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St Paul's, Walton	Sundays	11am Morning Prayer 2nd Sunday Other services as announced
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FIRST WORD from The Rector

If in some brave new world I had the chance to simply be in a congregation, I wonder where I'd sit? In the front pew (I doubt it), at the back (doubtful), right at the side by the north or south wall (probably not), somewhere in the body of the nave? Yes, I think so.

What about you, where do you find a place?

Most of us, the great majority of us, find a spot in church where we're comfortable – a sort of Goldilocks spot – not too close, not too far, not in someone else's place, somewhere we feel we belong and which suits us. This becomes our perspective in church and it can feel strange and disconcerting to move (although please do so if you find someone already there!) Having a known place can anchor us into the eternal and a known seat allows us the luxury of security as we navigate our journey of faith.

These "known places" of ours can be literally where we sit, but they are also the parish church to which we belong. One of the things I most appreciate about the Church of England is its parish ministry. The church seeks to offer a Christian presence in every community and it has traditionally done this chiefly through its parishes. Wherever you are you should find your parish church which, to the best of its ability, should seek to support you and offer you a Christian ministry. It should be a still point in a turning world.

"The incarnation of Christ hallows every place, and the parish church symbolises the sacredness of the local and particular. Its presence tells the rundown ex-mining village or urban wasteland that it is holy ground and that its people matter", says Alison Milbank, professor of theology at Nottingham University.

Spot on. That's the point of what a parish can offer. Our parish churches affirm that East Clevedon is a Holy Place, Walton St Mary is a Holy Place, Walton in Gordano is a Holy Place, Weston in Gordano is a Holy Place and Clapton in Gordano is a Holy Place. And your place in the church to which you belong is a Holy Place too.

The top and tail of our faith is Christmas and Easter - the incarnation and the resurrection. These speak of the sanctity of the material and the actual of which we, as people, are entirely a part. Our lives, our homes, our loved ones and our communities matter. Our parish churches are a part of this incarnational faith as they serve their people and places.



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Philip Larkin said it well in his poem, "Church Going":

"though I've no idea/ what this frowsty barn is worth,/it pleases me to stand in silence here. A serious house on serious earth it is/ in whose blent air all our compulsions meet/ are recognised, and robed as destinies. And that much can never be obsolete/ since someone will forever be surprising a hunger in himself to be more serious/ and gravitating with it to this ground/ which, he once heard, was proper to grow wise in..."

We're fortunate in our benefice as we can maintain our parish ministry with confidence. We not only sustain our ministry but we contribute generously into the diocese so that others can do so too. But the "parish system", as it is called, is under threat. In Leicester, for instance, parishes are being grouped together in huge "Minster Communities" sometimes collecting 35 churches into a single group – with just one stipendiary priest and one paid administrator. The rest of the ministry will be unpaid and part time self-supporting clergy, retired clergy, readers and lay people. The same thing is happening in other dioceses too as parish ministry becomes ever more fragile. At the same time resources are being put into experimental expressions of ministry, the great majority of which consistently underperform. But some of the change is being driven by large "successful" and gathered churches, whose congregations come from far and wide, and who are increasingly reluctant to contribute to smaller parish churches and what they see as a "failing model of ministry".

Whatever the rights and wrongs of these differences Easter affirms the physicality of place and belonging. The incarnation and resurrection speak of the sanctity of physical life and human experience. A secure sense of belonging is absolutely part of that and your pew and your local parish church continues to seek to meet that need.

Long may they do so.

Noel

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From January 2024 the Parish magazine will be £1.00 for an individual copy but just £10.00 for an annual subscription.

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Pause for Thought

April Fools Prayer

A sinner though I am, Lord,
let me not be like the fool
whose thoughts are wicked,
who flirts with temptation,
who goes along to get along.
Make me instead a man
who loves your Word
and dwells in your presence.
Make me like a tree,
planted by a flowing stream,
bearing fruit season after season,
never withering,
always prospering,
in Jesus' name, Amen. (Bob Hostetler Author of The Red Letter Prayer Life)

The origin of April Fools is unknown, though there are many theories that surround it. Although not expressed by any biblical scholar or historian, one belief that has been expressed is that the origins of April Fools' Day may go back to the Genesis flood narrative.

