

The Village Connection

Leigh on Mendip + Downhead + Stoke St Michael



Harvest festival

Issue 322

October 2025



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From Keith Johnson

Our new Priest in Charge

As I write these words I have less than two weeks left as Vicar of Hughenden, before my wife Rachel and I pack up our belongings and head for Somerset.

We are so excited about moving to Nunney and I was overwhelmed by the welcome and hospitality which greeted me when I attended my interview back in early June.

My priority during my first few weeks in post, after my licensing service on 16th October, will be to attend services in all eight churches to which I will be Priest in Charge, leading and speaking at most.

When the Apostle Peter speaks of the Church, he is not referring to a physical building, but to the living stones, the people who make up the Body of Christ [1 Peter 2:5].

Just as I will be saying goodbye to many good friends in Hughenden, I am looking forward to getting to know you all better in the weeks, months and years which lie ahead.

It is a huge privilege to be called by God to this fresh challenge, and it is not one I will be able to undertake alone. Just as I will be leaning on God for strength and wisdom, I would really appreciate your prayers and support as we get to know one another, and explore what God has in store for our parishes in the future.

God bless

Keith

We look forward to welcoming Keith to our benefices on Thursday 16th October when he will be Licensed by the Bishop of Bath & Wells as Priest in Charge at 7.00pm in Nunney Church

Congregation members are all welcome to attend. Please **RSVP** to postleburysecretary@gmail.com by 5th October at the latest. There will be a reception afterwards in Nunney Village Hall. If you can provide a plate of finger food (savoury or sweet) to nourish our guests, please let Jane Norris know on jane.norris@gmail.com.

From the Registers

Baptisms

Elizabeth Mander	Wanstrow	7 th September
Darcie Shields	Nunney	21 st September

Funerals

John Hockey	Stoke St Michael	5 th September
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Downhead Harvest Festival

Monday 20th October, 6pm at Green Farm



This year's Harvest Festival at Downhead will be a very special occasion as our new Priest, the Reverend Keith Johnson, will be conducting his first service in our parish before the start of the auction.

Any donations of produce for the auction can be left at Green Farm but please contact Dan Britten (07834 318332) first to arrange a suitable time.

Downhead Appeal

Following our recent letter to the residents of Downhead asking for their support to secure the future of All Saints church I am writing to thank everyone who has responded so far.

From a very small parish there has been an amazing response, both financial and practical, and we now have both a prospective candidate to replace Steve Britten as churchwarden at our next annual parochial church meeting and a willing band of helpers to maintain the churchyard!

I have already received 17 new regular giving forms and some 'one-off' donations to church funds and I believe there are still a few more to come. There are also a few people who have made payments into the church's bank account but haven't filled out a regular giving or 'one-off' donation form so I can't contact them to thank them for their donations or claim Gift Aid on their behalf if they are eligible. If you haven't completed a form so far and would like us to claim Gift Aid on your donations there is a supply of the forms in the church for you to collect or please get in touch with me, Margaret, or Steve and we will arrange to deliver one to you.

Many thanks again on behalf of everyone on the Parochial Church Council.

STOKE CHURCH
Sat Oct 18th 7pm

Community Concert

*Come and perform
Come and listen
Come and join in*

Any age. What's your thing?

Contact Jane or Penny

stokestmichaelchurch@gmail.com

*An informal concert of
music and words, wine and
a relaxed atmosphere to
enjoy the acoustic of the
church.*

*There is still time if you
have an instrument you
play or friends you would
like to perform with. Or
just sit back and listen.*

All welcome.

Donations to the church.

LEIGH ON MENDIP Harvest Supper & Auction

SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER, 7PM

(DOORS & BAR OPEN FROM 6.30PM)

AT

LEIGH-ON-MENDIP MEMORIAL HALL

IN AID OF CHURCH FUNDS

Tickets - £7.50

Available from:

Margaret, 6 The Old Sawmills - 01373 812922 or

Caroline - 07974 025608



Stoke St Michael Harvest Festival

Sunday 5th October

HARVEST SERVICE 4.00pm **St Michael's Church**
followed at 5.30pm by the

HARVEST SUPPER & AUCTION
in Stoke Memorial Hall note change of venue

Three course supper Bar applied for

Tickets Adult £7.50 Child £4.00
from Janet Gilham 01749 840671

Donations of produce gratefully received - either to the
Church on Friday/Saturday/Sunday or to the supper

