

Enmore and Goathurst Magazine



August 2025

Editorial

Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed to this month's magazine – there wouldn't be one without contributions! It's a great source of information about what's going on, news and views and hopefully providing opportunities for us to engage and connect with each other and our communities.

Further evolution to the way the magazine is produced means a change to where you send future contributions. Please note they need to be sent to the email address below in future. Thank you.

We hope you enjoy this edition. For an even better 'experience' why not look at the on-line version on the parish websites to view in glorious technicolour! Go to:

<https://www.enmoreparishcouncil.org.uk> or <https://goathurstparish.or.uk> and click on the 'magazine' tab.

Richard and Sharon Piron (Well, Sharon, actually!!)

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Deadline: Thursday 21st August @ 12 noon



Please note new email address for contributions



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Opinions in the magazine may not be those of the Editor or of the Editorial Board.

West Somerset Morris

We're so lucky to have the West Somerset Morris Dancers coming to Goathurst. We are such a tiny village and yet they include us every year. This year was their 60th anniversary.



Such a quintessentially English tradition! It reminded me of seeing the Morris Dancers in Bedford on the Victorian Embankment. I used to be so frightened of the man who came round bashing us over the head with an inflated

pig's bladder. I think it was supposed to be funny! I can also remember worrying that fingers and hands would be badly hurt by the seemingly quite violent bashing of sticks together – but fortunately never saw it happen! In contrast, the waving of white hankies always made me laugh!

The earliest known and surviving English written mention of Morris dance is dated to 1448. Morris dancing does not, as is often assumed, have pagan or ancient origins. The name may have originated from 'Moorish', suggesting 'fantastic dancing or costumes'.

A Thank You

Andrew, Debbie, Sam, Martin, Eleanor and Philip Coles would like to thank the villagers of Goathurst and Enmore for the many, many lovely cards with comforting words on our Dad's recent death. The kindness shown in the written tributes are heartwarming, and we really appreciate each and every one.



Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

Bridgwater Store in Queenswood Rd deliver newspapers to Enmore and Goathurst.



They deliver early mornings and currently charge only £1.50 delivery per week.

Contact them at 01278 258056
newspapers@bridgwaterstore.uk

Editor's note: I've included this, not as an advert or requested by the store, but rather to let people know!

Conundrums

1. The answer is a word of 7 letters – it comes before God, is greater than God, is more evil than the devil, poor people have it, rich people want it, you'll die if you eat it. What is it?



2. Lay me down on my side and I am everything. Cut me in half and I am nothing.

(Answers on page 22. Don't cheat!!)

A Weekend in Goathurst: Charm, Community, and a Glass or Three

I recently had the joy of visiting my friends Sharon and Richard Piron at The Lodge in Goathurst. Despite Sharon's regular praise for the village, I arrived without any firm expectations—though now see she'd been underselling it all along!



From the moment I arrived, I was struck by the village's beauty and an unmistakable sense of community spirit. My visit happened to coincide with a Morris dancing performance in the heart of the village (see page 2) —lively footwork, music, and some brilliant interaction with the crowd made it a true highlight.



Even better, I met some truly lovely locals. Ruth, Andy, and P joined us for an impromptu gathering over a glass (or three!) of wine at Sharon and Richard's beautiful home. Wandering the village lanes, I also had the pleasure of chatting with Rodney - a true Goathurst legend - and on my final day, I was treated to a tour of the historic village church by the incredibly knowledgeable Colin Chalmers. Thank you, Colin—it was a fascinating peek into Goathurst's rich past.

It's easy to see now why Sharon and Richard have fallen in love with this special place. Goathurst is a village of open doors and open hearts. My only suggestion? Perhaps a wider road or two for us nervous drivers!! But really, it's a small price to pay for such a big-hearted spot.

Mark I

Magazine Editor opportunity

We hope you enjoy reading the magazine and finding out what's going on in our villages, as well as reading some really interesting articles.



Have you ever fancied using your creative writing talents to contribute to creating the village magazine? We're looking for a new volunteer to become the Editor for November (editing date 23/10/25).