In a 1908 edition of the Harper's Weekly cartoonist Bertha R. McDonald wrote:

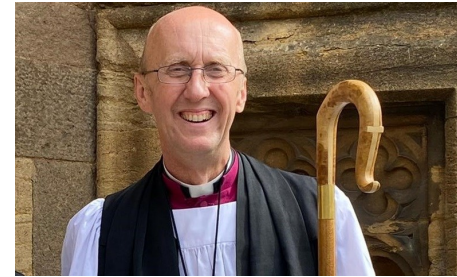
“Authorities gravely back with it to the time of Noah and the ark. The London Public Advertiser of March 13, 1769, printed: "The mistake of Noah sending the dove out of the ark before the water had abated, on the first day of April, and to perpetuate the memory of this deliverance it was thought proper, whoever forgot so remarkable a circumstance, to punish them by sending them upon some sleeveless errand similar to that ineffectual message upon which the bird was sent by the patriarch.”

There is an Orthodox tradition of being 'Foolish for Christ', which refers to behaviours seen as foolish, such as giving up all of one's possessions in devotion to a religious life. St Paul says in Corinthians "We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ;..."

Whatever the origins of April Fools, it's fair to say that, like Noah, we all get things wrong, we all make mistakes, however this does not make us fools.

As we journey from the transformative season of Easter, we can be assured that we are 'born again', starting afresh, steadfast like a tree, fruitful and prospering, loving His word and dwelling in His love, not defined by our mistakes but rather transformed through Christ, wise in our faith, humble, patient and prayerful.

Michael Dyne



LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

In January I was back in my old Diocese of Exeter, marking the death of Sabine Baring Gould 100 years before. What an extraordinary person he was, with an incredible

range and roundedness of learning and interests, in an equally full and fulfilled life. He was a great traveller and prolific writer of biographies, folklore, travel books, theology, novels and hymns, including some, such as 'Onward Christian soldiers' that remain popular today. He was a linguist and translator; and, as an archaeologist on Dartmoor, very much a pioneer in the field. For many, his greatest achievement was his collecting the old folk songs of Devon and Cornwall, providing inspiration for such composers as Elgar, Vaughan Williams and Holst. He was also the Squire of Lewtrenchard and, being ordained, he appointed himself as parish priest as well!

This he saw as his true vocation. His responsibility, and that of the local church, was the cure of souls from cradle to grave. This meant a care for the spiritual wellbeing of all in the community and for their bodily and social welfare too. Striving for good health and housing must go hand in hand with growth in faith and prayer. All should be encouraged to full humanity, to holy discipleship, to the recognition, and use, of whatever gifts anyone possessed for the common good.

But, underlying all of this, one other aspect of this great man's life speaks very strongly to me now. That is how he understood worship and its relationship to the whole of life. 'To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God'.

Worshipping is key. I am reminded of the later words of Archbishop William Temple: 'It is sometimes said that conduct is supremely important, and worship helps it. The truth is that worship is supremely important, and conduct tests it.'

Bishop Michael

READINGS AND PRAYERS

Sunday, 7th April – Easter 2

Acts 4: 32-25 John 20: 19-end

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sunday, 14th April – Easter 3

Acts 3: 12-19 Luke 24: 36b-48

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Sunday, 21st April – Easter 4

Acts 4: 5-12 John 10: 11-18

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

St Peter & St Paul, Weston in Gordano

7th 10.00 am Morning Prayer - Michael Dyne

14th 5.00 pm Evensong - The Rev'd Tim Daplyn
Michael Dyne preach

21st 5.00pm Holy Communion - The Rev'd Nicholas Maddock

28th 5.00pm Evensong - The Rector

Wednesday 11am Holy Communion service suspended until Spring. Please join St Mary's 10am service.

Walton St Mary, Clevedon

7th 10.00 am Holy Communion - The Rev'd Nicholas Maddock

14th 10.00 am Morning Prayer - The Rector

21st 10.00 am Holy Communion - The Rev'd Nicholas Maddock

28th 10.00 am Morning Prayer - The Rector, Michael Dyne assist
and baptism of Wilf Downing

Every Wednesday 10.00 am Holy Communion at St Mary's

APRIL SERVICES

Correct on going to press - please check with the parish office or
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All Saints, East Clevedon

