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THE LEIGH LUNCH

at Leigh on Mendip Memorial Hall

Friday 14 November 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

From the Reverend Keith Johnson

Nunney Rectory

I am so excited to have been appointed as Priest in Charge of the Benefices of Postlebury & Stoke St Michael with Leigh on Mendip.

My wife Rachel and I have been overwhelmed by the generosity, warmth and kindness we have received since moving to Nunney. The licensing service was quite overwhelming, and to have All Saints Church, Nunney full of representatives from all the churches I will be leading, members from the local community, friends and family was an evening I shall never forget.

I have already had several opportunities to share in the joys of rural ministry, from attending a Harvest Festival & Auction on Green Farm in Downhead, to the Conker Championships at the Seymour Arms in Witham Friary, a Community Concert at Stoke St Michael, to a Confirmation service in Wells Cathedral, where three candidates from Wanstrow were confirmed.

I hope to be able to get around all the churches very soon, but in the meantime, please do invite me to local community events, as I love meeting new people.

We are now entering the season of Remembrance. On All Souls Day on Sunday 2nd November, we give thanks to God for those who we have loved and lost, and on Remembrance Sunday, 9th November, we recall those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, in giving their lives for King and country.

My prayer is that all those who mourn would know the comfort and the peace that is found in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Keith

From the Registers

Baptisms

Yann Thomas-Trann

Leigh on Mendip

5th October

Weddings

Zack Rockett & Sara Jeffrey Marston

4th October

Letter from the Bishop of Bath & Wells

Let's walk into the light

A story that's often told in our churches comes from the fourth chapter of John's Gospel. It tells of Jesus, in the blinding heat of midday meeting a Samaritan woman at the well in a town called Sychar. The woman is hoisting up heavy buckets of water in the hot sun. She's there because she's a woman with 'a reputation' and it's the only time of day she can avoid the muttering of her neighbours who meet at the well at cooler hours.

In an extraordinary encounter, Jesus sees deep into the woman's heart. Through their conversation Jesus brings about her healing and restoration into the community from which she is estranged. It's a story of life, possibility, new beginnings and forgiveness.

The woman at the well is not the only Biblical story set in Sychar. There's another, contained in the 34th chapter of the Book of Genesis. This is a tale of terror that's never heard in our churches; the rape of a girl called Dinah. It's a dark, nasty tale of violence that wrecks the life of individuals, families and the entire community. So we don't speak about it. We keep it hidden.

Sometimes people say to me of safeguarding 'It's just a tick box exercise', an onerous compliance requirement. Rather I would say that our work in safeguarding asks fundamental questions about the kind of places we want our churches to be. Just like the Bible passages I've mentioned, we can be places of hiddenness, silence, and hurt. Or places of life, new beginnings and restoration.

Accounts like the Makin review have shone light on our story. We've also been working hard to bring about change. While we cannot be complacent, I am intensely proud of all that was revealed about safeguarding in Bath and Wells by our independent audit that happened earlier this year. This told us that we are moving towards a much better story. So let's build on the momentum we have created. Let's walk into the light.

Michael Beasley

Stoke St Michael Harvest Supper & Auction

Thank you to everyone who made the Stoke Harvest Supper and Auction such a success. To Janet, Barb and Cicely for a great three course meal and all that entails. Thank you to Erik Price for the donation of logs and kindling and the Natterjack for the voucher for the auction. To Graham for encouraging bidders to dig deeper. Thank you to the Hall committee for the kind donation of the Bar profits. Special thanks to the school and all who donated the produce that was auctioned and used to decorate the church for the harvest service before the supper. All the tinned and dry goods donated were taken to the food bank in Shepton Mallet. A very enjoyable evening resulting in £639 being raised for church funds in particular for the restoration of the southwest window.

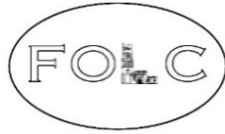
Leigh on Mendip Harvest Supper & Auction

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Harvest celebrations this year by attending the service or the supper, providing flowers for the church, food for the supper, helping with serving, washing up and clearing away or providing those very generous donations of produce for the auction. Special thanks to Caroline Dove for organising the food for the supper, Caroline Palmer for the amazing crumbles, Vicky Higgins for all her help in the kitchen, Denis Pattison and Dave Mattick for their brilliant organisation of the bar and Martin Hemmett, who joined us for the first time as our auctioneer this year and kept us entertained while persuading us to part with our cash!

As well as having a delicious supper and lots of fun we have raised an amazing £842 for church funds and we hope you all enjoyed the evening.