It's not too onerous! You need to be able to put the magazine together using Word and then saving it as a pdf file. If this is gobbledegook, then don't worry – enthusiasm, willingness and commitment are more important! We have people who are more than willing to help out with the technical stuff!

If you're interested and would like to know more, please contact Sally Tottle 01278 671654 or Jan Johnston 01278 671560

Goathurst Parish Council Casual Vacancy

Due to a resignation, a vacancy has arisen on the Goathurst Parish Council for a parish councillor.

Please speak to Richard Kilbey (Chair) or Niki Ingleby (Clerk) if you have any questions and/or are interested in joining the Council.

Full training is provided. The council meets bi-monthly for parish meetings.

Niki Ingleby, Clerk
goathurstparish@gmail.com

Diary of Adrienne Vole (Mrs) aged 64 3/4

Wednesday: off to Plymouth for our annual swim. Three nights, fourteen suitcases.

It takes a long time to leave the house as I have a list of actions to tick off and keep losing my place. I finally tick off 'Get in the car' as my husband swerves out of the driveway. He seems a little irritated.

Thursday: we decide to head for the very large and beautiful lido together. At the bottom of the road, my husband decides he will go back and watch the cricket instead. But later on, he does come to the pool after all! And I am pleased to see he's still in his swimming costume. The code for our front door doesn't work. I have written it down incorrectly. He seems a little irritated.

Friday: a lovely day of swimming in the outdoor pool. It is full of saltwater and cold. My husband dives elegantly into the deep end. I lower myself gently off the side, confident my arms will support me in a seamless entry. It takes a long time to reach the surface and unblock my ears. My husband is not irritated at all, in fact he can't speak he is laughing so much, which just shows the wellbeing benefits of getting out and swimming together.

Saturday: a reluctant departure but now with only twelve bags and most of those haven't been opened! At least the building has a lift. In the car, my husband muses that my swimming is extremely slow and with what he calls 'an indeterminate stroke'. We embark on a rather taxing exchange about who gets where fastest in the water. I win. But I do feel a little irritated....

My last diary entry is a plug for the Tinside Lido in Plymouth. An Art Deco pool full of charm and situated right on the sound. Very much worth a visit (wobbly arms or otherwise).

Spaxton Community Stores

Opening times

Shop

Mon -Weds 8 – 5pm
Thurs, Friday 8 - 7pm
Saturday 8.30 -12.30pm

Post Office

Mon -Fri 9 -12, 1-5pm
Saturday 9-12

New Fresh Meat Supplier.

Fauns of Nether Stowey will now be supplying us with fresh meat and fish every Friday.

Sunday roast? BBQ? Special Occasion?

Place your order in the shop by Thursday 10 am for delivery to Spaxton Community Stores on Friday

Fresh Fish

Vacuum packed. Now available on Fridays

Flower Show

On Sat 26 July the shop will be open for the duration of the flower Show. A wide selection of ice cream and lolly ices will be available.

Late night opening

We are open on Thursdays and Fridays until 7pm

Your shop needs more volunteers!

40 slots to fill each week, 2 people per slot, longer slots can be shared:

7.45am -9, 9-1pm 1-5.15, (5-7.15 Thurs and Friday)

Sat 7.45 -9, 9-10.15, 10-15-12.45.

Could you spare a couple of hours a week/ fortnight?

Full training, generous holiday allowance and most importantly, you will be contributing to your community and ensuring the future of the shop!

If you even think you could be interested, speak to Karen Dennett, our shop manager.

ENMORE MEMORIAL HALL – NEWS AND EVENTS

As the summer rolls on, things at the memorial hall are quite quiet. This hot and sunny weather has had a huge impact on our electricity bills, now that the solar PV system is working to its potential. On a couple of occasions, our monthly electricity bill has been under £10!

We finally have a date to have a new bi-directional meter installed which should allow us to export excess energy for a small payment. We are also having the heaters on the back wall replaced with new infrared ones. These should be more energy efficient and we hope adequate, most of the time, to heat the whole hall.

We have submitted a couple of grant applications seeking funds to replace the roof over the back extension and we are keeping our fingers crossed that one will bear fruit. If not, a temporary fix will need to be implemented before winter sets in.