7th	8.00 am	Holy Communion - The Rev'd Tim Daplyn
	10.30 am	All Age Communion - The Rev'd Tim Daplyn
14th	8.00 am	Holy Communion - The Rector
	10.30 am	Holy Communion - The Rev'd Tim Daplyn Michael Dyne preach
21st	8.00am	Holy Communion - The Rector
	10.30am	Holy Communion - The Rector and baptism of Olivia Followed by Vestry meeting
28th	8.00am	Holy Communion - The Rector
	10.30 am	Holy Communion - The Rev'd Ian Hubbard

St Paul's, Walton in Gordano

14th	11.15	Morning Prayer - The Rector + APCM
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Sunday, 28th April – Easter 5

Acts 8: 26-end

John 15: 1-8

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

ALL SAINTS FLOODLIGHTING

28th March - Happy 60th birthday to Paula Holme - our brilliant yoga teacher - thank you so much for your classes and long may you continue! Have a lovely birthday xx



13th April - in celebration of my dear husband Ernest's 98th birthday, also in celebration of 11 wonderful years of marriage {April 11th}

17th April – Today my dear Mum, Pat Tyrrell, would have been 100. She is still so much loved and missed but how lucky we were to have shared our lives with her for so long. Mo and Geoff King

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ALL SAINTS THEN AND NOW

from the archives

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting on April 15th was the first since Father Marriott's death, and the last before Father Smart comes, a poignant inter-regnum, but not a mournful one. The Vestry was listening to an account of stewardship under the ever joyful and exuberant chairman, Father James, and what an account it was, steward by steward, more absorbing than any episode in "The Jewel in the Crown" or "Coronation Street"...Our first purpose was to elect the churchwardens, and Richard Hurrell and Ronald James were duly re-elected. Tom Riley reported an increase in the Electoral Roll. Kathleen Cridland reported on the proceedings of the PCC during the past year. The Chairman commended her for her excellence, which she attributed to the good education at Sunday School which, albeit modestly, he said he shared with her. The Treasurer's Report was a masterpiece of prudent and even imaginative house-keeping, but Ron Blackhurst, the Treasurer, equally modestly, acknowledged the gifts and financial wits of Treasures Patricia Dean...Father James marked out the signposts of the past year, and summed up most gracefully the steady services given by parish officers, and others who give so generously of their time and talents, many of them young women: Dawn McNeill's astounding fund-raising for the Vestry Project, Fiona Harris' bell-ringing team, Joan Ford's exquisite prowess with flowers. Mrs. Gooding's long and faithful laundering of the church linen in particular elicited our gratitude. *All Saints' Newsletter, May 1985.*

Julia Elton



ALL SAINTS, East Clevedon

Looking back to February, we had a very enjoyable community coffee morning. Thank you to Margaret for the Valentine's Day themed refreshments, tableware and for the heart-shaped chocolate to take home. Next coffee morning is on 10th April.

That evening we celebrated Ash Wednesday in church with a service led by Fr Tim and Michael Dyne. It was a lovely service, quiet and reflective, with the imposition of ashes and beautiful hymns. Thank you to the choir, joined by friends from the benefice and although we were a small congregation the hymns were sung as if it was a full church, which I for one really appreciated.

On Sunday 3rd March Rosie Jackson kindly told us about her favourite hymn. Rosie explained that her son had given her a card one Christmas which told her she was being cast away on a desert island and must choose eight songs. She started with 32 and gradually whittled it down. Rosie realized that hymns had been a constant part of her life at school, weddings, etc. and finally choose 'Lord of all Hopefulness, Lord of all Joy' written by Jan Struther. The tune is Slane which comes from a northern Irish folk song. Rosie said she was happy with her choice and said "takes us through a day from waking, work, home life and sleeping. It

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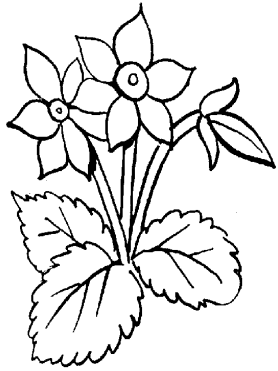
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Garden Talk

When I was very young, about eight or nine, I wanted to grow a hollyhock. Why I particularly wanted to grow hollyhocks I cannot remember, but perhaps it was because our garden in Bristol was very small and I might have wanted a plant which would grow to about six foot high. Hollyhocks seed readily and my cousin, who is a year older than I am, was able to supply me with a baby plant with the instruction to keep it watered. The hollyhock flourished and flowered a pretty pink; I called her

Helen.

