking at Ham Wall, doing cycling and their camp. **Cubs** started term with a visit from a falconry expert who brought a range of birds for the Cubs to see at close hand. It was a very special experience for them. They've continue the term with backwoods cooking, prep for the cam and are off to Bristol for the County Cub Fun day on Saturday, 13/05/23. **Scouts** are making sure they can use the *What 3 Words app* by using it as the basis for a wide game, they are learning how to gut and cook a fish, building and sailing a raft and going on a hike.

It is exam season for our oldest section, Explorers, but they are still meeting as a stress reliever and doing activities such as cooking over an open fire and generally just getting together and planning for their next adventure. So many of them also help out with the younger sessions developing leadership skills.

Our numbers are growing all the time and we have 58 active youth members with 12 on our waiting list. Depending on your child's age we might be able to accept them straight away into our Group so that they also can join in all the fun, challenge and adventure now onwards. The Scout Association aim is to Build Skills for Life and I believe we do that really effectively. Would you like to find out? If so, please contact me via email: gslbarton@yahoo.com or look on our website where you will find joining forms for both youngsters and adults. Here is the link <http://www.bartonstdavidscout.group/join-us/> which also shows the top 6 reasons why adults and youngsters should think about joining us! No obligation to join, we always ask youngsters and adults to visit first before making up their minds.

Vega Sturgess, Group Scout Leader,
Barton St David Scout Group
gslbarton@yahoo.com

Barton St David Friday Afternoon Table Tennis

Our 2:00pm until 4:00pm sessions will continue until Friday, 23rd June when there will be a break for the summer holidays. Everyone welcomed whatever their skill. Just come and have a go! No membership fees but a charge of £2 per person per session. Bats, Ball and refreshments provided. Contact details: Elaine Balcombe: 01458 850465 or esbalcombe@googlemail.com

Barton St David History Club

In May we were thoroughly entertained by Dr Andrew Pickering who talked us through the sources of the Arthurian legends and the story of Alfred the Great making it very clear that one should always challenge ones sources... perhaps "the Great" was not necessarily the correct description of Alfred!

Next Meeting

Our June meeting will be the last one in the Village Hall before our Autumn programme begins in September: -

Thursday, 22nd June at 7:30pm, topic "*Villa Ventorum - A Roman Villa Reimagined*"

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St Peter's Church, Lydford on Fosse

June Services are listed on page 2 of the Magazine.

House Communion

This will take place on **Wednesday, 31st May at 3:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to this short, friendly service with time left afterwards to enjoy a chat and cup of tea with friends. Should you wish to attend but have a problem with transport then please phone Ralph Berry on 07530 296885.

Thursday Services

At 9:00am on a Thursday there is a short service of Morning Prayer in St. Peter's Church which lasts approximately fifteen minutes. This is a time to come, to pray, especially for loved ones.

Patronal Service and Barbecue

This will be held on **Sunday, 2nd July** with a Service of Morning Prayer at 10:30am – followed by a Barbecue in the Churchyard at 11.45a.m. All are invited to one or both and you will be made most welcome. More details in the July edition of the Magazine.

The Walters and Pope Trust Fund (Lydford-on-Fosse)

- ❖ **HELP!** Do you know anyone in Lydford who needs help and/or support?
- ❖ It may be help with buying books for university.
- ❖ It may be help with buying tools or equipment for a new job.
- ❖ It may be support for someone who is ill, or who is caring for someone.

The Walters and Pope Trust Fund has a small annual income – the Trustees would like to spend this money, fairly and discreetly, for the benefit of anyone who lives in Lydford.

If there is anyone who would like assistance, please contact the Trust in confidence: *Secretary, Caroline Seehra tel: (01963) 240735 or The Treasurer, Ann Parkhouse tel: 01963 240268.*

Welcome & POPin Cafe

We resume our usual Welcome & POPin Cafe this month on the fourth Tuesday of the month. As always good coffee and a lovely selection of homemade biscuits are on offer. The usual Book swap also provided. We look forward to seeing you all!

Welcome & POPin Cafe

Tuesday, 27th June in the Parish Hall, 10:30am – 12 midday.

Lydford on Fosse Parish Council

The council meet on the second Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm in the Parish Hall close to St. Peter's church, West Lydford.

Details are published in the Agendas and Minutes posted on the village noticeboards in each settlement.

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Lydford Coronation Celebrations

Our celebrations went very well over the coronation weekend, with all attending the various activities having a very enjoyable time.



We started with the showing of the Coronation in the hall, and followed with the rock band Loose Rocks playing at the Cross Keys in the evening.

The weather stayed fine for the Picnic Lunch and games at the Sports Field on the Sunday,



The attendance at the Big Help Out activities in the hall and church on Monday exceeded expectations.



