

THE
ROUNDABOUT
CHURCH AND COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

*"Long as there's a sun that sets,
Primroses will have their glory,
Long as there are violets,
They will have a place in Story".*



MARCH 2021

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**APRIL ROUNABOUT DEADLINE FOR ALL MATERIAL IS
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COMING FULL CIRCLE

My name is Tina Swire and I am the new minister in oversight of Pilton Methodist Church. As we begin this new relationship, let me tell you a bit about myself. Originally from Newfoundland and Labrador in Canada, I was ordained and served in the United Church of Canada from 1992 until 2002 when I married John, an agricultural journalist, and moved over here. Since 2002, we have lived in Oxfordshire, Lincolnshire, Staffordshire, Northamptonshire, and now Somerset. Somerset has actually brought me full circle.

In 1609, John Guy of Bristol set up a colony in Newfoundland and Labrador because of the lucrative cod fishery. Guy was aware of the legend of Glastonbury. Here, Joseph of Arimathea brought the faith of Jesus, and Jesus's Way of justice - love, compassion and hope to a whole new world. From Glastonbury, the message went out. Guy decided that this new settlement would be a new Glastonbury. From there, this same message would spread out to a whole new world. The peninsula, the home of this new colony, was called the Avalon Peninsula, and is where I came from. I, from the new Avalon, have returned to the older one. History has come full circle.

In 2019, in my first year here as the Superintendent Minister of the Circuit, I was invited to lead the Village Carol Service at Pilton Methodist Church. Handbell ringers led us off and we had a loud, laughter-filled, joyous service. It felt like every family Christmas service I had ever been to. It was like new and old Avalon in one. The Incarnation is like that.

We are coming up to the Easter season when we celebrate the resurrection. Manger and cross are linked. Both tell us that, as the Wesley hymn says, "Best of all, God is with us." In every moment, a Baby, offers us love and hope. And in the most challenging times of life, when experiences seek to silence the Baby we are not alone.

As we continue our journey together, through pandemic and beyond, let us take our strength and confidence from this truth. In Avalon old, in Avalon new, within our four walls and beyond, in sanctuary and world, God is with us and we are not alone. God's love, made known to us in a manger, cross and empty tomb, has a wonderful, beyond time and space, way of weaving us all together, into the family of God.

Rev. Tina Swire

PRAYER FOCUS

As the days of springtime begin, we thank God for his presence with us through the dark days of winter. We pray that the feelings of separation and isolation will lessen as, together, we look towards the future with renewed hope in our hearts. We continue to hold in our thoughts people going through dark times caused by the pandemic and pray that life will become more bearable for all who are suffering physically and mentally.

PSALMS

This month's Psalms include songs of praise for creation and thanksgiving for God's presence and pardon through difficult times as well for the gift of forgiveness.

The psalms that can be read on Sundays in March are:

7 th March	Psalms 19
14 th March	Psalms 107: 1-3, 17-22
21 st March	Psalms 51: 1-13
28 th March	Psalms 118: 1-2, 19-29

BIBLE READINGS

7 th March	Exodus 20: 1-17	John 2: 13-22
14 th March	Numbers 21: 4-9	John 3: 14-21
21 st March	Jeremiah 31: 31-34	John 12: 20--33
28 th March	Isaiah 50: 4-9a	John 12: 12-16

BENEFICE BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Benefice Bible Study is continuing by Zoom fortnightly when we study Mark's gospel. If you would like to join us you would be very welcome. Just email butlerchristine19@gmail.com to receive joining instructions.

DINDER'S ZOOM COFFEE

Jane Thorne is still organising a weekly Zoom coffee morning each Friday which is a good way to keep in touch.

ONLINE SERVICES

Online services will also be available as usual. If you do not receive these at present and would like to, please email rector.pcnd@gmail.com

ZOOM LENT 2021 GROUPS

THE ARCHBISHOPS' LENT COURSE
this year is called #LiveLent: God's Story, Our Story
and is based on *Living His Story* by Hannah Steele.

A group of us are meeting at 2.00pm on Wednesdays (N.B. not as in last month's magazine) in March. Anyone is welcome to join even if you missed the February meeting. Please let me know if you are interested in joining). rector.pcnd@gmail.com

WEEKLY LENT REFLECTIONS

Also available are six reflections for each week, written by Stephen Hance, the Church of England's National Lead for Evangelism and Witness. Each reflection will include a short passage from the Bible, a brief exploration of the reading, and a prayer. Additionally, each week will have a unifying theme and an action to be taken during the week. Links will be sent out for the daily reflections and they will be made available through a free app, emails, audio and through the Church of England's social media accounts.

