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FIRST WORD from The Rector

Many years ago I lived next door to a retired priest whom I liked very much. He was kind, very amusing, intelligent and had a strong sense of belonging to the church which he valued highly. He also had no belief in the resurrection nor of life beyond the one we see. I respected his faith (or rather his lack of it), but found it profoundly empty – rather like going to a funeral without any prayers. Is Christianity possible without the resurrection?

I don't think I or anyone else can prove the resurrection nor shall I attempt it. Efforts to stack up evidence are frequently self-defeating. And the bible accounts are, of course, themselves mysterious and enigmatic however powerful they may be.

I'm reminded of this rather touching poem by Tom Gunn speaking of a dream he had about the death of a loved one – "The Reassurance" which captures the enigma and ambiguity of faith;

About ten days or so
After we saw you dead
You came back in a dream.
I'm all right now you said.
And it was you, although
You were fleshed out again:
You hugged us all round then,
And gave your welcoming beam.
How like you to be kind,
Seeking to reassure.
And, yes, how like my mind
To make itself secure.

Was this like the disciples' experience? Did their grieving minds dream up the life now lost or was their experience an actual encounter? Was their growing belief in the resurrection simply a commitment to Christ's values, a sort of commitment to keep his memory and mission alive without any sense of Christ's individual life continuing? Or was their experience more physical, corporeal and actual?

I wonder what your experience is? So many seem to feel or even know of the presence of loved ones, so many that I've lost count. But then again many others have no sense of this enduring life at all.

At the heart of our faith is the acceptance of God's reality; that in the person of Christ we see God's person and character lived out in personal form. We can



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understand something of God because we can understand something of Christ. All that Christ is, God also is. The resurrection has never been understood as a sort of superman hero story of Christ's amazing powers, but rather the more subtle truth of the power of God vindicating Christ's life and confronting evil and brokenness with the innocence and power of goodness and raising it to life.

What might this mean for us?

Well, however surprising it may seem, the resurrection is first and foremost not about a gentle reassurance of God's love and the presence of loved ones but about judgment. Wickedness put Christ to death, a wickedness which reflects the worst of the world. Christ was subjected to betrayal, desertion, disloyalty, corruption, lies, cruelty, ignorance, mockery and barbarity. The resurrection confronts this and shines a light into the darkness and reveals it for what it truly is with an intention not merely to punish but to heal.

And today we see how much must rightly be judged; the war in Ukraine, migrants fleeing Syria, climate change, the increasing blame culture of our own society – all this and more. Those who are victims of these things cry out for justice. But judgment is a good thing – it points to what is wrong but opens the door to making it right. That is the judgment of God made known in the raising of Christ.

The characters of Easter are all affected by this healing of the past and the offer of a new life. Most movingly of all, to my mind at least, is the simple joy of Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus. These were the two people who loved him the most, grieved him the deepest and were the first to encounter what they believed was Christ alive. Frequently muted in scripture, theirs is the testimony I find most touching. But so too Peter and the others who being released from their guilt were led to lives of profound gratitude. And St Paul, who never knew Christ alive but who actively persecuted the church? His encounter gave him the courage and determination to spend his life in Christ's service.

So resurrection brings with it a profound understanding of justice, of righting the manifest wrongs we see in the world, of deep consolation and joy in life beyond death and a commitment to a life of service. The resurrection is not a "conjuring trick with bones", as David Jenkins said, but a demonstration of the kingdom of God – Christ reveals the life of God, the resurrection, as a promise to us all. I could never convince my priestly friend to accept the resurrection. But then again he could never convince me that the world was either complete nor made any sense without it. Faith can never be proved. But human experience reaches for significance and is incomplete without God, in whose power Christ is made alive and in whom you and your loved ones are found and redeemed.

A happy Easter to you.

Noel

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Pause for Thought

The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we Your unworthy servants give You
most humble and hearty thanks
for all Your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all people.

We bless You for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for Your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray You, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that we may show forth Your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to Your service,
and by walking before You in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

In the back of our new Morning and Evening Prayer booklets we have included some popular prayers. Starting this month we will give the background to each prayer in turn, beginning with this General Thanksgiving.

It was created by Edward Reynolds (1599-1676), possibly based on a prayer of Elizabeth I. He was a Puritan, but one who remained within the C of E through all those turbulent years, and was of such universally acknowledged holiness that Charles II, after his Restoration, appointed him as one of his Chaplains and then Bishop of Norwich.

This prayer first appeared in the 1662 BCP, and has remained a favourite here and across the Anglican Communion. At any time of year, and especially as we celebrate Jesus's Resurrection at Easter-tide, it expresses our immensethanksgiving to God for being the author of "our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life", and our faith in Christ for the Life to come!

Nicholas Maddock.



LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

The joy of Easter

As April begins, we mark it with the Palm Sunday procession, the welcoming of Jesus into Jerusalem amongst much jubilation and a sense of impending revolution. There were those who expected Jesus to be the next rebel leader who would rouse the local

people to turn against their Roman overlords. Political populism at its height! In their enthusiasm, limbs of trees were broken to pave the way for this new hero. However, it didn't take much for the crowd to turn around and change its tune. Those palm leaves torn from branches to throw in his path have become the palm crosses we hold today. Symbolising for us the way in which the week ends. Fronds of living trees now dried and woven to form the cruel instrument of death on which Christ suffered.

Many of our churches are now engaged with rewilding their church grounds, many are seeking to gain awards with Eco Church and are looking for new ways of reducing or capturing carbon. There would be horror at the thought of denuding our trees! In fact, parishes are discovering opportunities to partner with others to plant new trees on spare glebe land.

Sometimes though it can feel to us that the environmental crisis is too great a one to solve. Yet the message of Easter shows us that when things seem nigh on impossible it is then that we glimpse the grace of God at work. God's way of overcoming evil was not to fight a small act of resistance against a Roman invasion but rather to combat sin itself. The death of Jesus was the ultimate battle to overcome that which has separated humanity from knowing the extent of God's love for each and every one of us.

The natural world around us is a wonderful illustration of how death is not the end. The environment can be devastated by flood, fire and human carelessness and yet new life can begin again. The joy of Easter is that the story doesn't end in death but opens a new beginning for us all through the resurrection of Christ.

May you know the life and love of Christ this Easter!

Bishop Ruth

READINGS AND PRAYERS

Sunday, 2nd April - Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

The Passion According to Matthew

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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.

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

Sunday, 9th April – Easter Day

Acts 10: 34-43

John 20: 1-18

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 16th April – Easter 2

Acts 2: 14a and 22-32 **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, 23rd April – Easter 3

Acts 2: 14a and 36-41 **Luke 24: 13-35**

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

St Peter & St Paul, Weston in Gordano

2nd	10.00 am	Morning Prayer - The Rector
9th	10.00 am	Holy Communion - The Rev'd Nicholas Maddock
16th	5.00 pm	Evensong - The Rev'd Nicholas Maddock
23rd	5.00pm	Evensong - The Rector
30th	5.00pm	Holy Communion The Rector
Every Wednesday 11.00 am Holy Communion - check for venue		

Walton St Mary, Clevedon

2nd	10.00 am	Holy Communion - The Rev'd Nicholas Maddock
9th	10.00 am	Holy Communion - The Rev'd Ian Hubbard
16th	10.00 am	Morning Prayer - The Rev'd Nicholas Maddock
23rd	10.00 am	Morning Prayer - The Rector
30th	10.00am	Holy Communion - The Rev'd Nicholas Maddock MD preach
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April SERVICES

Correct on going to press - please check with the parish office or
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On Sunday, 7th May (Coronation weekend) there will be special Coronation services in each of our churches to celebrate this. Rota TBA.

All Saints, East Clevedon

2nd	8.00 am	Holy Communion - The Rector
	10.30 am	All Age - The Rev'd Caroline Sackley
9th	8.00 am	Holy Communion - The Rector
	10.30 am	Holy Communion - The Rector MD Ante communion
16th	8.00am	Holy Communion -
	10.30am	Holy Communion - The Very Rev'd David Frayne
23th	8.00am	Holy Communion - The Rector
	10.30 am	Holy Communion - The Rev'd Nicholas Maddock MD Ante communion
30th	8.00am	Holy Communion - The Rector

St Paul's, Walton in Gordano

2nd	11.15 am	Morning Prayer—The Rector
9th	11.15 am	Holy Communion - The Rev'd Nicholas Maddock
16th	11.15 am	Morning Prayer - Mr Joshua Fowler
23rd	11.15 am	Morning Prayer - The Rector
30th	11.15am	Morning Prayer - Mr Michael Dyne

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, 30th April – Easter 4

Acts 2: 42-end **John 10: 1-10**

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.

DON'T GIVE IN

There is nothing so bad that it may not be worse,

There is little that time may not mend,

And trouble, no matter how quickly it comes,

It, too, must come to an end.

You have stumbled? Well, so have we all in our time,

Don't dwell overmuch on regret,

For you are sorry? God knows, well, leave it at that.

Let past things be past and forget,

Don't despair! Don't give in! but just be yourself.

The SELF which is highest and best:

Just live everyday in a sensible way,

And leave to God ALL the rest.