*Thanks to Eric Price for his donation of
Logs & Kindling Wood for the auction.
Bids in advance may be given to Janet*



Informal evening worship

SOUL FOOD

@ NUNNEY CHURCH

LIVE MUSIC
PRAYER
REFLECTION
COFFEE & CAKE

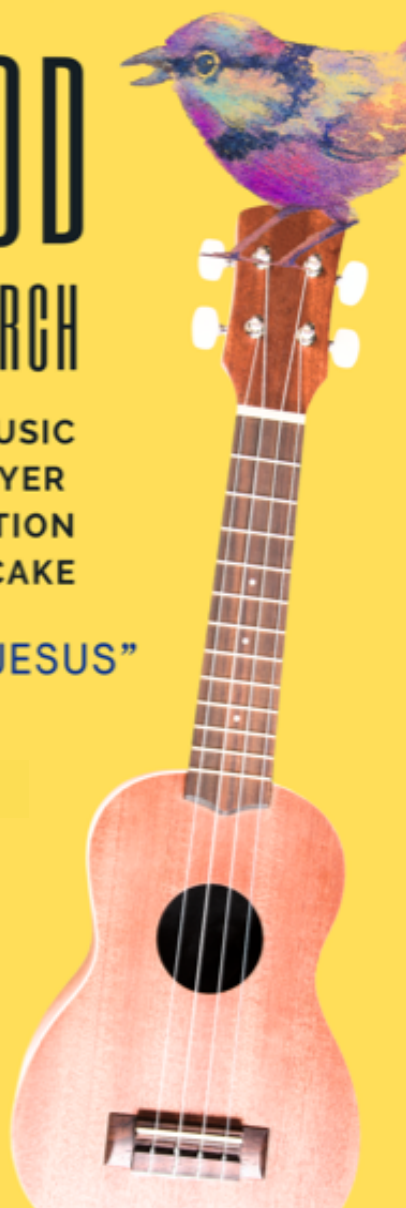
“PEOPLE WHO MET JESUS”

SUN 12 OCT, 6PM

SUN 9 NOV, 4PM



/ALLSAINTSNUNNEY



Sidesmen & Flowers



Leigh on Mendip

	Sideman	Flowers
5 October	Tom & Sue Rodford	Harvest flowers
12 October	No service	Caroline Dove
19 October	No service	-
26 October	No service	Barbara Turner
2 November	Mary Witts & Kate Drinkwater	

Church/Brass Cleaning

October	-	Margaret Loten and Joan Pattison
November	-	Mary Witts and Lally Lee

Stoke St Michael

	Sideman	Flowers
5 October	Jane Evans	Linda Strong
12 October		-
19 October		Cicely Middle
26 October	No service	-
2 November	Jane Evans	Janet Gilham

Church Cleaning

October	-	Jane Evans
November	-	Cicely Middle

Coffee & Chat at Stoke

Coffee & Chat continues every Friday in Stoke Church from 10a.m to Noon when everyone is invited to drop in for a coffee, a catchup for our regulars, an opportunity to make new friends or speak to PCSO Will Mortimer on his monthly visit - next date 17th November.

Do join us





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Registered charity number (England and Wales): 1174913

OCTOBER UPDATE

We have a busy autumn planned, starting with cash **Bingo** on Saturday 11 October in the Memorial Hall – bar open 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Entry £5 including table snacks, with a book of 10 games for £6. Later in the month, a **cream tea** will be held on Thursday 23 October from 2.30-4pm, in the Tower Room Café.

November brings our exciting choral winter concert by **Last Wednesday** on Saturday 8 November, bar from 6.30pm, start at 7pm. Tickets £10 including seasonal snacks, from our e-mail address below or via tinyurl.com/folc2025

Other dates for your diary include our traditional **Christmas Fair** on Friday 21 November in the Memorial Hall from 6pm. If anyone would like to have stall at the fair please get in touch. Our **Annual Meeting** will be held on Monday 24 November from 6.15pm. Our popular **Christmas Tree Festival** returns over the weekend 13/14 December. Get your thinking caps on: individuals, families and groups welcome to enter decorated trees (free entry, prizes available)!

All our fundraising supports the vital maintenance and repairs for our beautiful Grade 1 listed church. We are currently preparing a grant application to the Lottery Heritage Fund for the next phase of repairs.

