

Remember - 'a dog is for life, not just for Christmas' ?

In a nation of animal lovers, this strap line is indeed well remembered and emblazoned on car bumpers everywhere.

Another famous line - "the end is nigh!" Those were words that sent shivers down my spine when I was young and living in Liverpool. I recall a man with a sandwich board outside Owen Owen department store which stated the end of the world was indeed around the corner unless you 'repent of thy sins!' That's quite scary when you're only 8 years old and nervous about telling your Mum that you have disobeyed her clear instructions not to eat a gobstopper "in case you choke"!

In the context of this article, "the end is nigh" are words that may be attributed to the period of interregnum that the Quantocks Villages Benefice has been going through. On September 9th, Rev. Chloe Kingdon will be installed as Rector of the Benefice, in a service to be held at the church of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Nether Stowey. However, although it is the end of one period in the church's recent history (and some folk may be relieved not to listen to Rev. Martin *EVERY* week...) it is very much a new beginning as well.

Early in 2015, Spaxton saw another 'new beginning' - the grand opening of the Community Stores. For a long time, many people had been working and planning tirelessly to bring this dream to fruition, making this venture a great asset to village and community life, to whom we should all be grateful. Personally, I find it really useful to pop in to pick up fresh produce just around the corner (also some of the bin-end wines are exceptional value) but more importantly I am getting to know new people every time I go in.

Just like going to the shop when we need something, we sometimes tend to look towards the church building and its priests/rectors/vicars etc, only when we are looking at the big life events such as weddings, baptisms, funerals; however the reality is that the Church - the living, breathing body of Christ - is there for all of us, all of the time, and 'popping in' like we do to the shop can sometimes bring its own rewards.

So, please remember that 'the church is for every day, not just for Sunday.'

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ENMORE AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Tuesday 29 September "History and Future of the Cottage Garden" - Neil Lovesey

Back to the Future

No meeting in August.

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

Visitors are always welcome, £3 including refreshments.

Bring and Buy stall and raffle.

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