No Pop-up café in August but please come back to support us in September! We are looking forward to seeing you all.

If you have any queries or requests, or ideas for events and fundraisers, please do get in touch at enmorevillagehall@gmail.com or by phone on 07424 197200.

Future dates for your diary:

- **Doug's Fish and Chips Quiz – Friday 6th September, 7pm. Book tables on 01278 671188**
- **Pop-Up Café - Saturday 13th September, 10-12noon**
- **'Italian' night of food and entertainment – Friday 31st October, details to follow.**

Men's Breakfast August



Tynte Arms

August 16th 9.00-10.30

**Come and enjoy a proper breakfast
and network!**

Let Colin know you are coming:

Email colinchalmers399@gmail.com

or text: 07436 285347 by August 14th

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NEXT LADIES LUNCH

On

MONDAY, 4^h AUGUST 2025, 12.30pm

**At the Cottage Inn, Keenthorne
Nr. Nether Stowey**

£15.00 for two courses

Please phone or email Jan Hodson
on 07985194265 or hodsons73@btinternet.com
to book and for menu choices asap

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It's only a matter of time.

Firstly, apologies to any horologists who might be reading this article. The heresies and misunderstandings that follow will no doubt annoy you. However, when I retired, I decided to pick up a boy-hood interest and side-line of my fathers and, as they say, get into watches. With some training from the British Horological Institute and umpteen YouTube videos, I can now pretty much find my way around a mechanical watch, and on a good day, strip, clean and reassemble it to get it going again. My desk drawers are full of future restoration projects, over sixty at the last count! But amateur 'tinkerer' would best describe my abilities.

Occasionally I'm asked to have a look at a clock. Not only are they much bigger than the average watch, so that you can at least see what you're doing, they also seem to be far more forgiving of poor service workmanship, mine being a prime example. Again, I've had some successes and got a few 'dead' pieces going again.

So, it was great to be invited to help with the removal of the clock in our church, St Edwards, when it went off for restoration and to hear it chime again now that it's back in its rightful place. Since it was reinstated, I have been trying to keep it running somewhat close to time. This has certainly kept me fit, and no doubt if I wore one of those modern devices (sorry, I just can't call them a watch) that tells you how many steps and 'floors' you've done in a day, it would be kept busy by my to-ing and fro-ing up the church tower.



You see, pendulum clocks like ours are very sensitive to changes in the weather. As the weather warms up, the pendulum expands so the clock runs more slowly. As the weather cools down, the pendulum shrinks so the clock runs faster. Or at least, that's the theory. Our clock is somewhat contrary and does the converse! This may be because other parts of the clock also expand and contract, while the oils and greases that lubricate the moving parts get thinner in warm weather and thicker in cool weather. Maybe somebody out there can let me know?

The upshot is that while I can get a mechanical watch to keep within a few seconds per day, the St Edward's clock is another matter. That it is still running after nearly three hundred years is something. But please forgive it, and me, if it's a few minutes out from time to time.

Andy Hicklin

Make Time

*Make time to smell the flowers,
that grow along the road.
Make time to lend a helping hand,
to lighten someone's load.
Make time from dreary daily tasks,
and take some time to play.
Make time to visit with a friend,
who might need your help today.
Make time to share your inner thoughts,
with someone close to you,
and you might find a better side,
of the you, you never knew.*



Continuing the subject of time.....



Time Flies Like
An Arrow



Fruit Flies Like
A Banana

Sunday August 17th

Afternoon Tea
In
St Edward's
Churchyard
3-5.00pm



Then choose those favourite hymns –
perhaps those you think are never used
for a...



**Songs of
Praise
Request
Session**

“Today was a Difficult Day,” said Pooh.

There was a pause.

"Do you want to talk about it?" asked Piglet.

"No," said Pooh after a bit. "No, I don't think I do."

"That's okay," said Piglet, and he came and sat beside his friend.



"What are you doing?" asked Pooh.

"Nothing, really," said Piglet. "Only, I know what Difficult Days are like. I quite often don't feel like talking about it on my Difficult Days either.

"But goodness," continued Piglet, "Difficult Days are so much easier when you know you've got someone there for you. And I'll always be here for you, Pooh."

