

# STAPLE DIET

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(The West Quantoxhead Village Newsletter)

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## SERVICES AT ST ETHELDREDA'S CHURCH ST ETHELDREDA'S CHURCH

### March 2023

5 March Eucharist with NM 9.30am  
12 March Eucharist with DB 9.30am  
19 March Family Service SB 9.30am  
26 March Eucharist 10am at **HOLFORD** followed by  
APCMs and Hot Pot Lunch at Holford and Doddington  
Village Hall

## ADVANCE NOTICE EASTER DECORATING SATURDAY APRIL 8TH

Easter will soon be with us and we will be decorating our Church on Saturday 8th April. Anyone who would like to have flowers arranged in memory of a loved one or wishes to join us to do an arrangement on the morning of April 8th will be most welcome.

Please contact Jane on 01984 632268.

## KENN'S WEATHER REPORT

### West Quantoxhead Weather report for January

Rainfall 115mm all in the first half of the month.  
A windy month with 40 mph winds on 5 separate days.  
Temperature warmer than usual first half of month,  
frost second half.  
Light snow cover above 500ft on the 15th mixed with  
hail.  
Outstanding sunsets towards end of the month.

## CHURCH FLOWER AND CLEANING ROTA

The time has come to plan the Church Flower and Cleaning Rotas for 2023 -2024.

We are desperate for more volunteers to come forward to help take care of our Church, to keep it clean and beautiful for both ourselves and our many visitors.

If you have time to spare to spend a couple of hours, three or four times a year to provide and arrange flowers or clean, please join us. Contact Jane on 632268 or email SeaFurlong@aol.com.

**PLEASE HELP CARE FOR THE WONDERFUL BUILDING WE  
HAVE IN OUR VILLAGE, IT IS THERE FOR US ALL.**



## ST AUDRIES WI

The next Meeting is on March 8th in the Village Hall at 2.15 pm. Speaker Nicola Penn - " Boo Cottage Soap "

Competition an item beginning with " I "

A Warm Welcome awaits you

## COFFEE MORNING AT ST. AUDRIES VILLAGE HALL

The first coffee morning of the New Year will be held on Monday 6th March from 10.30 am to about mid-day. All are welcome, there is no need to book, just turn up for a chat and some coffee which is £1 per cup, the biscuits are free! We look forward to seeing a few new faces. Contact Sue Sanders 632759 or Isobel Newton 632274.

## KI AIKIDO CLASSES

Ki Aikido Classes take place in the Village Hall every Tuesday between 6 to 8 pm. Aikido self-defence exercises are non combative. Wear loose clothing - track suits or Gi. For more information, please ring or text Sensei Bob on 07562 322889. Facebook: west somerset shinpiizumi aikido. Even if this is not for you please pass on the details to family and friends who may be interested.

## CRAFT GROUP

### Craft Group meet every Tuesday.

Everyone Welcome 2pm to 4.30pm  
£2 per session. We have a mixture of crafts in the group eg patchwork, quilting, crochet, knitting, mosaic, cross-stitch and many more. Please phone June if you have any questions 632410.

## ST. AUDRIES ART GROUP

Meets every Wednesday in the Village Hall from 10 am until 12.30. New Members are very welcome - if you would like to know more about us please contact Maureen on 01984 632575 or Pat on 01984 632729.

## LOCAL BANKING AT THE POST OFFICE

With the closure of Lloyds Bank in Williton, please do not think that you must travel to Taunton, Minehead or Bridgwater for banking. At the Post Office you can, pay in cash and cheques, withdraw money, check your balance. All you need is your debit card, paying in book, and a branded envelope to pay in cheques – supplied free by the Post Office. You can do all this during Post Office opening hours - which are far more convenient than the banks! Finally, this applies to **all** the main banks - not just Lloyds. If in doubt, please ask - they will be happy to help you.

## COULD YOU HELP A LOCAL RESIDENT?

I am looking for someone in the immediate vicinity who would be available to assist with the occasional but regular care of an elderly lady. Very flexible but reliability is essential (£15 - 30/hour depending on times/weekends). Please do get in touch if you are interested - Angela Wilcox, Landshire House, TA4 4DX - 07967372164. Thanks very much. Angela

## Could you help get people to crucial medical appointments? Volunteer drivers needed Urgently across Somerset

To find out more about the role and apply, please visit: <https://volunteering.somerset.gov.uk/drive/>

Alternatively, you

can email [Volunteers@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:Volunteers@somerset.gov.uk) or call 01823 359200 to make a difference in your community.

## EAST QUANTOXHEAD COFFEE MORNING

E.Q. VILLAGE HALL

March 18th 10-12md

CAFÉ , TOMBOLA, Books / DVDs / CDs

## HOLFORD GARDENERS GROUP

Holford and District Village Hall

**Tuesday March 21<sup>st</sup> 7.30pm**

*'Fruit Gardening'* a Talk by Claire Forster

Members £1.00 Visitors £2.00

A Warm Welcome to All

## SO MANY ENTRIES

There have been many entries to this month's newsletter, as I consider them ALL worthy of publication in full and without editing I have had to produce two pages this month.