The Tower Room café remains open every day as a peaceful place to rest, work or socialise. With free wi-fi, electronic access to the church records and children's toys together with self-serve refreshments it is well worth a visit.

Many thanks to all those who already support us; if you would like more information or to join us, please email: folcleigh@gmail.com

The FOLC Team

Letter from Bishop Alastair Redfern,

Honorary Assistant Bishop

For or against: slavery and salvation

Much of our world operates around the challenge to be ‘for’ or ‘against’. And generally, it is easier to be against things than for them! Look at the tendencies of the media, politics and religious disputes.

On October 18, Anti-Slavery Day, people across the UK will recommit themselves to the fight against modern slavery and human trafficking, one of the great evils of our time. Like William Wilberforce and what we now call historic slavery, we need to fight against the oppression and exploitation of our sisters and brothers today. Abolition is the proper aim of being anti or against.

And the challenge is growing with:

- More vulnerable people susceptible to false promises
- Increasingly flexible working arrangements which gives space for criminal agencies to provide goods and services based on exploitation and slave labour
- Police and prevention resources being ever overstretched
- And our own insatiable appetite for cheap products

There is much we need to learn to oppose and abolish.

But, in facing these almost overwhelming challenges we must not neglect what is primary for our Christian witness, the call to notice, reach out, rescue and restore. The call to love, to be for those who are hidden, neglected, hurting and ignored.

In Anti-Slavery Week, give time to thinking how you or your church or home group could better learn how to contribute to the fight against modern slavery. [The Clewer Initiative](#) has some amazing resources to help us open our eyes and assist the authorities and reach out towards victims.

But, alongside these prayers and practices, consider how you could go the extra mile in the way of the Good Samaritan. Going beyond the indifference of the priest and the Levite, too busy to stop, notice, reach out, rescue; rather how can we better contribute to establishing systems like the partnership between the Good Samaritan and the innkeeper– systems to provide care and the basis of restoring proper health and opportunities to those whose cries represent the voice of Jesus for those willing to listen.

Be against modern slavery this October, but more, be for those who need our friendship and our partnership.

Bishop Alastair Redfern

Visit clewer.org.uk for Modern Slavery resources to help you reflect on how you can contribute to the fight against modern slavery.

LEIGH on MENDIP

ARTS

2025

11am - 5pm

FREE ENTRY!

CRAFTS
EXHIBITION

ART and CAFE



Memorial Hall
18th - 19th OCTOBER

leigh-on-mendip.org/arts-crafts-exhibition



Stoke Church PCC- notes from meeting held on 23.9.25

In the interest of being open and keeping our community informed of what's going on at church here is an abridged version of the draft minutes from the last PCC meeting. Any questions arising from these notes, please get in touch with the Churchwarden.

New Vicar- we are delighted that our new Vicar, Revd Keith Johnson, will start with us in October. His licensing service is on 16th October. See else where in magazine for details.

Fabric Update- plans are still in place to start the work on the vestry and porch roofs and the SW window, hopefully before the winter weather begins.

Fundraising- over the summer we carried out research around the community to find out what priorities villagers had for our new vicar, and this helped us to write a Job Profile. Some of the feedback was that the villagers wanted us to make the church more accessible and open to a wide range of services and events. We want to put on a range of fundraising events and invite the community to join us (this will also help with the expensive and extensive work that needs doing!). If anyone has any ideas of events we could run in church, or would like to help - please get in touch.

We would also like to set up a “*Friends of Stoke Church*” group, but need a couple of people to run it with us - you don't necessarily need to be regular members of the church, just a desire to support our church and village life. Get in touch if you can help.

Upcoming events include:

*Harvest Celebrations on 5th October

*Community Concert on 18th October

*Christmas Fayre on 29th November

PCC Changes - Bishop Chris Foster has supported the PCC as Chair whilst we have been without a Vicar, and this was his last meeting with us and Justine is moving away from Stoke. Both were thanked for their support and wisdom within the PCC. We were delighted to co-opt Wendy Foulds onto the PCC

Date of Next PCC Meeting: 20th November, tbc, when we will welcome Rev'd Johnson as Chair

St Michael & All Angels

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Sat 29th November

10.00a.m. - Noon

Stoke Memorial Hall

Mince Pies & Coffee

Cakes & Preserves Crafts Raffle

Father Christmas will be there
from 10.30 to 11.30

Stalls available at £12 each

contact Janet Gilham 01749 840671

to book a stall

Proceeds for Church Funds

Stoke
St Michael
Parish
Church

Mendip Live Wires



At our September monthly meeting, we had the pleasure of welcoming the lovely Becky from Fair Frome, an organisation that champions greater financial, educational, and social equality for people living in Frome and the surrounding areas.