And as Pooh sat there, working through in his head his Difficult Day, while the solid, reliable Piglet sat next to him quietly, swinging his little legs. He thought that his best friend had never been more right.

Concert in aid of Goathurst Bell Fund

This concert will take place on Saturday 4th October in Goathurst Village Hall at 7pm. So that the bells can be rung easily a bell rope guide frame is going to be made and installed in the ringing chamber. Hopefully more visiting teams of ringers will come as a result of this work being done.

Tickets are £10 and can be booked by contacting Clare on 671542

| Local Church Services | | |
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| August 2025 | St Michael and All Angels, Enmore | St Edward, King and Martyr, Goathurst |
| <i>1st Sunday</i> 3rd August 7th Sunday after Trinity | 11.00am Holy Communion | 9.30am Family Worship |
| <i>2nd Sunday</i> 10th August 8th Sunday after Trinity | - | 9.30am Holy Communion |
| <i>3rd Sunday</i> 17th August 9th Sunday after Trinity | 4:00pm Taizé | - |
| <i>4th Sunday</i> 24th August 10th Sunday after Trinity | 11:00am Morning Worship | 6:30pm Holy Communion |
| <i>5th Sunday</i> 31st August 11th Sunday after Trinity | 11:00am Benefice Service of Holy Communion at Stringston Church | |

*For other Benefice services and mid-week Celtic Morning Prayer see

| Other Local Services in the wider Benefice * | | | |
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| Aisholt | Nether Stowey | Over Stowey | Spaxton with Charlynch |
| 11.00am Matins (BCP) | 11.00am (CC) Morning Worship | 6:30pm Choral Evensong | 5:00pm Evensong |
| 6.30pm Evensong (BCP) | 11.00am (Church) Holy Communion | 9:30am Morning Worship | 11:00am Morning Worship |
| 11:00am Holy Communion (BCP) | 11.00am (CC) Morning Worship | 9.30am Holy Communion | |
| - | 11.00am (Church) Holy Communion | - | 11:00am Morning Worship with Baptism |
| 11:00am Benefice Service of Holy Communion at Stringston Church | | | |

the Benefice News, Church Noticeboards and Website below
<https://quantockvillagesbenefice.org.uk>



Village Voices

We ladies of Enmore would like to start a new initiative-

VILLAGE VOICES.

We would like to invite all you ladies who like to sing to join us for a taster session.

As the name implies it is not just aimed at Enmore village where we have a core of singers but those ladies from Goathurst, Spaxton or even further afield who enjoy a good sing song.

No experience is necessary and you don't have to be able to read music just enjoy singing for fun.

We aim to sing an eclectic mix of songs, suggestions of new songs welcome, with a view to performing some carols for Christmas- who doesn't love a Christmas carol?

So come along to our taster open evening, at Enmore Memorial Hall on September 25th between 7pm -8pm (so only an hour) and meet us for tea/ cake, a chat and some vocal exercise. No music required, words will be provided.

Thereafter we hope to run the sessions over the autumn and winter weekly on a Thursday night again 7pm -8pm.

So please spread the word- the more the merrier - we would love to see you.

Any questions – please email our choirmaster Michael :- howleigh@live.co.uk

Many Thanks and hope to see you there!





Barnacle Buoys

A CAPELLA SEA SHANTY SINGING CREW



Saturday 23 August

5-7pm

**The lawns of
Halswell House,
Goathurst**

(by kind permission of Edward Strachan)

Bar

Bring a picnic!



**Tickets on the
gate:**

**Adults: £10
(cash only)
Children free**



Harvest at Goathurst

Goathurst Harvest Service will be held on Sunday 21st September at 10am. Our Harvest Church collection will be given to Farm Africa.

Please help to decorate our Church by bringing fresh produce and plants or flowers to church on Saturday 20th September from 10am. These will be boxed and raffled at our lunch on Sunday.

Goathurst Church Harvest Lunch will be held on Sunday 21st September, 12.15pm, at Cobbs Cross Barn, Goathurst. A wide choice of savoury buffet foods will be served, with homemade puddings for dessert. **Please bring your own cutlery.** Teas & coffees and a bar will be available for drinks.