In the years that followed Helen had many offspring, especially in the crazy paving in the front garden, in a variety of colours, white, pink, yellow and light brown. Hollyhocks are not long lived but they are not bi-annuals as many believe, and will go on for four or five years in the right conditions. They are lovely showy plants in late summer and bring a Mediterranean feel to an English garden. Travelling in the south-west of France in August we often see hollyhocks growing outside cottages, apparently out of nothing, and not at all minding the hot and dry conditions.

I continued to grow hollyhocks for many years, and part of the fun was waiting to see what colour they would turn out to be. Some hollyhocks are a beautiful dark claret but mine were always yellow, pink or brown. Last month I confessed to taking a salvia cutting from a bush on Clevedon's Zig-Zag (well, Lent is the time for confessions). This month I have no such excuse, but we once noticed a dark red hollyhock in Moor Lane, Walton-in-Gordano, so we leant over the fence to take a seed head. The following summer we were delighted to find a dark red hollyhock in our garden. Thank you, Walton.

One drawback to hollyhocks is that snails find them particularly tasty. I remember growing some seedlings and planting them out hoping they would make a fine display in the summer. Next morning there was nothing to be seen, not even a stalk. The snails had eaten the lot! So I no longer grow hollyhocks, much as I love them, but we still have a few brave survivors in a stony strip at the foot of a south-facing fence. It is a warm and sheltered spot and although snails do eat their leaves they find the stones rather scratchy. It is an environment rather similar to those lovely hollyhocks we see adorning cottages in south-west France.

William King

describes the Lord's hopefulness, eagerness, kindness, gentleness and calm, all the qualities I aspire to, and asks for bliss (spiritual joy), strength, love and peace. And I think it will certainly sustain me on my desert island! Alongside of course David Bowie and Andrea Botticelli...." Thank you so much Rosie for sharing this with us. Thank you to St Mary's for hosting the Wednesday Lent Meditations and lunch. I was able to attend the one at which Victoria Kubiak spoke about her favourite person, place and reading. Thank you so much Victoria for speaking so movingly about your lovely mum and late husband George. The soup lunch was very tasty and it was nice catching up with friends from the Benefice.

We had a most uplifting Mothering Sunday service which included the baptism of Archie Lee. It was lovely to welcome Nicholas and Emily Lee and their family (including Nicholas's mum, Kath, who many in the congregation know from her long association with the church and school) and wonderful to see Archie looking so well after a such a difficult start in life with serious health issues. Noel talked about the meaning of Mothering Sunday as well as welcoming Archie into the church family and saying how he would be welcomed as part of the church family wherever he went. Posies were distributed after the baptism and we thank Kay, Monica and Anne for putting them together for us. After the service, we enjoyed Simnel cake which Joyce so kindly made for us. It was good to see the church so full with around 80 or more in attendance.

Maureen Smith's funeral took place in church on 8th March. The service, led by Noel, was a fitting tribute to Maureen. The church was full with family and friends from Maureen's life. As well as a long time member of the church choir, Maureen was also very involved in local dramatic and musical societies, including Clevedon Comedy Club and Clevedon Light Opera. It was a pleasure to hear the congregation singing the three hymns and 'I won't send roses' was sung beautifully by her son in law Peter, the choir sang the Nunc Dimittis and Sue Marsh played a medley of pieces from the musicals as Maureen left the church. We especially remember Alan, Kelvin and Gaynor and all Maureen's family and friends in our prayers.

Sending birthday wishes to Ernest Woolford on his 98th birthday on 13th April and for Ernest and Christine's 11th wedding anniversary on 11th April.

Sandra Sallis

ST MICHAEL'S, Clapton in Gordano



Apologies but the news front this month is a tad quiet, with very little to report.

The group of bellringers under the leadership of George are still using St Michaels to hone their already fine skills. They are still in negotiations with the diocese of Bath and Wells for a bell that is located in a disused church. The main issue is that the diocese may not aware of the bell's existence, in this church. Once approval can be reached, then the services of local bell hanger Mathew Higby will be sought to remove, test and if satisfactory, possibly replace one in St Michaels.

The church will continue to be opened and welcome worshipers/visitors each Sunday.

Opening hours were limited during the Winter months but with the clocks changing to Summertime, we will endeavour to extend the closing time.