LENT TALKS FROM THE CATHEDRAL

Wednesdays at 2.00pm

This Lent, Wells Cathedral is hosting a series of online talks around the theme of 'The Claims of the Kingdom'. The subjects are wide-ranging but all relate to how the Kingdom of God can be expressed, discovered and furthered, with a particular eye to the present moment.

The films will appear on the [Cathedral Website](#) and [Facebook page](#) at 2.00pm and will be available thereafter.

'TWIN MY GIVING'

Reverend Scott Patterson, vicar in Curry Rivel, and his wife Rowena have launched 'Twin My Giving', a campaign to help raise funds for communities across the world who are struggling to vaccinate their population against Covid-19 and whose infrastructure may not even include basic refrigeration.

They've set up a [JustGiving](#) page to direct funds to [UNICEF'S COVAX programme](#). The amount they raise will be boosted by Gift Aid.

MARCH EVENTS AT OUR VILLAGE PUBS AND CLUBS
SUBJECT TO ADVICE ON OPENING

THE GEORGE INN, CROSCOMBE (342306)

www.thegeorgeinn.co.uk

See our website for full details

Take-away open Wednesdays – Saturdays from
8.00am -2.00pm and 5.00 – 8.00pm

Take-away Sunday Lunch 12.00noon – 2.00pm

Call to order in advance please 342306 or 07892 699297

Village Shop – open daily 8.00am – 2.00pm

PILTON WORKING MEN'S CLUB (890162)

Pilton Club and Coffee Shop

look forward to welcoming our customers back
as soon as possible

(subject to Government guidelines).

The Coffee Shop is open

Wednesday – Saturday 10.00am – 3.00pm

The Bar is open

Friday from 6.00pm – food served 6.00 – 8.00pm
and

Sunday 12.00noon – 3.30pm

Sunday Carvery 12.00noon – 2.00pm

Menu available to eat in or take away

THE CROWN INN, PILTON (890762)

thecrowninnpilton@outlook.com

Due to current circumstances we are open on slightly reduced hours.

We have all the necessary safety measures in place.

Tuesday- Wednesday 6pm -10.00pm Thursday - Saturday 6pm -10pm

Sunday 12 - 3pm and 6pm - 10.00pm

Food served Tuesday - Saturday 6pm - 9pm

Sunday 12 - 2.30pm and 6pm - 9pm

Sunday Roast every Sunday 12 - 2pm as well as the full bar menu -
Booking advised

Take-Away (Fish and Chips, Burgers, Pizza and more)
available Tuesday - Sunday 6pm - 9pm

SMALL ADS

Chantry Construction: stone walling, drives, block paving, patios, extensions, mini-digger and driver. Contact Paul Merrett 01373 836787 or 07855343388.

Daniel's garden maintenance. Lawns cut, seeded, turfed. Hedges cut, garden clearance, Patio-laying, jet-washing, fencing plus fence painting. Weeding. Call Daniel 672832 or 07936583986

Daniel's property maintenance Roof repairs. Gutters cleaned, repaired and renewed. Interior and exterior painting and much more. Call Reg. 01749 672832 mob 07518116140

RP Property Solutions: Home maintenance/repairs and qualified electrician. Free no obligation quotes. Great prompt service. Call Robert Pippard on 07969 345726 or 572311.

Give your garden a treat. 2 year-old well-rotted horse manure sold by sack or load. 100% organic. Contact 890582.

Chimney Clean: Chimney sweep, clean and efficient service est. 1985. Please ring Colin on 07596 534861.

Organic Multi-Purpose Compost. 40 litre bags. Free delivery. £3.20 per bag or £9.00 for three. Call 07919 584737 or 07961 892014

Premier Pet Carers. Registered, insured equestrian and pet services. Dog walking and pet sitting. Rug washing/reproofing/repairs; horsebox hire and poo-picking. www.premierpetcarers.co.uk or 077090739508

J.D. Waste. House clearance. Rubbish clearance. Garage Clearance. Call 07919 584737 or 07961 892014.