ALL SAINTS THEN AND NOW

from the archives

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

These very beautiful and costly works of art, which were ordered about 9 months ago, arrived on Tuesday, July 30th, and were soon fixed in their positions upon the wall of the Church. On Thursday, August 1st, after Evensong, they were blessed and dedicated by the Vicar. They have been presented by an anonymous donor in memory of Miss Eleanor Louisa Dunn*, who passed away, October 26th, 1926. The Stations are of selected American White Wood, treated in parts with a special stain, and sparingly gilt with 22-carat gold. They are the work of an Austrian carver, M. Anton Dupré, who received some assistance from his brother-in-law, M. Aloysius Perethoner, and they were executed in the studios of Messrs. Burns, Oates & Washbourne, Ltd., 43-45 Newgate Street, London, E.C. M. Dupré, is not only possessed of exceptional skill as a wood-carver, but he also has the devotional spirit, and his work, like the work of the old craftsmen in the ages of faith, is done consciously for the glory of God and to promote true religion. Anyone who examines these carvings closely can see that they are exquisite in their detail but that is not all; their general effect is such that they cannot fail to impress the religiously-minded, and that even the careless and worldly are likely to be moved by them. They will, we hope, help many souls to follow our Blessed Lord more closely in the Way of the Cross, and to realise more fully the profound meaning of His Sacred Passion. We are deeply grateful for this splendid gift. All Saints' church is now furnished with what is probably the finest set of "The Stations" to be found in any Church in the West of England. A recent visitor, who is an expert judge in such matters, remarked that he had never seen anywhere better examples of modern carving. *The Revd. A.E. Crowder, Parish Magazine, September 1929.*

**Sister of Father James Dunn, Vicar of St. John the Baptist, Bathwick. She was a long-standing parishioner of All Saints'.*

Julia Elton



ALL SAINTS, East Clevedon

As reported in the March magazine, we learned of the deaths of Viv Manley and Marcia Gibson. Both funerals were occasions where the lives of two special people were celebrated. Please can we keep our churchwarden, Kay, in our prayers. She has been having a tough time lately with a painful knee that requires surgery. She has also had the very sad news that her dearest friend's son has died. We're thinking of you and your friend, Kay.

On Sunday, 5th March the church was full for the joyous occasion of Rupert Caddy Jackson's christening, which was "performed" by proud Grandpa, Michael Caddy. It was good to hear the sound of children in church again and it was also pleasing to hear, from visitors, how welcoming and friendly they thought our church is. After the service, cake was enjoyed by all, courtesy of Mum and Dad, Margaret and Luke

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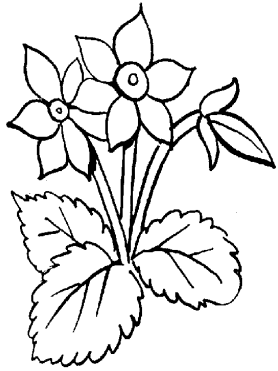
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Garden Talk

April is the first month which is sometimes chosen as a name for a girl. But although I have known several people called April (or Avril), May and June, I have never met anyone called November or February. This is no doubt because parents want to name their daughters after a 'nice' time of year, and April certainly fits the bill. Not that the weather is always wonderful, of course. April can be surprisingly cold, snow can fall, usually on the first day of the cricket season.

If the daffodil is the defining flower of March, the tulip is surely the flower of April. I planted about ten bulbs in the autumn, 'Red Impression' and the almost black variety 'Queen of the Night'. Sally was also tulip planting with 'Calgary White'. One of the problems with planting bulbs is that one is apt to forget where they are. It is so easy to slice a bulb in two when digging too enthusiastically. Another problem is that squirrels can dig them up. I solved both problems by putting a piece of chicken wire on the area where they were planted, which I have now removed so they can grow to their full glory.

Tulips do not flower as well in their second year, with the exception of Darwin hybrids. These are large flowered with a traditional shape and they will come back for several years. We have some red tulips in our garden which were there when we moved in seven years ago. They still keep coming without any help from us. They must be Darwins and could well be the variety 'London'. Other hybrids, however, should probably be lifted once the foliage has gone yellow, with the best ones replanted in November. Store the bulbs in a cool place – they dislike summer heat.

Tulips have a remarkable history. Originating in the Middle East, they were brought to Europe centuries ago and through intense breeding many hybrids were developed. Merchants working for the Dutch East India Company began trading in tulip bulbs in the 1600s and it soon became fashionable for wealthy citizens to display tulips in their gardens in Amsterdam. Tulip mania took off and the bulbs reached outrageous prices, sometimes as much as 300 guilders, an enormous sum. Of course, this absurd bubble had to burst; people who had bought bulbs could not afford to pay for them and the price crashed. We, however, can now buy a packet of lovely tulips for just a few pounds.

William King

– thank you, it was delicious!