Downhead Harvest Auction

A very big thank you to everyone who supported the Downhead Harvest Auction at Green Farm, which raised an incredible £975 for church funds from the amazing selection of produce on offer. Special thanks to the auctioneer, Tim Hector of Cooper and Tanner, for his expertise in 'encouraging' us all to part with our cash, the Britten family for hosting the event and preparing and serving the refreshments after the auction and to all of the amazing cooks for the wonderful range of preserves, cakes and puddings donated to tempt us!



FRIENDS OF LEIGH CHURCH
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NOVEMBER UPDATE

The Bingo in October was well attended and enjoyed by all; it was a relaxed fun evening.

The highlight of November will be the '**Last Wednesday**' performance at St Giles church from 6.30pm on the 8th. This London based choir will be singing works for the winter. £10 tickets are still available, see the relevant page in this magazine.

Looking ahead, our traditional Christmas Fair is Friday 21st November, again see the separate page in this magazine.

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Monday 24th November from 6.15pm, do come and support us, and help us shape the future.

Later, on 27th - the fourth Thursday - we will be holding a coffee morning from 10.30-12am in the Tower Room Café. All are welcome to join us for a cuppa and chat.

Our popular Christmas Tree Festival returns over 13th and 14th December. Full details will be announced in November and summarised in next month's magazine but individuals, families and groups will be 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. The grant application for the next phase of work is being drafted and we hope to have it substantially complete and ready for review by Christmas.

The Tower Room café remains open every day and is 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

Sunday Stokers

The Sunday Stokers had loads of fun at their October session: a Pyjama Party! Why pyjamas? Because they were listening to the next part of Joseph's story which is all about dreams.



Thrown into prison, Joseph keeps praying to God for help and is able to interpret his fellow prisoners' dreams. This brings him to the attention of the Pharaoh himself. When Joseph interprets his dream about seven thin cows eating seven fat cows - a prediction of seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine - the Pharaoh puts him in charge of gathering food, making him his second-in-command: quite the meteoric rise from being sold into slavery!

The children took part in a chopstick challenge to gather as much wheat (sweets) as they could. Then they made some rather clever cows to represent the ones in



Pharaoh's dream. After a sing-song, they enjoyed a treat of hot chocolate, marshmallows and cream before heading to church in their pyjamas, onesies and dressing gowns to meet our new vicar. We think they made quite an impression!



Next month: the final part of Joseph's story. Children are welcome to join us on Sunday 16th November to find out what happens!

Thank you Stoke!

You made a fabulous evening at the Community Concert on Saturday 18th October, great entertainment and a lovely atmosphere. What talent we have in the village. Those who shared that talent with us were Elodi, Hywel, Helen, Jonnie, Lily, Serena, Sarah, Al, Annie, Jude, Kate, Margaret, Mike, Chris, Justine, Charlotte, Lizzy, Keith, Simon. Thank you all and to the donor of the wine consumed during the evening.

Your donations raised £330 towards the restoration of the final south



window, (that's the one next to the tower and did you know, originally donated by the village?)

If you'd still like to contribute, the QR code is very easy to use, or contact our treasurer, Penny (ssmchurchtreasurer@gmail.com)

Our beautiful church is open for everyone, every day. Your support and ideas for future events are needed and welcome!

Friends of Leigh Church

St. GILES' CHURCH
LEIGH ON MENDIP

CHORAL WINTER
CONCERT

SAT. 8TH NOVEMBER



Works by Byrd, Tallis and Tavener for the
winter and Christmas season performed by the
London-based choir *Last Wednesday*

Tickets £10 at tinyurl.com/folc2025 or from
Dave Mattick 01373 812734
folcleigh@gmail.com

Don't miss the chance of hearing *Last Wednesday*

Bar and snacks

Book Soon

Doors Open from 6.30pm

Leigh on Mendip Remembrance Service will be on Sunday 9 November 2025

We will meet at the car park outside the Memorial Hall from 10.30 am for a short service including playing of the Last Post, two minutes silence and subsequent laying of wreaths outside the church.

Do Join Us

In the 80th anniversary year of the end of WW2, all are invited to join us to remember our forebears, family and friends who lost their lives fighting for our freedoms in all the wars and conflicts of the last 120 plus years and also remember those who have recently died due to other global activities.



Everybody is invited to wear their medals and Veterans to wear military memorabilia Anyone wishing to lay a wreath or be otherwise involved please contact:

Chris Ingrem or Dave Mattick.

Should it rain, the service will be in St Giles Church

Remembrance Day



Lest We Forget



REMEMBRANCE Stoke St Michael Sunday November 9th CHURCH

9.30am

***Communion Service
with act of remembrance.***

See the St Michael window and doves for peace mobile.