Domestic Cleaning Services. For references and details please call 01749 689099 or email pattinson321@yahoo.co.uk

Preloved and Upcycled Goodies, resident in Croscombe, now seek new homes. Small furniture, linens, coats etc. Visit www.4sale4free.co.uk or call Ann on 07957 608 735.

JM Building for all general building needs and property maintenance. All building work, natural stone work, patios, tiling, decorating. 25 years' experience, free quotations. References available. 07546589825

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITES

www.piltonparishcouncil.org

www.croscombeparishcouncil.co.uk

ABOUT PEOPLE

We send our good wishes and prayers to anyone who is unwell at the moment, whether you are at home or in hospital. We remember those receiving treatment and those awaiting the results of tests.

DEATHS

We are sad to announce the death of **Arthur Shaw** of Pilton who passed peacefully away at his home in Pilton. Melanie is very grateful for all the messages of sympathy and support which she has received.

FUNERALS

We are incredibly aware that separation makes bereavement even tougher at this time and our thoughts and prayers are with anyone who is grieving the loss of someone they love.

PILTON SHOW CALENDAR 2021

Even after reprint, only 10 copies left of this year's calendar marking 50th anniversary of Glastonbury Festival. Now discounted to £5.
Please call Jenny 890465



FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT – 22nd FEBRUARY – 7th MARCH

Unfortunately, this year there will be no Open House at The Brambles but this does not mean that you will be unable to purchase Traidcraft produce. I carry a stock of most of the food products, including tea, coffee, chocolate, biscuits, dried fruit, nuts, marmalade, honey, muesli, rice, pasta, cleaning products and many other items and am happy to order anything not in stock. You can phone or e-mail your order and all items will be delivered to you. I am happy to drop a catalogue round to you if you are unsure of the large range of items sold. By buying Traidcraft products, it helps to ensure that producers get a fair price for their produce and their workers are paid a fair wage.

Contact details: hilary.austin2@btinternet.com or 890561

Hilary Austin

PILTON PARISH COUNCIL

www.piltonparishcouncil.org

Dog owners are asked to be more sensitive and pick up their dogs' waste. It is a criminal offence not to pick up the waste under the Dog Act 1987 and dog owners could be fined.

Councillors will be delivering letters to homeowners who need to cut back their vegetation. Homeowners are requested to keep vegetation clear of pavements and roads.

Karen Buckley, iltonparishclerk@yahoo.com

BROADBAND IN PILTON

Your Village needs you – Connecting Devon and Somerset, the County Council and Local Authority backed body charged with providing rural broadband in the two counties, have contracted Truespeed to construct the fibre-optic network in Mendip and North East Somerset.

Register your interest in fibre-optic TrueSpeed telephone and broadband connection on <https://www.truespeed.com/broadband/register>

This will give you high speed fibre-optic cabling direct to your property with a guaranteed download speed of 80 MBPS for £29.99 per month, or 200 MBPS for £47.50 per month on an 18 month contract. Higher speed packages up to 900 MBPS are available.

We need 30% uptake in the village and we currently have 11% uptake. The idea is that you can sign up to register your interest, or sign up to take up a contract, and you will only be charged after installation when your current contract ends.

If you are fed up with slow broadband speeds and would like reassurance on the offer, please get in touch with

Stephen Turner –stephenturner@somersetorganicvet.co.uk

Holly Corfield- holly@stages.co.uk

And we will be happy to talk you through it.



PILTON VILLAGE HISTORY GROUP

Pilton Village History Group has started meeting on Zoom, and in December and January it was for members only while we 'found our feet'!

In February, we opened it to non-members as well, and publicised it on the newish 'Pilton Village Community Page' Facebook group. In March, we would be delighted for anyone interested to join our Zoom meeting.

"The Calmann Family, their life before and after Perridge House, Pilton."

A fascinating and unexpected insight into their family stories and times. Also a short update to "The Story of the Pilton Church Chandelier" with new information about its origins!!!

Monday 8th March at 7.30pm on Zoom.

Open to all! Please email for the Zoom link which will be sent out a few days before the meeting... piltonvillagehistorygroup@gmail.com

Christine King 890357 or 07799 530666

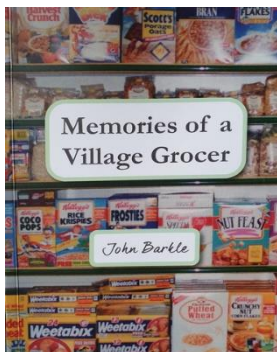
PHONE SCAMS

Many of you will probably have received phone calls out of the blue – from numbers you don't recognise - claiming to be from Amazon or Microsoft or whoever, asking you to 'Press 1' if you have ordered something, when you haven't.