I have just returned from a super weeks holiday in Cornwall, staying just a mile down the road from the Lost Gardens of Heligan. On the Sunday I went to church at St Paul's, Charlestown near St Austell. I've attended services there on prior visits and it was nice to be recognised. It's as friendly and welcoming as our All Saints' is. At present they have a big fundraising event for a new roof and are asking people to 'Sponsor a slate'. I donated to the cause after chatting to Jan, over a cup of tea, and have since received a certificate and letter of thanks. The message at the end of the letter was: "Please send our love and best wishes from St Paul's Charlestown to All Saints in Clevedon".

As I write the snow is falling and has been since the early hours. This, sadly, led to the community coffee morning being cancelled. Let's hope for better weather for the next one, due on 12th April just after Easter. I do hope you all have a very happy, joyful Eastertide.

Monica Gore

Vivienne Manley's Funeral, All Saints 21st February 2023

Tony wishes to thank Noel for a lovely service and tribute, the organist, flower team and the congregation for their support, lovely cards with words written in remembrance for Viv. The day was perfect. God bless. Tony

April 17th. The lectern flowers today are in loving memory of my dear Mum, Pat Tyrrell, on her birthday. We still love and miss her so much. Mo and Geoff.



ST MICHAEL'S, Clapton in Gordano

Firstly I wish to reproduce in its entirety, a note passed on to me from our immensely talented lady church decoration artiste, Janie. The work she carefully creates, lifts the church interior for every service, is apt & wonderful to behold. A big thank you to Janie from all of the Friends, and each individual congregation. I quote:

Introducing "Billy" Batt

'Welcome to a new member of St Michaels congregation. Those of you at the Carol Service may well have already seen him, 'hanging' around. His name is "Billy" and has arrived from the Mendip caves to seek new friends at our beautiful church. It was difficult for him at first, but he's an amiable little fellow & knows his place in the 'Batting Order'! Now he has settled in with our resident population & is very fond of a lady bat who has taken him under her 'Bat-wing'. So please look out for him when next visiting St Michaels (he is located above the main entrance door) and give him a wave.'

Thank you Janie, and I can assure all visitors that 'Billy' has not created any problems to us when the friends recently cleaned and prepared the church on the 23rd March.

Our thoughts go to the family of Barbara Jean Sholl-Evans, whose funeral service

was conducted in the church on Friday 24th March. St Michaels was filled with folk who knew her throughout her life and wished to pay their respects. The service dates for St Michaels in 2023 are yet to be agreed with Noel, so will be listed to be noted in your diaries next month. Likewise, hopefully we will go ahead with our annual Summer Concert, featuring the local Highly Strung band. And finally..... As I stated in last months article, St Michaels was used as a film backdrop for a group of 3rd year students from the University of Wales. The Welsh Cinema has a rich history of classic films. Namely: 'Dial M for Merthyr', 'North by Haverfordwest' & 'Treforest Gump', as examples. And of course those fine Welsh actors Richard Burton and Anthony Hopkins starring respectively in 'Where eagles Aberdare' & 'The Remains of the Dia'. The group of 6 wrapped their filming on Sunday 5th March. Casting an eye on their extremely expensive cameras & sound equipment, coupled to their complete professionalism, I can only wish them to break a leg, when they direct their respective careers further in the reel world. Watch out Steven Spielberg, and let's hope they don't encounter a HITCH. Louis, their leading man, hopefully will produce details of their project for to me to pass on, via this newsletter.

Derek Roberts



WALTON ST MARY

The Funeral of Olive White took place at St. Mary's on February 16 when friends and family gathered for the service led by Noel. On the following day there was the very happy occasion of our first wedding of the year between Benjamin Wood and Natasha Stowell.

The service was taken by Nicholas and was attended by relations and guests from Portsmouth and Norfolk. We had met the couple previously on the Baptism of their children last December.

The first concert kindly arranged by Ian Hubbard was a great success with Rachel (a member of our choir) providing us with a varied selection of songs from opera to musicals. Rachel has only recently begun to sing solo on these occasions and although she professed to being very nervous , we were all hugely impressed with her talent. More than 50 people attended and we raised a very welcome £310 for church funds.

A series of Lent meditations began on March 1st under the title of " Music that moves me". The first of these was taken by Ian Hubbard during which he introduced us to his love of a short prayer which he set to music following his recovery from a serious illness. This was published in the 90s and we listened to a CD entitled "Moor Music " by the choir of St Mary's Yatton containing his setting of this simple but moving prayer.

TO YOU, O GOD, EVERY HEART STANDS OPEN AND EVERY WILL SPEAKS
NO SECRET IS HIDDEN FROM YOU
I IMPLORE YOU SO TO PURIFY MY HEART WITH THE GIFT OF THY GRACE
THAT I MAY LOVE YOU, MAY LOVE YOU PERFECTLY

maintenance and the churchyard whilst I can. Our family live in Berkshire and Kent and Mary and I are hoping to see more of our five grandchildren and, soon expected, great grandchild.