MEMORIAL HALL

10.45 am

Act of Remembrance

Tea and coffee available afterwards and a chance to examine histories of the fallen.

All welcome

...lest we forget...



CHRISTMAS FAIR

Friday 21 November

6pm to 8pm

in Leigh on Mendip Memorial Hall

Stalls

Pre-Loved/Nearly New

FOLC Xmas cards & gifts

Raffle and Tombola

Mulled Wine

Refreshments and More



Donations of items for the pre-loved/nearly new and bottles for the tombola to Margaret Loten at 6 The Old Sawmills 812992 or Lally Lee at SelvansWall 07500 480430 (collection can be arranged)

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ARTS & CRAFTS EXHIBITION 2025

The annual Leigh on Mendip Arts & Crafts Exhibition, together with the Art Cafe, was held on 18th and 19th October. It was a time for us to get together whilst viewing the exhibits, perhaps meeting new neighbours, and enjoying the Art Cafe. We hope you liked the photos of famous works of art and listening to some relaxing music.

Thank you so much to all those villagers who willingly volunteered their time to making delicious cakes and savouries, helping in the kitchen, and stewarding to make the Exhibition another great success, not forgetting the many and varied exhibits and everyone who visited.

There are photos of the event on the Leigh on Mendip Website (Gallery).

The Arts & Crafts Exhibition Team look forward to seeing you next year - Get Creating now!

Sidesmen & Flowers



Leigh on Mendip

	Sideman	Flowers
2 November	Mary Witts & Kate Drinkwater	
9 November	-	Jan Pattison
16 November	No service at St Giles	
23 November	No service at St Giles	Shelagh Haywood
30 November	No service at St Giles	ADVENT-No flowers
7 December	tba	ADVENT-No flowers

Church/Brass Cleaning

October - Mary Witts and Lally Lee
November - Caroline Palmer and Vicky Higgins

Stoke St Michael

	Sideman	Flowers
2 November	Jane Evans	
9 November	Janet Gilham	Janet Gilham
16 November	tba	
23 November	No service	Jane Evans
30 November	No service	
7 December	Jane Evans	ADVENT-No flowers
		ADVENT-No flowers

Church Cleaning

November - Cicely Middle
December - Jane Evans

Hello and Goodbye

Sunday 19th October was a very busy morning. We welcomed Keith and Rachel to Stoke for his first service with us a celebration of Holy Communion.

The Stokers in their pyjamas joined us for the blessing (see their report page 7 for the reason) and in time to join in with the presentation to Chris and Justine North who are leaving the village for pastures new in Devon. Included was picture of the church a token of our thanks to them for their support and input in the life of the church and the village, they will be greatly missed.

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

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



CALLING ALL CHRISTMAS CREATIVES!

Leigh on Mendip CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2025 in St Giles Church Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 December

Friends of Leigh Church are delighted to again invite individuals, families and organisations to decorate a Christmas tree for this year's Christmas Tree Festival. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative and imaginative entries, using natural or artificial trees

Enjoy some festive fun and help us make this much-loved event bigger and better than ever!

To find out more and request an entry form
e-mail folcleigh@gmail.com
or contact Caroline on 07974 025608
Closing date for entry forms: **Friday 28 November**

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News from the Diocese



Fiona Gibson to become the next Bishop of Taunton

Downing Street announced on 22 October that Fiona Gibson will be the next Bishop of Taunton. She is currently the Archdeacon of Ludlow in the Diocese of Hereford, a role which she has held since 2021. Fiona was ordained deacon in 2011 and priest in 2012. She served her curacy and first incumbency in the Diocese of St Albans, before her appointment as Archdeacon of Ludlow.

To read more see <https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/news/fiona-gibson-to-become-the-next-bishop-of-taunton.php>

Mendip Live Wires



At our October monthly meeting we welcomed some new visitors for the evening, it is always lovely to see new faces.