Those attending were making, nest boxes, bird feeders,



planting seeds, receiving an introduction to bell ringing and Scrap Bags, the Lydford quilting group, put on a lovely display of their work whilst also demonstrating their art.

There was also a chance to look round the Lydford Forest Garden and give a hand in fencing and planting, to keep this village amenity in good order.



Very many thanks to all those who helped the committee in arranging and putting on these activities to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III, it was very much appreciated.

With expenses being paid for mainly from a grant from the Parish Council **we managed to raise just over £300 for the Halo Trust**, which clears landmines from war torn countries of the world.



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Lydford and District Gardening Club



Structure is a wonderful thing. David Usher spoke to the Gardening Club in May about soil structure and how important a good arrangement of particles is, if one is looking to grow prize-winning geraniums or other splendiferous crops. Mr. Usher was, by all accounts, a very nice man who possessed that most important of character traits, a sense of humour. He also appeared distinctly well-organised and his slides were full of useful information and very easy to understand. The title of his talk was *'The answer lies in the soil'* and whilst those of a ghoulish nature might have expected some dark references to an Agatha Christie mystery in which a corpse ends up at the bottom of a runner bean trench, no such suggestions were made and a wholesome lecture was based on humus, not humous, clay, silt, loam and sand in order of particle size and the three vital gardening letters N, P and K.

These initials refer to the three main constituents of fertiliser - Nitrogen, Phosphate and Potash. The clever amongst you will realise that Potash does not begin with K. The even cleverer will appreciate that K is the atomic symbol for Potassium, derived from the Neo-Latin word Kalium which is based on the fact that this element is a very strong alkali, I think. O level chemistry was a long time ago, almost before this metal was first isolated by Humphry Davy in 1807 so please do not base any quiz answers on the information contained within! The relative amounts of N, P and K in any horticultural product are always expressed as a ratio. For instance, human urine, when used as a fertiliser, is said to be active in the ratio 11:1:2 - heavy on Nitrogen. Does this vary depending on food and liquid intake and what would the effect be of a few pints of honest scrumpy?

Earthworms also had a few starring moments! Apparently there are 27 species in the U.K although there were some scary stories a few years ago about an aggressive beast from New Zealand which was supposed to be eating all our cuddly little ones. Thankfully, the North Auckland worm, occasionally over a metre in length, does not appear to have proliferated over here. Herewith a fact to save for when the conversation dips at the next dinner party - in a well wormed soil these glorious creatures can move over 40 tons of soil per acre per day! Impressive shifting.

Next Meeting

On Tuesday, June 13th, Sally Nex will be talking about *'Vegetable Growing all Year'*. Sally has spoken before and did a very good job. Consequently her appearance is one not to be missed and it will be interesting to see if earthworms have pride of place in her discourse. It is doubtful if human urine will feature again but one can live in hope!

Percy Thrower

Percy Thrower died 35 years ago. He was one of the first, if not the first, television celebrity gardener and Messers Don and Titchmarsh owe a lot to this colossus of the Shrewsbury Parks Department.

Percy presented many episodes of *'Gardeners' World'* until the BBC found him *'guilty'* of doing some advertisements for horticultural products on ITV and was also involved with the Blue Peter garden until only days before his death.

He is also credited with producing many books and the following tips for June are taken from *'In your garden with Percy Thrower'* first published in 1959. After 64 years will his suggestions still make sense or even still be legal?

Water bedding plants, plant marrows, stake herbaceous plants, sow turnips. Spray just about everything including roses, raspberries and cherries with Derris, lime sulphur, malathion and systemic insecticide. (Probably not now legal, certainly not desirable!). Cut grass edges, trim alpines, lift tulips, stop and top-dress cucumbers and broad beans, plant leeks and cabbages.

The full list is practically endless. Unfortunately there is no mention of sitting and enjoying a cool beer but I am sure he would not mind if this was included at the very end of a tiring day spent protecting cauliflower curds and fumigating against whitefly!

Wild Roots Growing for Wellbeing Group

Mondays 10:30 am - 1:00pm at Catsham Nr Baltonsborough.

The Wild Roots Growing for Wellbeing Project welcomes people who are keen to get outdoors, learn new skills, share their skills or just have the opportunity to spend some time in a peaceful environment.

Our main emphasis is on horticulture and rural craft activities which take place in our large vegetable, fruit and flower growing area. Maybe you need an excuse to get out of the house or you just want to dip your toe into being around other people again.

Whatever it is you're looking for we can always find gardening related activities to suit your mood and energy levels on the day. We are a Covid secure site and we will be working outdoors in a socially distanced way. With two covered open sided sheltered areas and a large poly-tunnel we can cater for whatever the British weather throws at us! If you want to find out more please contact Ursula Casey at: ursula@wilderwoods.org. Booking is essential and spaces will be limited to keep the group small.