Having purchased a new motor lawnmower, this will be used with great effect to keep the grass in the grave yards under control in the coming months.

Derek Roberts



WALTON ST MARY

Our Ash Wednesday service on the 14th of February was taken by Nicholas Maddock in the Lady chapel. We were joined by other members of the benefice as we came together to start our journey through Lent. There was a series of five meditations during this time from different people telling of a passage, a Person, and a Place

which had influenced their faith and life.

The first of these was led by the Rector reflecting on what to hold onto and what to let go. Kipling's poem "A Roman Centurian's Song" refers to a yearning to hold onto the familiar. Having been ordered back to Rome after 40 years of service in England the centurion begs to be allowed to stay. The second example of letting go is illustrated by Cecil Day Lewis's "Walking away". As the child grows up the author realises that it must be a time of letting go.

Finally, Noel chose Southwold as the place he holds dear with fond memories of childhood family holidays in this Suffolk village.

The second reflection was by Sandra Derrick who told us of her first awareness of the Bible and its teachings when attending Sunday School from an early age. She said that there was no single person or event influencing her life and faith but rather that church was something that was always there for her. Her favourite Bible passages and stories are those concerning children.

Victoria Kubiak, a nutritional therapist, was the speaker for our third talk. She chose her mum as her favourite person citing that she is such an inspiration with her simple philosophy of gratitude rather than the entitlement so prevalent today. The place which means so much to her is her home in Kingston Seymour where her love of nature brings her feeling closer to God in the peacefulness she experiences on her walks around the area. Her final choice was a poem entitled "The Land of Blue" by Laura Mucha. This is a poem dealing with the feeling of empathy to others that we can feel in a life that can be simple and beautiful but also not always easy.

During our AGM this month Noel took the opportunity to explain the meaning behind the topic of "Living in Love and Faith", and the recently approved prayers to be used in the blessing of same sex couples. He asked for people's views on the matter. There followed some discussion on both sides, and it was agreed that the PCC would make a decision on the direction that St Mary's wished to take at the next meeting of the PCC on the 15th of May.

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FROM THE REGISTERS....

BAPTISMS

10th March - Archie Lee, All Saints

FUNERALS

8th March - Maureen Smith, All Saints

16th March - Ann Shopland, All Saints

The 3 C's - Coffee (cake!) and Conversation is a discussion group that takes place on the first Tuesday of the month from 1.30pm – 2.45pm at All Saints Vestry using “Day by Day with God” notes the focus for discussion (notes available through the Parish Office) A relaxed and informal space to learn and encourage. We have had many interesting discussions over the months so if it’s something you’d like to try out do join us or for more information please contact Kate Hector on 873257.



Next meetings are Tuesday 9th April and Tuesday 7th May

Tea, coffee and cake always provided!

ALL SAINTS COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

10am - 12 noon in All Saints Vestry

Second Wednesday in the month—next meetings

April 10th, and May 8th

Just turn up or contact Sandra Sallis on 878848/07443905634

The Silent Auction on the 9th of March was a great success and there was a definite air of tension in the room when William rang the ten-minute bell for the final bids to be made!! It was lovely to have the bellringers there to add to the occasion. The latest figure for the sum raised is £568 but I am told there is more to come. Our thanks go to everyone who worked so hard to realise such a splendid result.

Forthcoming fundraising events will include two morning concerts kindly arranged by Ian Hubbard. The first of these will be on Saturday April 13th at 11am and the following one on Saturday 18th May.

Diana Fleming

St. Mary's flowers

St. Mary's flowers at Easter:

To celebrate the 65th wedding anniversary of David and Megan Jones on 2nd April (requested by David and Megan);

In loving memory of Bill Cox (requested by Jeannie and family - with everlasting love).

In loving memory of Mary's sister Gloria (requested by Doug and Mary Pope); 7th April - in loving memory of Robert Latham (requested by Janet, Katy and Richard).



ST PETER & ST PAUL, Weston in Gordano

As is common practice during Lent, our church is looking very austere and workmanlike with no flowers to add colour and brightness. Ne'er mind, not

long to Easter.

We celebrated Mothering Sunday with Evensong and an interesting sermon from Tim Daplyn, including the news that Mothering Sunday is set aside for “relaxation” and the temporary lifting of penances set for Lent.