It is so good that people are using the newsletter to announce news and events. We have a lovely village and I feel our Newsletter is important to us all.

## RIDDLER'S FREE BUS SERVICE TO SAINSBURYS

Riddlers provide a free bus service to Sainsbury's Bridgwater every Thursday. Departs from bus stop by Village Hall at 10.38am, arrives Sainsbury's at 11.25am and departs from Sainsbury's at 13.25. If you plan to use this service they suggest you call a few days before 01398 323398 to ensure the driver stops at the bus stop.

## THE WINDMILL INN VILLAGE LUNCH 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

### Main

#### **Pork Loin Steak (gf)**

With apple and Dijon mustard sauce, herb roasted new potatoes and seasonal vegetables OR

#### **Seafood Spaghetti with Lobster Sauce (gf)**

Mussels, squid, clams and tiger prawns in a light chilli, lobster and tomato sauce with spaghetti

### Dessert

#### **Warm Pecan Tart (gf)**

With custard OR **Chocolate Fudge Cake (gf)**

With double cream OR **Trio of Ice Creams**

And wafer

Orders to be received by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March: call

01984 633004 or email [info@the-windmill.co.uk](mailto:info@the-windmill.co.uk)

Lunch drinks 12pm Lunch served 12:30pm

## ROAD CLOSURE

Please follow the link to view the above road closure; <https://one.network/?tm=131865666> and

the link for the Notice 2: [https://api-gb.one.network/downloads/tm/1111/03-notice-2\\_131865666\\_3530728\\_806ff7ad90.pdf](https://api-gb.one.network/downloads/tm/1111/03-notice-2_131865666_3530728_806ff7ad90.pdf)

The order becomes effective on 03rd March 2023 and will remain in force for eighteen months.

The works are expected to commence on **6th**

**March 2023** and last for **3 days** to enable **Wessex**

**Water to carry out supply separation works.**

## CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING UPDATE

Some of you may have noticed that the Church Floodlights are on again for a period in the evening after dusk. This is thanks to a generous donation from an anonymous parishioner who felt it important that Church is seen to be saying "Hello, here we are".

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Everyone is welcome.

## CHANGING TIMES FOR WEST QUANTOXHEAD PARISH & THE QUANTOCK COAST BENEFICE

Within the next few months, those visiting the Parish Church in West Quantoxhead will see a document pinned to the door outlining proposed changes to the parish groupings in Quantock Deanery. The PCC, and I, would be very grateful if you could take a moment to consider the proposals once they are published.

In the challenging financial environment it faces post-Covid, the Diocese of Bath and Wells has taken the difficult decision to reduce its number of paid clergy. Every area of Somerset will be affected by these reductions and in our area (Quantock Deanery), we are required to reduce our number of those clergy from 5 to 4.

We have considered very carefully how this could happen whilst ensuring that the church continues to serve our rural communities such as yours, maintain regular worship in our church buildings, and provide pastoral care for those in times of sorrow and joy. There were no easy answers but after a great deal of consideration by representatives from across the Deanery, and consultation with all the church councils, the following proposals are being made.

- Quantock Coast Benefice (the grouping of parishes of which West Quantoxhead is currently part) will be disbanded and the parishes moved to new groups.
- West and East Quantoxhead parishes will become a new benefice with the parishes currently known as Quantock Towers (Bicknoller, Stogumber, Crowcombe, Sampford Brett, Nettlecombe and Monksilver).
- Revd Nicky Morgan will continue to be the Rector of East and West Quantoxhead, as well as the Quantock Towers parishes. Nicky will move to the Rectory in Bicknoller.
- Kilve, Holford and Stringston parishes will form a new grouping with the parishes currently known as the Quantock Villages Benefice with Revd Eleanor King (Nether Stowey) as their new Rector.
- Fiddington and Stogursey parishes will become a new benefice with Cannington, Stockland and Combwich with Revd Alison Waters (me) as Rector.
- Watchet and Williton Benefice will remain as it is.

In addition, all the parishes of our Deanery will form a new Group Ministry. This is a means by which we can work much more closely together as clergy and church communities, supporting one another, and especially those invaluable and incredibly hardworking wardens and volunteers who keep our churches open and available to villagers and visitors.

The consultation period, once it begins, will last for six weeks during which all residents are welcome to respond to the proposals. If you would like to know more please do not hesitate to contact a Churchwarden or other member of the PCC and you are welcome also to contact me direct.

Getting to the point of this proposal has been difficult, and we are very aware that it will be painful for some. We are glad, though, to have been given the opportunity to put the plan together ourselves, knowing as we do the needs of our churches and our communities, and we believe that this proposal does offer the best potential for our churches going forward.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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**Please note new telephone number**

Copy date for April's Newsletter 20<sup>th</sup> March

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