Judging by the photo of Doug (as former Benefice Skittles champion) he is a man of many talents! Ed.

THE SEDILIA WINDOW AND THE BUDDLIEA

I admit to not knowing what a Sedilia window was prior to becoming so involved with our church fabric. I might not be alone and so for the inquisitive, a Sedilia is the group of three seats, often recessed, on the south side of a sanctuary where the celebrant and ministers sit at certain points during Communion. For us, it's just on the right side beyond the alter rail.

Above that, we have the exquisite window dedicated to St. George which was designed by Sir Ninian Comper and installed in 1917. It was one of several items in our church reflecting the first World War and has a splendid green and snarling dragon pinioned beneath the feet of the conquering saint.*

Ok, enter the buddleia. It was growing on the east face of the tower just above the roof to the stairs to the bell ringing chamber and just had to go. Some repointing of the east face of the tower was also needed and In June 2021, when life had started moving again, it was time to get the work done. A scaffold tower was needed for the work which, in itself was all done very professionally and efficiently but it took about eight weeks of persuasion to get the scaffolding removed. On the day following the removal, at the end of July, Monica found that the window was broken; she found some fragments of glass on the Sedilia seat but most was missing. We were all quite sure how the window had been broken.

The church architect was duly consulted. He assessed the damage and likely cause, obtained quotations and made recommendations for repair in August. That was put to the Diocese in who then reviewed the Faculty application in October 2021 and eventually advised us of the outcome in.....February 2022 (they had just filed it). They asked for more information and rejected the recommended window restorer and opted for the most expensive. Faculty approval was granted in time to be reported at the APCM a year ago. Kay undertook the frustrating Faculty application and insurance claim work. The window was taken away for restoration and reinstated just before Christmas.

So, the buddleia has gone, the window is back and it is still as exquisite as before.

David Wardle

(*window description courtesy of Julia)

Following on from Kate Hector's article, What is your "Ministry"? in the March magazine (p.16) we are pleased to have the first in our series featuring different people across the benefice finding out a little of what they contribute.



WHAT IS YOUR "MINISTRY"? Doug Pope, St Mary's

Mary and I moved to Clevedon in 1988 and have been regular members of St. Mary's congregation since then. In the 90's I was confirmed at St. Peter's Portishead, as part of a collective Confirmation Service and my Sponsor was Margaret Harper.

A little bit about me.....On leaving school I started work at a Shipping and Forwarding company in Queen's Square, Bristol. This gave me the opportunity to learn office procedures as well as gaining a good grounding in many aspects of importing and exporting. I later went on to become the Export Office Manager at Harvey's of Bristol, visiting Spain and Portugal on a regular basis. From here I joined The NFC (Mrs Thatcher's first privatisation). The Group became very successful and eventually was taken over by DHL (German Post). My final place of employment was with a small family run Bristol company importing costume jewellery from the far east. I was tasked to set up an IT section for accounts, stock control, payroll etc. I retired in 2000.

Since retirement I have been able to offer my services in various ways at St Mary's from helping with the upkeep of the churchyard, to attending to minor problems around the church (new light bulbs, clearing drains and gutters, and various maintenance). I have been responsible for the heating system in the church and the hall. I was also Hall Manager for several years.

For the past five years I have been Treasurer of St Mary's; a role which I have recently stood down from. Many of the skills that I was able to bring to the role had been honed and developed in my working life.

So what is the role of a Treasurer? It is to keep accurate records of all monies received and paid out using a computerised package (designed by the Gloucester Diocese) On line banking is essential these days when dealing with outside organisations and church members e.g. Churchyard workers, Organist, Bell Ringers, Verger etc. Maintaining a healthy cash flow is paramount, making periodic reports to PCC meetings of current cash balances of all the church's accounts. Keeping a watchful eye on our share portfolio with the CCLA investment company.

Although I have now stood down as treasurer, I will continue to help with church

THAT I MAY PRAISE YOU, MAY PRAISE YOU WORTHILY AMEN

The second Lent meditation was led by Nicholas Maddock and his choice of music was "The Dream of Gerontius" by Sir Edward Elgar. The first performance of this work at the Birmingham Oratory, where Nicholas studied music, was given in 1970 with Nicholas playing the bass trombone. Many people braved the snowy conditions and were well rewarded.

On the 11th March we enjoyed a second morning recital of songs and piano music. This was a good selection of pieces tailored to suit all tastes and was very well attended with our funds benefitting by more than £280.00. Our thanks go to Ian and Christopher for arranging this.