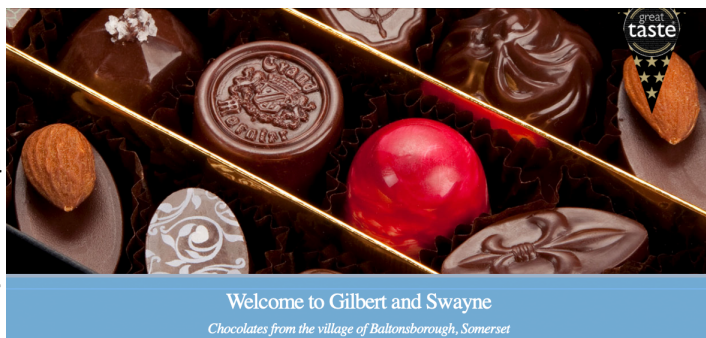
Our speaker was Emma Cambourne, a mindfulness teacher, who came to talk to us about how she had come to mindfulness about 12 years ago and the positive effect it has had on her physical and mental wellbeing. Emma had a stressful job which resulted in her feeling in a low mood with periods of anxiousness. She discovered a mindfulness course and enrolled on it and found it so helpful and therapeutic that she went onto train as a mindfulness teacher. Emma says we usually do not put our physical and mental health first before our roles of carer, wife, partner, mother and so we find ourselves 'at the bottom of the log pile'. Emma explained that mindfulness means being more aware of our feelings and needs.

Emma went on to give us a taster session with two simple meditation techniques. She explained mindfulness can help with memory, sleep patterns and relationships with other people. It also supports those with a range of psychological conditions including anxiety, depression, stress as well as physical conditions such as chronic pain. Emma works with children and young people as well as adults, either individually or in groups, virtually or face to face. To learn more about mindfulness see <https://mindfulmewithemma.com>

Our speaker for our 10th November meeting is Jane, from Gilbert and Swayne artisan chocolate makers and together with her life story we shall be tasting her fabulous handmade chocolates and we will be able to purchase her artisan chocolates as well.

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.



Welcome to Gilbert and Swayne

Chocolates from the village of Baltonsborough, Somerset

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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Safeguarding Officer for Leigh on Mendip, Downhead & Stoke St Michael

Post vacant please contact Parish Administrator

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

Sunday 2nd November - All Souls Day/4th Sunday before Advent

09.30	Wanstrow	Holy Communion	<i>GW</i>
11.00	Leigh on Mendip	Family Communion	
15.00	Nunney	Remembrance of Souls Service	
16.00	Stoke St Michael	Evensong	<i>JE</i>

7th November (Friday)

10.00	Nunney	Holy Communion BCP	<i>SK</i>
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Sunday 9th November - Remembrance Sunday/3rd Sunday before Advent

09.30	Stoke St Michael	Holy Communion	<i>GW</i>
10.45	Nunney	Remembrance Service	
10.45	Leigh on Mendip	Remembrance Service	<i>GW</i>
18.30	Wanstrow	RBL Remembrance Service	

11th November (Tuesday) - Armistice Day

11.00	Witham	Act of Remembrance	<i>GP</i>
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14th November (Friday)

10.00	Nunney	Holy Communion BCP	<i>SK</i>
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Sunday 16th November - 2nd Sunday before Advent

11.00	Stoke St Michael	Family Communion	<i>CF & SD</i>
11.00	Nunney	Soul Food	<i>CP & HP</i>
18.00	Downhead	Evensong	

21st November (Friday)

10.00	Nunney	Holy Communion BCP	<i>SK</i>
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November 2025



Sunday 23rd November - Christ the King/Sunday next before Advent

09.30	Nunney	Holy Communion	
11.00	Cloford	Matins	JC

28th November (Friday)

10.00	Nunney	Holy Communion BCP	SK
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Sunday 30th November - Advent Sunday

COMBINED BENEFICE SERVICE

10.00	Marston	Holy Communion	
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5th December (Friday)

10.00	Nunney	Holy Communion BCP	SK
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Sunday 7th December - 2nd Sunday of Advent

09.30	Wanstrow	Holy Communion	
11.00	Leigh on Mendip	Holy Communion	GW & KJ
18.00	Stoke St Michael	Evensong	JE

All services taken by Reverend Keith Johnson unless stated otherwise

Celebrant key:

CF - Bishop Christopher Foster
CP - Caroline Pomeroy
GP - George Pritchard
GW - Rev'd Graham Witts
HP - Henry Pomeroy
JE - Jane Evans
SD - Rev'd Sally Davenport
SK - Rev'd Stephen Kivett



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Christmas Wreath Making
Stoke St Michael Village Hall



Free
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THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER
2 sessions:

1PM - 3PM OR 7PM - 9PM

Limited places Book your place!

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Stoke St. Michael War Memorial Hall



CINEMA NIGHTS:

2nd Tues of each month, 7pm

£5. Bar available.

TUE 11th NOV – Gladiator 2



SENIOR RESIDENTS' MEAL

Sun 7th Dec

Menu options and booking forms on
Hall door, P&I stores and Church from
the start of November

SAT 13th DEC 2pm

-- Family Christmas film --

The Polar Express



Come in your pyjamas (optional)

£5 per child including snack

LEIGH RECREATION FIELD

Bonus Club – The winners in October were the Short Mat Bowls Club and Sam & Aaron Taylor-Johnson with number 42. They should have their £20 by now.