At the service there were candles on the altar which could be lit by those remembering Mothers who had passed away and, at the end, the giving out of posies.

Thank you to the Flower Ladies who provided the posies – very pretty they were, and much hard work done to put them together.

The final part of the memorial for Margaret Jacobs arrived early in the month – the new cushions for the choir stalls. Very smart they look, and equally important, extra comfortable. We also took delivery of 6 cushions for the nave pews which replace those we had to destroy following the dry rot episode.



The Lent Discussions Group have been meeting at the Robinsons' new home, well attended and with much discussion followed by well appreciated bring 'n share soup lunches. Our thanks to Robb and Ian, and to all of the leaders of the discussion groups.

We are sad to report the passing of Audrey Scrutton on 9th March. She and her late husband, Peter, were heavily involved in village life. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Scrutton family.

For the near future, and we hope the April edition of the Parish Magazine will be out in time, don't forget Easter Sunday on 31st March. Our service that day will be at 10.00 am, Holy Communion. We shall be formally dedicating the Aumbry which Paul Jacobs and his family have donated to our church in memory of Margaret.

On the Good Friday we shall be hosting a Service of Meditations at 2.00 pm, led by Robb.

A little bit further in the future – our Plant Sale on 25th May. We have time to go for this event, but we do need plants for sale (please contact Ann Chavasse for further info.). We are also having a 'nu or nearly nu' store for clothing. Ann Bridges is i/c of this stall so – any 'nu or nearly nu' clothing lurking in your cupboards and surplus to requirement will be welcomed.

Don't forget we also have

29th June Vocal recital by tenor Gregory Stewart

20th July Church/Village Fete

John G Bridges

Good news from the other side of the world. Hedda and Brendan welcome baby George Peter Bleasdale into the family. Born on February 4th in Lower Hutt, New Zealand. Many congratulations to you all!



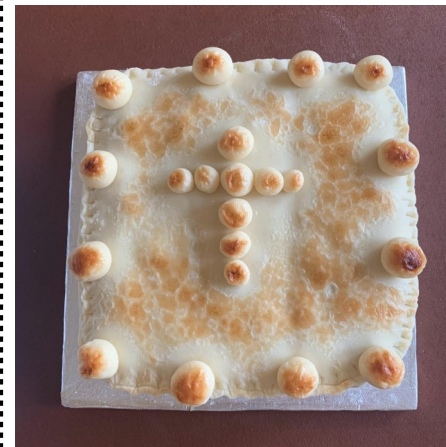
ST PAUL'S, Walton in Gordano

April Showers

Life is not a highway strewn with flowers
Still it holds a goodly share of bliss
When the sun gives way to April showers
Here's the point that you should never miss

Though April showers may come your way
They bring the flowers that bloom in May
So if it's raining, have no regrets
Because, it isn't raining rain, you know
It's raining violets
And when you see clouds upon the hill
You soon will see crowds of daffodils
So keep on looking for a bluebird, and listening for his song
Whenever April showers come along

(Lyrics from 1921 popular song composed by Louis Silver and B. G. De Sylva, and recorded by various artists including Al Jolson)



We had a lovely Mothering Sunday service at All Saints. Thank you to Joyce for making this delicious Simnel cake for everyone to share.

Stepping Stones 'Living with Loss'

Drop in support in times of change or bereavement

OPEN DOOR – DROP IN

**2 – 4pm on the first Friday of each month
at St Mary's Church Hall**

**Next meetings:
5th April, 3rd May**

Tea always available!

Members of the team are able to give information
and one-to-one support if wished.
For further information: Ruth Maddock 01275 870751 /
Email: ruthmaddock@gmail.com

Bible verse of the month

When needing strength and courage

"Give me your lantern and compass, give me a map, so I
can find my way to the sacred mountain, to the place of
your presence."

Psalms 43 v 3

Taken from The Message Bible 2003

*You can find free Christian resources on the welcome tables at All Saints and St
Mary's. Please help yourself.*



I would like to start on a personal note by wishing a very Happy 1st Birthday on 3rd April, to Brea Betts, Sam and Beth's lovely little girl, Sue's much cherished granddaughter, and my fantastic great niece. There is that wonderful saying 'That it takes a village to raise a child' and I know that the village will wish Brea a lifetime of Happy Birthdays surrounded by love and loving people.