Tickets can be purchased from Sharon Piron at The Lodge, Goathurst. Contact: 01278 662711 or sharonpiron@hotmail.co.uk. Adults £18.00, Children, (Primary School Age, 4-11yrs), £9.00. Under 4 years can attend free, with a packed lunch, but need to be included in our numbers.

Payments in cash, cheque, (made payable to Goathurst P.C.C.), or BACS: Goathurst PCC sort code 60-03-27, a/c no. 87313367. Please include the reference 'HL' and your surname. Let Sharon know if you've paid by BACS and she will issue a ticket to you. **Tickets must be purchased by Sunday 14th September.**

We will hold a raffle of boxed Harvest produce at the lunch.

Parking is available at Cobbs Cross Farm.

We would love children to make a veg or fruit animal to display on a table at our lunch.



Found

In the grass between the bench and the car parking area in the centre of the village - a blue purse containing a small amount of money.

Owner please contact Bill Canning (tel 01278 661574).



We are moving from Goathurst and downsizing and have the following furniture available:

1. Pine 7 drawer Tallboy: 16" deep x 17" wide x 50" high - £10.
2. Child's first single bed frame, white painted wood, 55" long x 27" wide – free to a good home.
3. Single bed and headboard with orthopaedic mattress - £20.
4. White oval dressing table mirror - £5.
5. Pine drop-down writing bureau, with three drawers, 34" wide x 18" deep x 38" high - £15.
6. 24" Toshiba TV screen – free to a good home.
7. White cast aluminium circular garden table, with two carver chairs and a two-person bench seat (all in need of a repaint) – free to a good home.

For further information or to view contact:

Anne & Neil Evans, Willowburn, Goathurst. 01278-663882

News from St Edward's Church, Goathurst

The restoration of the former **Singers' Gallery Paintings** in the tower will be underway when you receive this magazine, with thanks to the Quantock Landscape Partnership Scheme (HLF) for generously facilitating this. These paintings were removed from the church in the 'makeover' by the Victorians in 1884 and placed in the Almshouses until their return in 1902. Many such paintings were 'lost' and we are fortunate to have 8!

You will notice the extra 'P' in SAPP! We are adding it to signify that the 'Spend A Penny Project' is not just about a toilet but is **Plus** a kitchenette! Having received positive feedback on the plans from Historic England, we are now poised to proceed with applications for Local Authority and Diocesan planning permissions. Until the project goes out to tender, we cannot be sure of the costs, but it is estimated to be in excess of £120K! We intend to launch the main appeal in the spring of 2026 when we know the full details but meanwhile need to persevere with our fundraising efforts to cover the interim costs before 'going large' and applying for grants. To date, the scrap metal collection has realised in excess of £550! Thanks to all who have donated. If you have any fundraising ideas, please do let us know...

Coffee Mornings: there will be a holiday break in August and in September (30th) there will be the opportunity to give to the Macmillan Cancer charity.

Kids @ Goathurst: Kids' Night also takes a holiday break in August, but Stay & Play will continue in the church on Friday mornings from 10-11.30 a.m. for those who are around. Despite our name, we would be pleased to welcome **'Kids' from Enmore** at either session-please do contact Brenda (07790 825207) if you would like to know more.

Goathurst Handbell Group: meets on 1st and 3rd Saturdays 2-3pm and would welcome new members. (Contact Clare on 01278 671542)

Heritage Open Days: 13th/14th September when, once again, Halswell House/Park, The Temple of Pan and the church will collaborate to stage The Goathurst Village Heritage Trail.

Goathurst PCC

Enmore & District Gardening Club

No meeting in August but we welcome you
back on

TUESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER
7.30PM AT
ENMORE MEMORIAL HALL WITH A
TALK ON
SPLATT FARM GARDENS
COMMUNITY BOX
based near Spaxton.



Why not join your local gardening club and enjoy a programme of interesting talks throughout the year, also chat over tea & coffee and a chance of a 'garden' raffle prize. We also arrange visits to gardens of interest often with a private guided tour. Planned produce tables & plant swops. A Christmas & Summer party. All for the sum of £20 a year!