This was the first draw for the new year. Thank you to everyone who joined or rejoined this year. We sold every ticket, so we will raise enough to pay the insurance for the rec and have some left over to spend on the rec.

Wreath Making Workshop It's on Sunday 14 December. Put it in your diary now.

Village Day and Car Show. We are planning on another one next year, on 5 July. You probably don't have next year's diary yet! Thank you to the Halecombe Community Fund for their grant which has funded a new PA system, so you should be able to hear the announcements better next year!

David Pattison 812570

East Mendip Gardening Club

It's getting colder and wetter as we draw into November. Trees are putting on their autumn displays and winter stems start to come into their own. As autumn turns to winter, your main jobs in the garden are mostly about protecting plants and structures from the wilder weather to come but there is still sowing and growing to be done.

Insulate your outdoor containers from frosts. Use hessian or bubble wrap held in place with garden twine.

Prevent containers becoming waterlogged by raising them off the ground for the winter using bricks or 'pot feet'.

Encourage hungry birds into your garden by investing in bird baths and bird feeders. Our feathered friends will keep garden pest numbers down and bring joy on a bleak winter's day.

Protect roses from wind-rock by pruning them by one-third to half their height. This will stop them swaying in strong wind and prevent roots coming loose in the soil.

Remove fallen leaves from around the base of any rose bushes which suffered from blackspot or rust this summer, to reduce the chance of reinfection next year.

Continue to lift dahlia tubers, gladiolus corms and begonias tubers to store dry over the winter months. Remove the dead foliage before storing.

Cut back the yellowing foliage of herbaceous perennial plants, and lift and divide overcrowded clumps to maintain their vigour.

Cut a few stems of holly with berries for making Christmas garlands. It's early, but now's the time to do it before the birds eat all the berries.

Stand them in a bucket of water in a sheltered spot where birds can't take them. Lift parsnips after the first frosts, when their flavour will have sweetened.

Prepare a perennial vegetable bed to plant up with rhubarb plants and asparagus crowns

Keep planting onion, shallot, and garlic sets. Dig over heavy soils adding organic matter before planting.

Place a scaffold plank on the ground along the main access route into your plot. This allows access but prevent the soil compacting as you walk across it.

Spread well rotted farm manure across the surface of your vegetable beds to rot down over winter.

Plant bare root currant and raspberry plants now, while they're in their dormant state.

Apply grease bands to the trunks of fruit trees to prevent wingless female winter moths climbing the trunks and laying their eggs in the branches.

Install solar lights in the greenhouse so you can still get out there on dark winter evenings to check your plants.

Plant up a terracotta pot of hyacinth bulbs for a highly scented and colourful display next spring.

Sow pea 'Meteor' and hardy broad bean 'Aquadulce Claudia' outdoors in rows for extra early harvests in spring.

Plant autumn planting onion, shallot and garlic sets.

Plant asparagus crowns now. Growing these expensive spears yourself will save you money and produce a crop with superior flavour.

Plant out spring cabbage plants at the beginning of the month.

Sow winter salads in a greenhouse or outdoors under cloches. Choose types that don't require extra heat like lettuce 'Winter Gem', winter land cress, purslane, and corn salad.

Plant blueberry plants this month. Blueberries prefer a slightly acidic soil, but do very well in patio containers with ericaceous compost if your garden soil is not acidic.

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

On Tuesday 25th November the East Mendip Gardening Club will meet in the Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall at 7.30p.m when Bridget Johnson will give a Christmas Floral demonstration with the opportunity to be hands on creating your own arrangement. 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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a Coffee & a chat.

More details on

www.stokestmichaelhall.org



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New members are always welcome at
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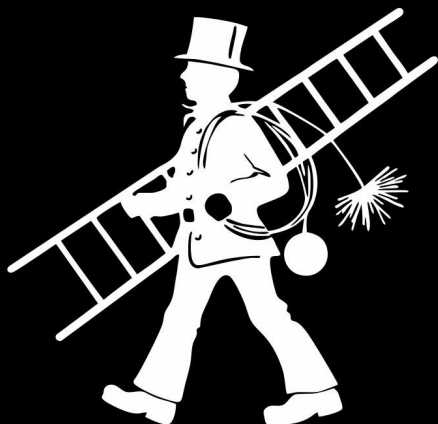
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Email parish.clerk@leigh-on-mendip.org.uk

Meetings are held on the **3rd** Monday of every month in the Memorial Hall unless otherwise advised – see Parish Noticeboards for details of Agenda, Minutes etc. or visit

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