

Rector's Letter



Dear Friends,

There are many delights and privileges which come with being the parish priest and certainly, one of these is being able to be alongside members of the community during one of the 'occasional offices'. You are probably wondering what 'occasional offices' are. Well perhaps it would be more helpful to refer to these events as occasional 'services'. By definition the word 'occasional' means 'once in a while' or 'not so frequent'. Weddings, funerals and baptisms are those which fall in to this category.

In the Quantock Benefice which is made up of Aisholt, Enmore, Goathurst, Over Stowey, Nether Stowey and Spaxton these services do indeed take place on occasions throughout the year. At Goathurst for example, there are very many weddings, as couples come to be married prior to celebrating at Halswell House or Hunstile Farm.

When our loved ones die, of course we take the opportunity to commend them to God and remember what they meant to us and the funeral service helps us at these difficult times. And of course the service of baptism gives us all the opportunity to welcome children and indeed adults into the family of the Christian faith. These are times of celebration and joy. Later on, those who have been baptised have the opportunity to confirm their faith at a service of 'confirmation'.

I have taken the opportunity to talk about the occasional offices this month in order to extend an invitation to anyone who might be considering marriage in the church, baptism, or indeed confirmation. If you would like an informal chat about what is involved, do give me a ring (01278 734777). You don't have to commit to anything but I am only too aware myself that finding out how to go about these things might seem daunting, even though the desire is there. Please don't ever feel put off, I am only too pleased to help.

In the meantime my good wishes and prayers go out to all those who have been or are going to be married, baptised or confirmed this year, as indeed they do to you all.

Warmest regards.
Craig

ENMORE AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Tuesday 30 June

"Riverbanks - living on the Edge" Mr Francis Farr-Cox
To enrich your walks.

Tuesday 28 July

"Peonies and Irises" - Mrs Sue Applegate
A specialist's view.



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We meet in Enmore Village Hall on the last Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm.

Visitors are always welcome - £2.50, including refreshments. Raffle and Bring and Buy plant and produce stall.

Any further information from Stuart Hill 01278 671326