Contact: jeniferclarke60@gmail.com

ENMORE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

www.enmoreparishcouncil.org.uk

Your Council met on 1st July and the draft minutes of this meeting are now available on the Meetings page of the website.

We are pleased that some repairs have now been carried out to the road surface by the Golf Club after our repeated reports to Somerset Council on this subject. However, the long-awaited installation of horse rider and wildlife signs is still on the contractors' "to do" list and Somerset Council is unable to influence the exact timetable. We are also investigating the liability and insurance issues over the installation of mirrors to help all road users pull out of side roads more safely.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the July Litter Pick. The village looks so much better afterwards - you do make a positive difference.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd September, starting at 7.30pm in Enmore Memorial Hall. All welcome to attend. Although we only meet once every two months, your Councillors and Officers are always available between meetings.

Reflections of a Visitor Mark II

Back again to enjoy the affection and love from the villagers (Ed: OMG, OTT or what?!)well, Freddy the cat, to be honest (Ed: ah, I get it now!). The Summer and the heat have appeared early in this little corner of the west country along with the thunder flies making an appearance and everything else that bites. (Ed: I've taken that a bit personally!) This reminds me of my youth when I was attacked by anything and everything. (Ed: hmmm....I wonder why??!!)

You may have noticed some Goathurstians and Enmorians have invested in newer cars recently, which has led to avid discussions about “what was your first ever car and does that reflect on the status you've reached now?” (Ed: What the hec is he on?).

So far, we've had a 2CV and an old Mini mentioned, right up to a Daimler. Who is this silver spoon in mouth person?



Surprisingly, it's the 2CV that costs a fortune now because of the demand and relative rarity – the Daimler is back with the old Mini. Surprising how values change as the world moves on. (ED: ooh is he in danger of getting a bit deep here?)



Enjoy the summer and stay hydrated!

Mark II

Answers to Conundrums (page 3)

1. Nothing (think about it!)
2. Infinity (symbol) ∞

Local and Regional Weather Report

We have had a long period with very little rain in June and July, so here are some lesser known weather lore sayings that predict rain and will be a welcome sign for gardeners and farmers. Could also be useful for the holidays:

“Doors and draws stick before rain”
“If clouds move against the wind rain will follow”,
“When your joints start to ache rain is at stake”,
“When birds are flying low, expect rain and a blow”,
“A reddish sun has water in his eye, very soon you won’t be dry”
“A round topped cloud with flattened base, carries rainfall in its face”,
“Cats wash their faces before rain”,
“Expect rain and severe weather when dogs eat grass”,
“A ring around the sun or moon, means that rain is coming soon”,
“Clouds Large like Rocks. Great Showers”
“Mists if they rise to the Hill-tops. Rain in a Day or two”

June started cool and unsettled with some rain, then temperatures increased giving heatwave conditions for the rest of the month. June 2025 was the warmest June on record. About 7 days out of 10 days saw cloudy weather or rain, but over 8 days out of 10 saw sunny or partly sunny weather.

Rainfall: Local 32 mm, Regional 90.2 mm = +26% of normal

Minimum Temperatures: Local 10 deg, Regional 12.0 deg = +2.9 deg

Maximum Temperatures: Local 28 deg, Regional 20.1 deg = +2.5 deg

What is the weather forecast for August? Long range forecast says starting unsettled with showers, continuing dry and settled with the possibility of very warm weather later in the month. Can we add any more from the weather lore forecast? It rained on July 15th (St Swithin's Day), so we are threatened with 40 days of rainy weather. The Jetstream forecast for August shows it across the UK with north westerly winds and high pressure. Likely cool but settled.

Mike Head.

A letter to everyone From the Reverend Eleanor

Dear Everyone,

After the sunshine and hot weather and almost no rain, I went out on a duller day giving no thought to taking an umbrella. I left my meeting in the dry and arrived home very damp – the sort of damp that requires a change of clothes! I was delighted to see, feel and smell the rain after being without it for so long. There were no complaints – just smiles!

We all need water to live. It doesn't matter where we live or work or what language we speak – the rain feeds the crops, gives us water to drink and wash with, and is needed by many industries too. By not seeing the rain and hose pipe bans being introduced, we become so aware of the rain's absence and think about how we might manage.