It was very interesting to hear how far reaching the organisation is from providing facilities such as a wet room, washing machine and tumble dryer to homeless people, to referral to a food bank, advice sessions, GP on first Monday of the month, energy advisors, Digital Health connection and Housing Officer and Citizens advice at various times of the month.

Fair Frome also work with Purple Elephant who run Holiday Activities for families in need of support and Fair Frome provide a hot meal at the end of the activities.

The Community Garden has its own fruit trees and vegetables which people can help to grow and use plus if you don't have a garden you can just come and enjoy a cuppa and enjoy the surroundings which helps to boost mental health.

So a very worthwhile organisation and a pleasure to hear the wonderful things this organisation does for the community

It was lovely to see so many people chatting, catching up, and enjoying themselves. A true celebration of community spirit – and a very memorable evening for us all!

We are a thriving WI group with members from Leigh on Mendip and other surrounding villages, with wide-ranging ages and interests – meeting on the 2nd Monday of each month in the Memorial Hall. More room, of course, for new members. If you think this could be for you just turn up or contact Caroline on 074974 025608. Our new e-mail address is mendiplivewires@gmail.com

There is more information on Leigh on Mendip Village Website. (<https://leigh-on-mendip.org.uk/>) via either the Groups button or Events page, where you will find a link to our Facebook group.

Fair Frome champions greater financial, education, and social equality for people living in Frome and the surrounding area. They work alongside communities, families, individuals, volunteers, partner agencies and other stake holders to create joined up, sustainable services, support innovation, raise awareness of the issues of poverty and increase participation across Frome.

To learn more see <https://fairfrome.org>

LEIGH RECREATION FIELD

Bonus Club – The winners in July were Caroline Dove and Kim & Geoff Bone with number 25. I'm sure they have their £20 by now.

Thank you to everyone who has already paid for the next year, which starts This month, October. If you haven't paid yet and still want to stay in the club, **pay now**. It's only a tenner for 12 chances to win £20.

Wreath Making Workshop Vanessa has volunteered to run the wreath making again this year, so put Sunday 14 December in you diary. Details later.

Ground Maintenance You may have noticed topsoil spread out in strange patterns on the rec. This was to fill in where mole runs had collapsed over the summer. Thank you to Pete Gilbert who used his trailer to collect and spread out the soil. The grass is growing through it now the rain has come.

We will have to close the play area for a few days soon to let the mole catcher stop it happening there too.

David Pattison 812570

THE LEIGH LUNCH **at Leigh on Mendip Memorial Hall**

Friday 10 October 2025

and the second Friday of every month

Arrive from 11.30am, lunch served 12.30pm

£6 for a 2-course hot lunch, including hot drinks

Bar available

Dietary needs catered for - just let us know when you book

Everyone is welcome - all ages!

Book now:

E-mail v.l.higginsfox@btinternet.com or call 01373 812087

Please book by **Tuesday 7 October** at the latest

If you would like help with transport please let us know when you book

Friends of Leigh Church, Registered Charity No. 1174913

Church Services in the Benefices of Stoke St Michael, Leigh on Mendip and the United Parish of Postlebury

3rd October (Friday)

10.00 Nunney	Holy Communion BCP	SK
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Sunday 5th October - 16th Sunday after Trinity

09.30 Wanstrow	Holy Communion	SK
11.00 Leigh on Mendip	Family Communion/Harvest Festival and Baptism of Yann Thomas-Tran	GW
16.00 Stoke St Michael	Harvest Festival	CF & SD

9th October (Thursday)

18.00 Wanstrow	Compline & Meditation	HP
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10th October (Friday)

10.00 Nunney	Holy Communion BCP	DG
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Sunday 12th October - 17th Sunday after Trinity

09.30 Stoke St Michael	Holy Communion	GW
11.00 Witham	Holy Communion	SK
18.00 Nunney	Soul Food	HP & CP

16th October (Thursday)