At our APCM Doug, our treasurer reported that although we managed to pay our Parish Share in full, that we will have a shortfall on funds again this year so these fundraising events are vital to the future of our ministry.

In the 3rd Lenten Reflection we heard from Sister Carol that her choice of subject was the genre of plain chant. Her love of this contemplative and very moving music was very evident and the accompanying talk most enjoyable.

Planned future events will include "Fizz and Cake" to celebrate the Coronation, a Horse Racing afternoon and our traditional Strawberry Cream tea in July.

Diana Fleming

St. Mary's Easter flowers: the following requests were received from members of the congregation in loving memory of:

Bill Cox, requested by wife Jeannie and family (pulpit pedestal);

Peter de Lance Holmes, requested by wife Mary (Font);

Bob Sutton and families, requested by wife Christine (organ top and windowsill)

St Mary's Social Committee Horse Racing Afternoon

Saturday April 22nd from 3pm in St Mary's church hall

Tickets £10 to include refreshments and fizz as the horses and jockeys are paraded around the hall before the races commence!!

A church fundraising event - please bring small change to place your bets! There will also be a raffle.

St Mary's Concert

St Mary Walton Church – Saturday 29th April, 11.00am

Yatton & Winscombe Chorale sing:-

Missa in C major (Sparrow Mass) by Mozart

other items include

'Hallelujah Chorus' from Handel's Messiah

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in C by Stanford

Fanfare by Martin Shaw

Locus Iste by Bruckner

Rhapsody No 2 in G Minor Brahms played by Amy Mercer

Choir Directed by Ian Hubbard

Organist Rosemary Burgen



ST PETER & ST PAUL, Weston in Gordano

Hospitality is a recognised Biblical virtue and the Robsons certainly exercise it as they host not just the winter mid week Eucharist but also the Lenten Biblical study group. It is a real

intrusion into the home which requires another activity that seems to be part of the Christian vocation- moving furniture! Thank you Ian and Rob.

The house group was potentially well attended but a few folk fell by the wayside for one reason or another. Still we had informed leadership and some good discussion prior to a shared lunch (more furniture involved). This kind of informal discussion around Scripture can be surprisingly valuable and unexpected. The Wednesday musical meditations for the Benefice have also been enjoyable ; with St Peter and St Paul providing the following soup and cheese lunch on March 15 th.

Fortunately we no longer have to move furniture in the Church as we did in the Hall. The Annual parochial church meeting happened at 3.00 pm on 12 th in the church. John Bridges was thanked for his valiant service a warden even whilst he was in hospital. He is willing to do another year. Ian was also thanked as he presented very professional accounts for the year. Perhaps folk do not always realise that without major effort on the part of a very small group of people the village church could now be closed to everyone. Next step is to set up a renewed Friends of the Church to assist in keeping the building and its environs going for all the village. Friends do not have to be church goers... but friends! Are you feeling friendly to this very historic and unusual identity point? So sad if , after 700 years plus, we were to let it go.

Anne Chavasse will be ceasing as a PCC member after many years service but will continue to contribute in other ways as she generously does now.

It was reported that attendance has diminished , certainly during the darker colder nights , but averages 22 at most , though special services see far more people. Yet at Evensong also on 12 th there were about 25 present. Ordinand Mike Dyne preached his first sermon among us , such a challenge , but very well prepared and delivered and a testimony to the reality of his own faith. That's attractive.

Remember the silent auction on 20 th April and the coronation weekend 6/7 May when there will be a church service as well as the village meal. Before then Easter Day on April 9th. May it be a reality for us all.

Sister Carol

Dear UB Gardeners,

Are you propagating more plants than you need? If so, would you kindly consider sparing a few for our sale in Weston-in-Gordano on May 27 at the Village Hall? Whatever you give will give our customers a greater choice. For more information and to arrange delivery or collection please contact Ann on 01275 842296.

PS Please label plants clearly!

Ann Chavasse



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 as 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, 2nd April, Tuesday, 2nd May. Tea, coffee and cake always provided!

BIBLE NOTES can be ordered through the Parish Office.

We currently order in “Day by Day with God” and “New Daylight” Bible notes. These provide bite-size Bible passages explained by those who themselves have found the Bible to be a source of strength and inspiration for life. The cost per edition is £4.75.

The notes come out three times a year. The next edition is May – August 2023. If you would like to try them first you can obtain a complimentary copy of either notes through the Parish Office.

Most mornings, with a mug of tea, I turn to two BRF (Bible Reading Fellowship) spiritual publications. The larger one and in large print is New Daylight – sustaining your daily journey with the Bible, which contains biblical passages that enable me to learn more of the Bible's history and its divine revelations.

The commentary is very helpful by clarifying words that are generally only used in a religious context. It also suggests the meaning of the text making it very interesting and thought provoking.