Not only do we need physical water, but we also need the water that quenches our spiritual thirst. A thirst for our maker, our creator, our God, whom we often seek especially in times of challenge and need. How is our spiritual thirst quenched?

In the Bible, we hear the story of the 'woman at the well'. The woman is used to collecting water at the well and on this visit she meets Jesus. Jesus talks with her, and he offers her the living water, a spiritual water that will quench her thirst for God; a water that she will never again have to collect. She struggles to understand but then realises that the man she is talking with is the Messiah – the man she knows will explain everything - and she runs to tell her village to come and see Jesus.

Jesus offers the woman - and us - the water of life. It might not physically fill the empty glass, but it opens our heart spiritually to God, the one who loves us always and unconditionally. It is the love that strengthens and reassures us in our lives, gives us courage to change the wrong and hope for a better world.

When you next get soaked, please remember those who desperately need drinking water and consider donating to an appropriate charity. Remember too that Jesus offers everyone the spiritual water of life that is ours to receive and to know much we are loved.

Enjoy the summer break.

Eleanor

Weather Forecasting in the 19th Century

There was no such thing as a weather forecast in 1854 when Admiral Robert FitzRoy established what would later be called the Met Office and the word 'forecast' was then invented by FitzRoy. With no forecasts, fishermen, farmers and others who worked in the open had to rely on weather wisdom such as the appearance of clouds or the behaviour of animals. Fitzroy had campaigned for the use of weather data to produce forecasts for many years. In 1859 the Royal Charter Storm blasted the English coast. The storm, named after the most famous ship lost, had winds gusting to 100 miles per hour and more than 800 lives were lost, with 200 ships sunk or badly damaged.



Fitzroy demonstrated that the storm could have been predicted and was given the authority to issue storm warnings. That year, the new storm warning system was approved and the first warning was issued in February 1861. It was delivered by telegraph to harbour towns, who hoisted cones and drums to warn vessels of the incoming storm.

Weather charts made it easier to visualise the atmosphere in motion. Their use began in the middle portion of the 19th century when the French scientist Urbain Le Verrier showed that if charts of weather data were issued, storms could be predicted and avoided by ships. In England, the



scientist Francis Galton plotted weather data on a map using his system of symbols, creating the world's first weather map and weather charts were first published in the Manchester Examiner newspaper in 1847. In the USA,

the Smithsonian Institution made almost identical developments in weather forecasting between the 1840s and 1860s enabling weather reports to be delivered by telegraph throughout the USA.

Mike Head

Enmore Parochial Church Council

We look forward to welcoming you to our upcoming events — your support makes these gatherings truly enjoyable and memorable.

Please do join us and make the most of our beautiful church and village hall. We are incredibly fortunate to have such special spaces at the heart of our community.

Recent Highlights

Sunday 13 July – Pets Service, 4pm

All pets received a blessing — including five dogs and one snake! The owners were very well behaved, and we had a delightful surprise addition to the singing: one very talented little dog!

A big thank you to Sarah for playing the organ. Due to the intense afternoon heat, the service was held inside the church, where it was lovely and cool.

Upcoming Events

Saturday 2 August – Afternoon Tea at The Hall * *Cancelled* *

(Joint event with EMH)

Unfortunately, this event has been cancelled due to low bookings. We'll be returning to a **June date next year**, which has proved more popular in the past. Like Glastonbury Festival, we'll also be taking a **fallow year in 2025!**

Friday 3 October – Harvest Supper at EMH

Plans are well underway, and we're very much looking forward to a wonderful evening with the community.

We're especially excited to welcome the newly formed **Village Voices** to help raise the roof with a joyful sing-along!

 Tickets: £10 (adults) | £5 (primary school-aged children)

Tickets available from **Rosalie Burge** or **Marie VC**

Sunday 5 October – Harvest Service at 11:00am, St Michael's Church

Please join us for this special service of thanksgiving.

If you would like to make any donations to St Michael's and All Angels Church, please see details: Account: St Michael's Church Enmore, Account No: 00269228
Sort code: 30-91-20 Ref: Donation

Gift Aid does allow UK tax payers, an ability to claim a further 25% of the gift. Gift Aid envelopes are available in the church.