It's so nice to see the community rallying around to carry on the Welcome In. Sadly, Emma wasn't able to make it to last month's coffee morning but thankfully she was back for the Mothering Sunday service. We wish her the best as she waits for some hospital tests.

Thank you to Tim Daplyn for a lovely Mothering Sunday service, and there was an encouraging 19 in the congregation. Tim spoke to us about the 'rebellious' women in the Old Testament, citing Moses' mother as she hid her little baby expressly against the orders of the Pharaoh who had said that all Hebrew baby boys had to be thrown into the river Nile. She then made the basket of reeds and placed Moses in the basket and put him in the river, while his sister kept a watchful eye on him. When Pharaoh's daughter found Moses, she decided to save him and asked her servant to find a Hebrew woman to nurse him. Moses' sister took her chance and said she would fetch someone; she fetched her and Moses' mother. All these women broke the rules to protect and nurture this little baby. So often in history it is the men like Moses who make the headlines, including in the bible, but it is so often the women who take the risks. How appropriate for us to remember these women not only on Mothering Sunday, but in the week of the International Women's Day. Tim spoke of our God being a motherly God, and it is these characteristics of nurturing and caring that bring to our world such goodness, kindness and love to family, friend and stranger alike. Thank you to Sheri for her kindness in making us beautiful posies of flowers for the mothers and carers in the congregation, and to take to those that we love.

Thank you to the office for sending along a supply of Palm crosses for the congregation and anyone coming into the church through the week.

At the time of writing, we are still looking forward to the Easter Fayre, thank you to the Walton Social Club for putting on the event and for supporting our village church, and we are also looking forward to our Holy Communion service on Easter Sunday.

This month's Welcome In coffee morning is on Saturday 6th April at 10.30am in the church. There is a rota at the back of the church if you'd like to sign up to be part of the coffee morning team, everyone is most welcome.

Then on Sunday 14th April we have our monthly Morning Prayer at 11.15am.

Come along to this simple, approachable service, there is always a warm welcome. There is also a rota in the porch for anyone interested in providing a small vase of flowers to be placed on the font each month to welcome the congregations and visitors alike. It's always lovely to be greeted by flowers as you open the door and come in.

Dates for May:

Saturday 4th May, Welcome In coffee morning starting at 10.30am in the church.

Sunday 12th May, our Morning Prayer service at 11.15am

And looking even further ahead a date for your diary, Saturday 13th July, starting at 1pm, our Walton Village Summer Fete, always a highlight in the Walton calendar.

Ruth Long

Concert

**Saturday April 13th St Mary
Walton 11.00am**

Rachael Cooper Soprano, accompanied
by Sue Parker

Programme to include:-

Famous Operatic Arias

Popular Classical & Musical Theatre Works

Free Admission with Donations towards Church Funds

Coffee/Tea and Biscuits will be provided.



Avon & Somerset Constabulary Male Voice Choir

Come and enjoy an evening with a selection of Choir music from one of the Prime Male Voice Choirs in the County.

All Saints Church

Saturday, 13th April 2024

7:00pm



Tickets £10.00 on
the door

Cash or card
accepted

Donations for
interval drinks



Contact

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The Kubiak Corner– Imaginative Cooking for One

This month I am focusing on giving your gut a springtime treat of fibre and prebiotics (a name for the food that feed your own gut biome)

This bean salad is very nutritious and delicious and can be used topped with egg, as part of a salad selection or as a side dish to tinned or fresh fish. It can also be stirred into tomato soup to give an extra delicious twist.

A useful tip to remember is that a can of beans can be strained and then frozen in portions for later use.

BEAN SALAD

1 can of mixed beans in water -drained and lightly rinsed

1 small chopped carrot – or grated

1 dsp chopped black olives

1 good tsp capers

2 – 3 snipped sundried tomatoes

Mix all the above into a bowl

Shake in a sprinkling of nutmeg, cumin seeds, tarragon, mixed herbs and black pepper and give it a stir

Add in a good splash of both Tamari soy sauce (or other of your choice like Worcester sauce) and apple cider vinegar then a squirt of tomato sauce and a glug of olive oil

Mix all together and top with a sprinkling of dry roasted seeds (optional). Enjoy.

And my inspirational quote for this month...

“Don’t cry because it’s over, smile because it happened.”