19.00 Nunney	Licensing Service for the Revd. Keith Johnson Bishop Michael Beasley
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17th October (Friday)

10.00 Nunney	Holy Communion BCP	SK
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Sunday 19th October - 18th Sunday after Trinity

09.30 Marston	Holy Communion	GW
11.00 Stoke St Michael	Family Communion	KJ

October 2025



20th October (Monday)

18.00 Downhead	Harvest Festival	KJ & GW
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24th October (Friday)

10.00 Nunney	Holy Communion BCP	KJ
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Sunday 26th October - Last Sunday after Trinity

09.30 Nunney	Morning Service/Holy Communion	CF & SD
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11.00 Cloford	Holy Communion	KJ
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31st October (Friday)

10.00 Nunney	Holy Communion BCP	TBC
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Sunday 2nd November - All Saints Day

09.30 Wanstrow	Holy Communion	KJ or GW
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11.00 Leigh on Mendip	Family Communion/	KJ or GW
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18.00 Stoke St Michael	Evensong	JE
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Celebrant key:

CF - Bishop Christopher Foster

CN - Revd. Christopher North

CP - Caroline Pomeroy

DG - Rev'd David Gatcliffe

GW - Rev'd Graham Witts

HP - Henry Pomeroy

JE - Jane Evans

KJ - Rev'd Keith Johnson

SD - Rev'd Sally Davenport

SK - Rev'd Stephen Kivett

INFORMATION PAGE

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Stoke St Michael Parochial Church Council

Contact email : stokestmichaelchurchwardens@gmail.com

See also : <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10959>

<https://www.facebook.com/StokeStMichaelChurch>

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Secretary	Janet Gilham	Hillside, Withybrook
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Safeguarding Officer for Leigh on Mendip, Downhead & Stoke St Michael

Justine North

Stoke St. Michael War Memorial Hall



CINEMA NIGHTS:

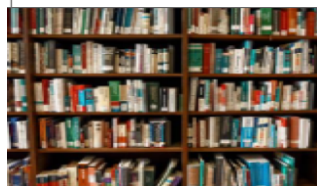
2nd Tues of each month, 7pm

TUE 14th OCT - Bridget Jones - Mad about the boy

TUE 8th NOV - Gladiator

COMMUNITY BOOK SWAP

Did you know, We have over 400 books and 25 puzzles in the summer house at the rear of the hall. These are regularly updated.



to borrow, no charge.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Thurs 4th Dec: WREATH MAKING

Open to all, but booking essential (details to follow). Afternoon and evening sessions.

Sun 7th Dec: SENIOR RESIDENTS' MEAL

Details to follow

If it looks wrong...

John Dickinson is a Trustee at [Sparrows Project](#) which raises awareness of modern-day slavery locally and to provides support to survivors.

Many people think slavery doesn't happen in places like Bath and Wells. Is that right?

That isn't the case at all. Somerset and the south west may look peaceful, but slavery happens here just as it does in cities. The countryside looks soft and safe, so it's hard for people to imagine. But it does take place.

Who are the people being exploited?

It's often the most vulnerable. Many assume it's mainly people from overseas, but the largest group on the government's support scheme are UK nationals. Vulnerabilities such as homelessness, drug abuse, and family breakdowns, are exploited.

How can we spot if slavery might be happening locally?

There are no definitive signs, but there are indicators. Our view is: if it looks wrong, it probably is wrong.

Where is it happening?

We see abuse in nail bars, car washes, and the construction industry. Pop-up brothels are another issue, particularly around the Hinkley area. And increasingly, we're seeing exploitation in the care sector.

Why is the care sector such a concern?

There are over 130,000 vacancies in the care sector, and traffickers know this. People are being brought in, particularly from abroad, to fill the gap. Many of them end up trapped and exploited. It's a hidden crisis.

What can people or communities do?

Churches and communities can play a big role. Many parishioners either live in care homes or work in them, so they're in a position to notice the signs. The key is not to close your eyes, think "if it looks wrong, it probably is wrong."

If you suspect slavery:

- Call the Modern Slavery Helpline (Unseen): 08000 121 700
- Report online: www.modernslaveryhelpline.org
- Or contact the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority (GLAA): 0800 432 0804

East Mendip Gardening Club

October is a beautiful month of autumnal colours and first frosts. Crisp, blue-sky days are the perfect time to tidy up and cut back in the garden.