Dates for the Diary



| Date | Day | Time | Event and Venue | page |
|-------------|------------|-------------|---|----------------|
| Mon | 4 Aug | 12.30 | Ladies Lunch, Cottage Inn, Keenthorne | 9 |
| Tues | 12 Aug | 7pm | The Agapemone – A Very British Cult, Enmore Hall | July issue p9 |
| Sat | 16 Aug | 9-10.30 | Men’s Breakfast, Tynte Arms | 9 |
| Sun | 17 Aug | 3-5pm | Afternoon Tea, Goathurst churchyard | 12 |
| Sat | 23 Aug | 5-7pm | Barnacle Buoys at Halswell House, Goathurst | 17 |
| Fri | 6 Sep | 7pm | Quiz, Fish ‘n Chips @ EMH Book on 01278 671188 | 8 |
| Sat | 13 Sep | 10-12 noon | Pop-up café at EMH | 8 |
| Sun | 14 Sep | 8.30-3pm | Yarlington House Car Boot Sale and Traditional Fair | July issue p22 |
| Sat/Sun | 13/14 Sep | pm | Heritage Open Days, Goathurst | 20 |
| Sun | 21 Sep | 12.15pm | Goathurst Harvest Lunch, Cobbs Cross Barn | 18 |
| Thurs | 25 Sep | 7-8pm | Village Voices @ EMH | 16 |
| Tues | 30 Sep | 7.30pm | Enmore Gardening Club EMH | 21 |
| Fri | 3 Oct | TBA | Harvest Supper @ EMH | 26 |
| Sat | 4 Oct | 7pm | Concert in aid of Goathurst Bell fund, GVH | 13 |
| Fri | 31 Oct | TBA | Italian Night @ Enmore Hall | 8 |

Village Information August 2025
Amendments to enmoregoathurst@hotmail.co.uk

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| Rector | Rev'd Eleanor King Email: eleanor.king@hotmail.com | | 734 777 |
| Associate Priest | Rev'd Kate Sax – retired in June 2025 Contact Eleanor if necessary | | |
| Church Contact | Alison Hoare Email: qv.benefice@gmail.com | | 732 855 |
| Church Wardens | Enmore | Rosalie Burge | 671 337 |
| | Goathurst | Brenda Smith | 662 491 |
| Parish Councils | Enmore | Michael Hopkins | 671 296 |
| | Web site | Enmoreparishcouncil.org.uk | |
| | Email | enmorepc@gmail.com | |
| | Jubilee | Padlock | 1966 |
| | Goathurst | Richard Kilbey | 662 523 |
| Village Hall | Web site | www.goathurstparish.org.uk | |
| | Enmore | Booking Number | 07424197200 |
| Pubs | Goathurst | goathurstvhbookings@gmail.com | 07816251950 |
| | | Enmore Inn | 450 500 |
| Magazine | | Tynte Arms | 671 351 |
| | Chair | Jan Johnston | 671 560 |
| | Secretary | Debbie McLroy | 456 964 |
| | Advertising | Steve Gormley | 662 846 |
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| | | Mr Brian Bolt | 07970855990 |
| Pathway Officer | Enmore | Amanda Hubbard | 671 742 |
| Neighbourhood Watch | Enmore | Graham Fergusson | 671 680 |
| | Goathurst | tba | |
| Enmore School | Head | Mr Duncan MacRae | 671 370 |
| Newspapers | News Team Ltd | | 01782959530 |
| | Spaxton Community Shop & P.O. | | 671 487 |
| | Bridgwater Store, Queenswood Rd., Durleigh | | 258 056 |
| Milk delivery | Milk and More: www.milkandmore.co.uk | | 03456063606 |
| Mobile library | Wednesday 11:55-12:30, every 4 weeks (Goathurst) | | |
| Police | Call 101 to speak to Sedgemoor South Neighbourhood | | |
| Refuse Collection and Recycling | Please refer to Somerset Waste Partnership for dates. Recycling weekly on Wednesday, black bin every three weeks. Garden waste every two weeks – different day in each village. | | |