The second publication is Day by Day with GOD – Rooting women's lives in the Bible. This contains a shorter biblical text with a commentary which mentions modern issues such as mental health and much, much more. Aspects of the highs and lows of women's lives are written in a spiritual context giving the reader a spiritual focus for the day.

I benefit from these daily reading notes and would certainly recommend them to anyone wanting to find out more about the Bible in an accessible and interesting way.

Eleanor Sargoni

Coronation Garden Party at Clevedon Court

Saturday 13th May 2023 – 3:00pm to 5:00pm

Special cream tea and
privileged 'open door' to Clevedon Court and its Gardens.



ST PAUL'S, Walton in Gordano

'And from the bank beneath
Sheltered by budding hedge and bowing tree,
A moist delicious breath,
Of rainy violets came out to me.' Ruth Pitter

March began with a busy first weekend. As well as our monthly 'Welcome In' coffee morning on the Saturday we also had a major Spring Clean inside and outside the Church. Fuelled by a tasty hot dog everyone worked hard tidying and cleaning. Sue was really pleased and could not quite believe just how much space there is now in both the kitchen and the tower – all is ready now for the Easter Fayre this month. And as for the outside – the clearing of the ivy from along the wall and the cutting back of shrubs has set up the church yard nicely for the rest of the year. It's amazing how much more can be achieved when you work as a team – Sue says thank you again for your help.

Then on the next day we had our annual Thanksgiving Service, a chance to say a very well deserved 'thank you' to all of our church family. This service also doubles up as our AGM and Sue spoke about all that we had been doing in the Church last year – including the wonderful success we had with raising funds for Unicef during the Christmas season - and all that we have planned for the year ahead, particularly our Heart of the Village campaign (more on this later). She also set out our Church's financial situation in her own brand of economics – 'cake'o'nomics'. With the aid of an enormous chocolate cake Sue went on to present a breakdown of our incomings and outgoings – the ingredients that go into the cake being the incomings, things like weekly service collection, and then as the cake was cut each slice representing the only too regularly received bills.

Fortunately, the state of our finances allows us to be able to cover our Parish Share – the amount that goes to the Diocese, which thankfully in these difficult times was not too much higher than last year. The service was followed by a simple lunch and a chance to discuss future events coming up in 2023.

Thank you to you all for your continued generosity of support given so wholeheartedly - whether financially or of your time (or both) – it is you that keeps our Church open to everyone and at the centre of village life here in Walton. And now for this month. Don't forget to return your Lent Giving form to the Church, any money can go in the wall box (a copy was included with March's Chronicle – and there are still some spares at the back of the Church). Thank you

for giving – all funds raised will be included in our Heart of the Village appeal as we work together towards raising enough money to purchase a defibrillator for the village and of course for the wider community.

Saturday 1st April is the date for our 'Welcome In', come and join in with some chat and cake. Then on Sunday 2nd at 11.15am we have our Palm Sunday service which will include some well-known hymns to mark the day, and the distribution of palm crosses.

On Wednesday 5th we are hosting the United Benefice Agape meal here at St. Paul's. And what is an Agape meal I hear you ask – it is a communal meal shared in fellowship and love based very much on the simple meals of the members of the early church. As time went by the taking of Holy Communion supplanted the Agape meal which at first had ran along-side the religious sacrament, but in recent years it has had a bit of a revival. Sue has been researching just what the people of Jesus's time would have eaten – of course it would have been fare very much like Middle Eastern food of today but obviously without tomatoes – she has come up with some tasty ideas and there is still time to let her know if you would like to come along on Wednesday evening and join together with our wider church family. The whole thing kicks off at 6pm in the Church.

There is a United Benefice Good Friday service at St. Mary's Church, beginning at 2pm – all would be most welcome to join our friend at St. Mary's for this moving occasion.

Saturday 8th, starting at 10.30am in the Church, we have our Easter Fayre. Come and join us for 'the best Bacon roll cooked in a vestry' and ever hopeful for Spring-like weather, how about an Easter Cream Tea maybe sat in the church yard. And also weather permitting there will be a chance to hunt for Easter Eggs outdoors and also in the Church – see if you can find them all and work out the special Easter Message. There will plenty of stalls and side shows, including 'Guess the Number of Mini Eggs on the Cake' and 'Spot the Easter Bunny' – and of course there will be an Easter Raffle, it won't be Walton without a raffle. Along side all of this fun there will be the launch of the next stage of our Heart of the Village appeal – 'Put your Heart into It'. This is the giving out of 'seed money' where each person who wants to take part will receive £10, and they then take this money and increase it by whatever means they can – using their own talents and skills. In the past Maureen used her 'seed money' to buy ingredients and then went on to make countless irresistible rock cakes to sell to raise funds for our 'Send a Cow Appeal' that we had running that year. Please join us for the Easter Fayre and how about having a go at some fund raising – and you could also bring a copy of your favourite recipe. Sue is