Lift dahlia tubers, begonia tubers and gladioli corms to store over the winter months. Remove any dead foliage before storing them.

Clear up fallen rose leaves to prevent diseases such as black spot from overwintering.

To avoid the spread of damaging fungi, don't compost the leaves. Cut back perennial plants that have died down. Alternatively leave the dead foliage in place to shelter friendly wildlife.

After tidying borders, mulch with bark chips, well rotted manure, leaf mould or spent mushroom compost to insulate plant roots for the winter and keep weed growth in check.

This month is the ideal time to plant hedges, edible hedging, and move trees and shrubs.

If you plan to grow peas and beans next year, start preparing the site by digging trenches and filling with manure or kitchen waste.

Harvest pumpkins and squashes before the first frosts. They quickly turn mushy if left outside!

When you harvest your cabbages, leave the root in the ground and make a cut across the stem to encourage a flush of smaller leaves.

Hang any tomato plants and pepper plants with green fruits upside down indoors to ripen.

Divide congested clumps of rhubarb by digging up and splitting into several pieces with a spade. Re-plant the healthiest looking pieces.

Wrap grease bands around the trunks of apple trees to trap winter moth females whose caterpillars shred spring flowers.

Remove the netting from fruit cages to allow birds to catch and eat any pests that are lurking there.

Aerate your lawn with a garden fork to avoid water-logging and compaction over winter.

Sow wildflower seeds directly in the ground now to attract bees and butterflies next year.

If your summer containers are looking past their best, re-plant them with fresh winter bedding plants.

This is the ideal time to plant clematis.

Cont. overleaf

Winter-hardy pea 'Meteor' can be directly sown now for cropping next spring.

Sow broad bean 'Aquadulce Claudia' outdoors for the earliest crops next year.

Sow winter salad, and grow in greenhouses, cold frames or cloches throughout the winter. Lettuce 'Winter Gem' can be sown from September to January in an unheated greenhouse or cold frame.

Plant blueberry plants. Make sure you have an acid soil or alternatively grow them in pots of ericaceous compost.

Plant bare root ornamental trees and shrubs this month, avoiding waterlogged soil.

This month is an ideal time to plant bare root evergreen and semi-evergreen hedging plants. Choose evergreen hedging for year round screening and native hedging to provide a habitat and food source for wildlife too!

Sweep up any fallen leaves that harbour fungal spores and provide ideal hiding places for slugs and snails. Use them to make leaf mould for the garden.

If your greenhouse is fairly empty, now's a good time to clean and disinfect it. This lets in more light, and prevents pests and diseases from over-wintering.

Order spring flowering bulbs now — and maybe treat yourself to a bulb planter to make the job of planting easier!



Taken from <https://www.thompson-morgan.com/in-the-garden-this-month>

On Tuesday 28th October the East Mendip Gardening Club will meet in the Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall at 7.30p.m for a talk by Stephen Lee about 'The Autumn Garden'. If you would like to join us please contact our Chair Mark Manley, markamanley81@googlemail.com or see <https://www.ashwickparish.org/clubs-and-societies/east-mendip-gardening-club>

Leigh on Mendip Allotment Association

The Leigh on Mendip allotments are in the field to the west side of the Recreation Playing Field. If you live in the parish of Leigh on Mendip and want to register, or simply discuss having an allotment, please contact :- Tim Spurgeon, 18, Park Hayes, tel 07813 505830 or e mail timsurgeon@btinternet.com



Stoke St Michael Village Hall

Available for hire:

Fully equipped kitchen, modern facilities
and bar, accessible changing, large screen.

Booking enquires through
stokestmichaelhall.org

Community Activities include

Tuesday afternoons 2pm–4pm

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More details on

www.stokestmichaelhall.org



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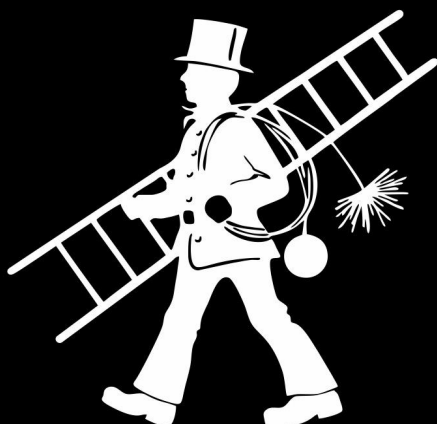
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