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Plotgate Community Farm

In the next few weeks there are some workshops for you at Plotgate Community Farm. Contact jane@plotgatecommunityfarm.org for details about how to book with **Somerset Skills and Learning (SSL)**.

Workshops

Summer Sowing and Growing

Thursday, 8th June 10:00 am -12:30 pm. A morning all about what to sow and plant for Autumn and Winter harvesting, with practical activity and discussion. This is for you if you're making a Summer start with veg growing, or will have gaps in your plot later on.

Growing Herbs for Cooking

Thursday, 13th June 10:00 am -12:30 pm. Practical herb plant raising from seeds and cuttings: how to grow some favourite kitchen garden herbs. Grow great flavours to make the most of a tiny growing space.

Composts for Container Growing

Saturday, 1st July 10:00 am -12:30 pm. Choosing, making and using the best seed-sowing and potting composts to raise and grow vegetable and flower plants, for planting out or for growing on in containers. How to give seedlings their best start and grow them for food or flowers in pots or garden beds.

The (Somerset Skills and Learning) SSL) fee for each morning is £12.50,

with free places also available. We're planning more including some 'family fun' sessions in July and August, details coming soon.

Plotgate Community Farm is co-operatively run by its members. The growers and volunteers produce seasonal vegetables on a 9-acre site in Barton St David. Members can collect, or have delivered, a weekly or fortnightly share of the produce, each box containing at least 8 different types of vegetable.

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Lydford Ladies Third Tuesday Group

In **April** we welcomed back Lizzie & Dave Reynolds for another of their entertaining travel talks. This time their subject was their walk along **the Arctic Circle Trail** – an epic 102-mile trek through Greenland, between Kangerlussuaq and Sisimiut.

Their journey involved long walks each day (including some steep clambering and arduous river crossings), carrying everything they needed in 20-kilo backpacks. As well as stunning views of the remote wilderness of Greenland, they enjoyed many special wildlife sightings: Arctic foxes and hares, reindeer, ptarmigans, White-Tailed eagles and Great Northern divers and much more.

Their accommodation was basic (*simple huts or tents*), and they survived on a diet of freeze-dried meals and “Snickers” bars!

Any hardships were more than made up for by the experience of spending time in one of the most remote and unspoilt parts of the world.

Thanks to Dave & Lizzie for sharing their memorable journey with us.

Next Meeting

(for members & women visitors)

**Mid-Summer Picnic
 in Lydford Sports Field ****

6:30pm onwards

Please bring your own picnic & chair.

Dress code – WEAR A HAT!

(Any size, shape, design... elegant or outlandish; home-made or haute couture; fancy, fashionable or funny. Anything goes! Small prize for the people’s favourite!).

** Fingers crossed that the weather will be as good as it was last year. In the event of rain, we will relocate to the Parish Hall for an indoor picnic instead!

Some dates for your diary

July 23rd - Outdoor theatre: “Romeo & Juliet” at Bishop’s Palace.

Aug 15th at 2:30pm – Outing to Frogmary Farm.

Sep: Outing – details to be decided.

Oct 17th – Talk by *Craft House Chocolate* (Somerton).

Nov 21st – Social evening in hall with “*Desert Island Discs*” theme!

Jan 16th 2024 Meal out at a local pub.... to be decided!

Women Visitors welcome to all our events usually held at 7:30pm on the third Tuesday of most months in the Parish Hall, West Lydford (unless otherwise stated).

If you would like more information please take a look at our website:

https://thirdtuesday.wixsite.com/thirdtuesday or contact

lydfordthirdtuesday@gmail.com

Garden Psalm

The Lord is my gardener.

He plants me in places where I can grow in goodness.

He warms me with the sunshine of His Love,

And refreshes me with His Word.

He rakes away the cluttered rubble in my life and digs out those things which would harm my soul.

Sometimes He prunes me for greater fruitfulness that I might be more pleasing to Him.

Surely my desire is to grow day by day in truth and tranquility and to blossom continually in the garden of His Grace.

M.J.P.



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(Notes from Bath & Wells, MU Diocesan News)



Recently the MU has engaged in the **Thy Kingdom Come** global call to prayer primarily by holding a service for members and friends, firstly in person and latterly online.

This year, we are encouraging members to hold local events, and involve both their own church and other local churches. The expanded remit of **Thy Kingdom Come** this year to *“go the extra mile, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to love and serve those we are praying for or others who are in need”* fits particularly well with our vision and mission, and also gives good opportunity to share this with others, who may be less aware of MU. From our MU Central Chaplain, Bishop Emma Ineson.