Diocese News



Bishop Michael to visit Zambia

Bishop Michael will be making his first visit to Zambia as Bishop of Bath and Wells this month, having previously spent time there during his career as an epidemiologist.

Commenting on his visit, which takes place from 22 April to 5 May 2024, Bishop Michael says, “I am really looking forward to be going back to Zambia. It takes the whole world to know Christ and I’m so excited at the thought of all I will learn from our Zambian brothers and sisters. I am also looking forward to the opportunity to explore how we can potentially work together on a joint environmental project involving our schools.”

Cathedral admission changes

Wells Cathedral has announced changes to its admission guidelines from 22 April. Free passes are available to local people and to parishioners in the Diocese of Bath and Wells, with a new entry charge for tourists. It will remain free to enter for worship, prayer, and to light a candle. The monies raised by the £14 tourist admission charge will go towards the care of the cathedral building and its mission.

Information about the Parish Pass and how to apply for it is available from the Wells Cathedral website.

Somerset artists create a unique art exhibition in Martock Church

An immersive response by four artists to the Easter themes of ascension and love, grounded in the locality of Martock, the Levels and Somerset is on display in All Saints Church, Martock from 20 to 28 April. Painter Tessa Coleman, writer Lucy Jago, sound artist Zivi Sainsbury and sculptor Rachel Goodison, collaborated on the installation for the beautiful space of All Saints, finding inspiration in the church and its community.

Young people in the benefice

The children at **Little Saints** have been very creative during the last few weeks. They made special cards for their mums to show them how much they love them. They also read the story of The Precious Pearl, and then decorated biscuits with sprinkles and a 'pearl' marshmallow.



To celebrate World Book Day pupils at **All Saints School** went to school dressed in their cozy clothes and bought their favourite book to share with friends. The teachers also took part in a reading relay, where they had to dash around the school, reading books to each class. It was lots of fun!



Little **Archie** was baptised on Mothering Sunday. We send our prayers and best wishes to him, his parents Emily and Nicholas and all their family.

Joke of the month

How do you make an octopus laugh?
With ten-tickles!

Paige, age 5



What is your "Ministry"?

Lindsey Ivens, All Saints

A bit about me

I grew up in the Black country and attended Bluecoat school which had strong links to St Matthews, the Parish Church of Walsall where my husband Jon and I married 39 years ago this month. My parents were not "religious" as they put it but encouraged me to attend church and join Christian youth groups including Pathfinders. I experienced some wonderful, enlightening summer camps with them in the southwest of England. How fortunate am I to have spent many years of married life living near to where I spent those happy summers. Our children and grandchildren are very much at the centre of my life. Our two sons live nearby, and our daughter will soon be moving back to Bristol from London. They all know that my approach to life is pragmatic, born out of necessity as a force's wife. It's often still a case of "ask Mum" or "Nanna's in charge"! I consider myself an ordinary person who has led an extraordinarily happy life, always with a strong belief in the power of prayer.

What brought me to the Benefice

We moved from Cheddar about eight years ago, very much a spur of the moment decision. We had relocated many times with our very young family while Jon had been in the RAF and both thought we were pretty settled in the Cheddar Valley. Our children had all attended the local schools and we had many friends. However, one evening, out of the blue we decided we needed a change of scene and I had always yearned to live in a Victorian house hence our arrival here. It remains one of the best decisions we have ever made. We do now live in a Victorian house (with its never-ending demands on our time and money, but we love it). Jon and I were both initially drawn to All Saints by its lovely architecture and whereas I feel very at home inside church with the traditional worship provided so beautifully throughout the year by our dedicated team of clergy, Jon is much happier outside up a ladder helping to maintain the buildings,

My role within the Benefice

From my first ever visit the congregation have been warm and welcoming and I have made many friends. Some of the credit for this must go to Vera who organises a team, including myself to serve tea and coffee following Sunday worship. It is very uplifting to see how many people now stay to greet each other and chat, me included. I have also served on the PCC for some years. When the vacancy arose for a Safeguarding Officer, I volunteered because of my limited previous experience within education and the NHS. Safeguarding within the Church of England has undergone significant change in recent times and is still a work in progress. I try to follow as closely as possible the guidance provided by the Diocese and everyone at All Saints and throughout the Benefice is very supportive of the role. I never cease to be impressed by the knowledge and hard work of those I serve alongside on the PCC.