THE HAMMOND BROTHERS OF PRISTON FOLK SONG COLLECTORS EXTRAORDINAIRE

Background:

In August 1905, two brothers, from the Vicarage in East Clevedon, set out on the first of a series of marathon cycle trips across Dorset in pursuit of English folk songs. One of the brothers, Henry, was a semi-invalid, although he had represented England at football earlier in his life. The brothers, born in the pretty village of Priston, four miles south-west of Bath, had already collected more than one hundred songs in Bath and West Somerset and, by the time ill-health prevented further journeys, they had added a further 800 to their collection. Many of these songs, which would otherwise have been lost forever, are now commonly sung by professional and amateur folk singers in Britain and across the world.

Using song, words and images, the HOTWELLS HOWLERS tell the brothers' story and the stories of the singers they collected from.

ALL SAINTS COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

10am - 12 noon in All Saints Vestry

Second Wednesday in the month—next meetings

12th April and 10th May

Just turn up or contact Sandra Sallis on 878848/07443905634

ALL SAINTS FLOODLIGHTING

17 April 2023: Today is the birthday of my dear Mum, Pat Tyrrell. How we miss and love her, but are so glad to have had her in our lives for so many years. Mo and Geoff King



1st May: My beloved husband, Geoff, celebrates his 80th birthday today. I am so blessed by all the happy years we have spent together. All my love, Mo.

If you would like to sponsor the floodlighting please email Sandra Sallis at allsaintspcc@gmail.com. Your dedication will be on the pewsheet, magazine and All Saints Facebook page.

The Hammond Brothers of East Clevedon

Folk song Collectors Extraordinaire



Using songs, words and images

The Hotwells Howlers

tell the brothers' fascinating story and
the stories of the people they collected from

All Saints' Church, East Clevedon, BS21 6AU

SATURDAY 22nd APRIL 2023, 7.30pm
Admission Free - Collection for Weston Hospice

using her 'seed money' to compile a 2023 Village Recipe Book, there has been three previous versions, all a great success.

Dates for May:

Saturday 6th – no 'Welcome In' as this is the day of the Coronation

Sunday 7th - a special, celebratory service to mark the Coronation at 11.15am

Sunday 7th - Coronation Tea in the Village Hall starting at 3pm. Bring a cake to share, a Cream Tea and Entertainment will be provided – further details in this month's Chronicle

Sunday 14th - Rogation service at 11.15am

Sunday 28th - Pentecost Sunday, service at 11.15am

Sunday 28th and Monday 29th - Scarecrow Festival – the theme is Kings and Queens – so get your thinking caps on, and even if you are going to be away that weekend, you can still display your scarecrow in the church yard.



And finally, our Mouse Musings: We mice would like to say a very, very big THANK YOU to Sue for all her hard work and her delicious cake crumbs!
Love Miss CM

FROM THE REGISTERS....

FUNERALS

22nd March – Grazyna Fielder (burial of ashes), All Saints

23rd March – David Fowler, All Saints

27th March – Mary Gammon, St Mary's

BAPTISMS

5th March - Rupert Caddy Jackson, All Saints



HOLY WEEK 2023

Monday, (3rd April)

6.00 p.m Evening prayers at **St Mary's**

Tuesday (4th April)

6.00 p.m Evening prayers at **St Mary's**

Wednesday (5th April)

6.00 pm **Agape Meal, St Paul's, Walton in Gordano**

A simple meal with Passover prayers, reflecting the heritage and fellowship of Holy Week.

MAUNDY THURSDAY (6th April)

7.00 p.m. United Benefice Maunday Thursday service

at **St Mary's**

with Watch from 8 pm - 9pm

GOOD FRIDAY (7th April)

2.00 p.m United Benefice Good Friday meditation

at **St Mary's**

EASTER EVE (Saturday 8th April)

6.00 p.m. United Benefice Service of New light
and renewal of Baptismal Vows at **St Mary's**

EASTER DAY

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at All Saints'

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at All Saints'

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St Mary's

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St Peter & St Paul

11.15 a.m. Holy Communion at St Paul's

An evening of art at Easter



**Saturday 1st
April at 7.30pm
All Saints'
Parish Church
Hall, Clevedon**

**£12.00 (includes
glass of wine/soft
drink) - please pay
on the door**

We will be exploring two fabulous Easter paintings;
Giotto's 'Lamentation' and his 'Resurrection'
with local art historian, Jonathan Camp.

For further details: please contact:

Rosie Jackson 07887656914 or

Parish office on 01275 873257