For this year’s Thy Kingdom Come, Mother’s Union members are encouraged to hold local events where people can join together, encourage each other and pray -

“Thy Kingdom Come on earth as it is in heaven. As we gather, I pray that we will know and experience the filling of God’s Holy Spirit to equip us to share the love of God with all who we meet, in words and actions. As we pray for people in our families, churches and local communities, worldwide, especially those in particular need, I pray that God will bless and lead us in the way he has for us, as individuals and together”.

Do some of you remember when Mothers’ Union members, led by Revd Judith Abbott (our then Chaplain) took over the Lady Chapel at the Cathedral? That was a good day: Floating paper Prayer Boats, blowing bubbles and many other activities. What will you do? **madeline.hellier@mothersunion.org**



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Open Chapel

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PLEASE do try to pop in NEXT TIME! You will be made very welcome...

The Methodist Hall Improvements

We are making plans to give the hall a facelift!! Redecorating, including the carpet and curtains. The space included a kitchen with an oven, fridge and microwave. There are toilet facilities. Plus the use of tables and chairs.

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Climate Change

Important LEADERS OF THE WORLD just LISTEN, please!

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The weariness within the waves lament?

The weeping for the dying planet we call Earth?

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and watch the weakest wilt!

.....

Oh, put aside your selfishness and greed,

Please work together for your peoples need.

The Climate's more important you'll agree

Than money, politics and boundaries.

.....

Oh PEOPLE OF THE WORLD just look and see-

See crumbling cliffs, devouring cherished homes,

See Polar Bears, with now, no place to roam.

Look at the deserts spreading more and more.

Look at the dying fish along the shore!

.....

Dear CHILDREN OF THE WORLD please, hear, see, feel -

The melody of all the singing birds.

The beauty of the butterflies and flowers.

The magic touch of winter's falling snow.

.....

Enjoy the Wonder of our Planet Earth.

And marvel as new truths are come to birth.

Forgive the failure of our generation,

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M.J.P. 2023

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The King's commitment to service is not in any doubt. To give just a few examples, he has engaged with our most challenged communities far more than any politician, he called on us to care for the environment years before it became popular to do so and, of course, founded The Prince's Trust, which supports our most challenged younger people in so many ways.

He becomes king of a new era, the Carolean era. Our times see us face some big challenges. Our question is how to address them. I was immensely struck by all the agencies and charities present in the Abbey for the King's Coronation. Their participation spoke of the ways in which we're going to need to act differently in the years ahead to address the issues that confront us.

Because it's all too evident that the power of government, be that local or national, to respond to the problems we see is less now than it was when the late Queen began her reign. Our challenge in this era is of how we're going to come together, in service, to address the different challenges that lie before us, be that the climate, how we tackle poverty, how we respond to a troubled international situation. All of us will have a part to play.

Where to find the resource to act in the way that's going to be needed? As I stood beside the King at the Coronation what inspired me was to see the way he drew so much strength, purpose and resolve and assurance from his Christian faith for the service he's called to give. And in that we can follow him too.

Bishop Michael

Pupils enact historic Coronation



At St John's church in Glastonbury on Sunday, 7th May, following the Coronation, there was a Civic Service and town procession with a twist.

Pupils from Wells Cathedral School re-enacted the first Coronation of King Edgar at Bath Abbey. He was crowned by St Dunstan, who was born in Baltonsburgh and the first Archbishop to crown a King.



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If you have any donations for our stalls *please bring them down to the Sports Field on the morning of the 8th July.* Stalls include Bric-a-Brac, Cake stall, Book stall and plant stall.

And don't forget items for the **Auction!** To be held at the Cross Keys on the evening of the 8th July.

If you are unable to bring items on the day or you have any items for our **Auction** please contact Nigel and Emma Lee (01963) 240270 who will organise to pick them up.

GALA COMPETITIONS

CLASS 1 – Aged 6 and under – decorate a Paper Plate
Theme –Summer

CLASS 2 – Aged 16 and under – Photography (printed & not digitally enhanced)
Theme –Sport

CLASS 3 – Over 16 – Photography (printed & not digitally enhanced)
Theme –Sport

CLASS 4 – Aged 10 and under – Lego Model
Theme – Sport & Games

CLASS 5 – over 10 – Lego Model
Theme – Sport & Games

CLASS 6 – All Ages – Cake or Cup Cakes
Homemade & inspired by Sports & Games

CLASS 7 – All Ages – Single Stem Specimen Flower
From the Garden or Allotment

CLASS 8 – All Ages – Vase of Mixed Flowers
From the Garden or Allotment

The competitions are free to enter.
Please bring your entries to the Sports Field
on Saturday, 8th July between 11:00 am and noon.

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