DO NOT PRESS ANYTHING! Just hang up, as these are scams after your personal information, bank details and passwords, so never share these. Often it's an automated recorded message(robocall) not a real human being but if the latter and they get insistent and angry when you refuse to play ball, again, just hang up.

These random robocalls seem unfortunately to have increased during lockdowns, so do please be wary. Even if you are subscribed to the Telephone Preference Service (TPS), these crooks are clever and keep changing numbers, using spare lines, even claiming to be the TPS or BT. If you aren't already subscribed to a scheme, do check with your phone provider website who have advice on how to block or deal with these scams, for example BT have 'Call Protect' with detailed instructions.

Concerned Piltonians



NEW BOOK ~

“Memories of a Village Grocer”

John Barkle's first book has now been published.

From his days as a young boy in Ditchheat, his years in the shops in Pilton and Wells, his amateur dramatics in Croscombe, to his retirement and beyond.

Beautifully written, full of anecdotes and village characters.

A 'must read' for anyone who remembers shopping in 'Barkles' or who loves a village life. All proceeds are in aid of The Children's Hospice South West.

I have offered to be the contact for Pilton people who would like to purchase a copy, which will cost £10 if collected. Please email ck.pilton@btinternet.com or phone 890357 if you are interested, or drop an envelope through my door with cash and your details. Chris King, Mulberry Cottage, Bread Street, Pilton.

If you are not able to collect from Pilton and would like a copy either posted direct to you @ £12, or to collect @ £10 from Parsonage Farm in Croscombe, then please email villagegrocer2021@outlook.com or phone 07952 401845 to arrange.

Chris King



ONLINE TALKS FOR THE ARTS SOCIETY MENDIP Tuesday 2nd March

‘The Gillows’ story and its furniture’.

Janusz Karczewski-Slowikowski will talk to The Arts Society Mendip on 2nd March at 11.00am via Zoom on these quality furniture makers of the 18th and 19th Century. Links will be sent to members prior to the talk. The application will open at 10.15am. Guests welcome, the link will be forwarded with instructions on request to tasmendip.comm@gmail.com. A guest donation of £3 will be requested.

DOG FOULING IN CROSCOMBE

I applaud all responsible dog walkers and owners who pick up the dog poo in bags and deposit it in the appropriate bin. A few pick up and leave it in on the ground in its bag - Why? And a few do nothing at all, leaving the offending excreta to litter our beautiful countryside. This is an offence as well as a health hazard. Sadly, this is becoming an ever-increasing problem in our favourite village.

Please pick up and bin it, even if you are walking your dog under the cover of darkness!

We all look forward to clear roads and pathways.

Jan Hodge

MHA COMMUNITIES

Have you heard of MHA Communities? Well let me tell you more.

MHA Communities offer a variety of exciting and fulfilling social activities, online activities and services for people aged 55 and over, across the UK. MHA Communities Mendip District is a new local club which was launched just prior to the pandemic in March 2020, where we only managed to squeeze in two day trips prior to that first lockdown! From this point onwards our hands are tied with starting up local social events in person; therefore, during the pandemic, in our fight to stay social we launched our local "MHA Communities Mendip District Remote Friendship Club". Our new remote friendship community has proved to be a huge success. New fabulous friendships have grown and blossomed, providing entertainment and companionship across Mendip from the safety of your own home over the telephone. It is incredible how invigorating a good old chat and catch up can be to brighten up your day, and not to mention an enjoyable way to pass the time. We also issue newsletter and activity packs for those who wish to enjoy them. Our aim is to enable people to live later life well, so if you fancy the sound of joining something jolly, fun and new to pass the time and to find out more, please get in touch with MHA Communities Mendip District. We will be really excited to hear from you and invite you to join our club.

We also provide local volunteering opportunities. Please get in touch to find out more.

e-mail - mendipdistrict@mha.org.uk

Website - <https://www.mha.org.uk/communities/>

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www.stmaryscroscombechurch.org

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PARISH CHURCH SERVICES - MARCH 2021

We are sorry that the Churches remain closed during March.

For details of Online Services and Zoom links,
please see pages 4 and 5.