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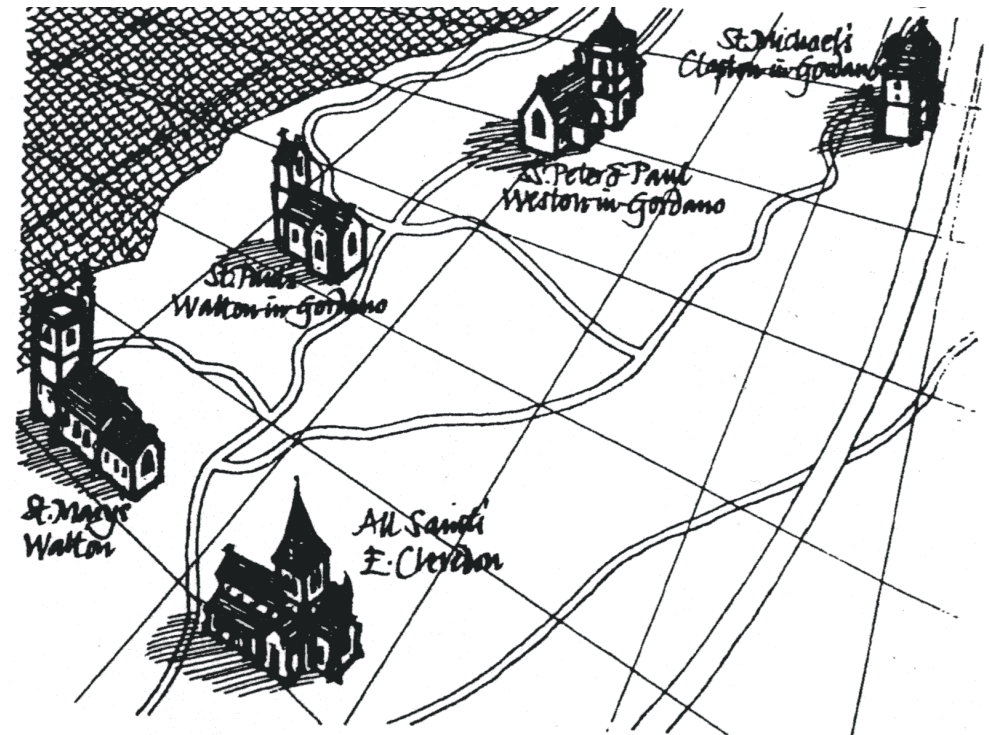
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Walton St Mary Clevedon	Sundays	10.00 am Holy Communion (1st, 3rd, 5th) 10.00am Morning Prayer (2nd, 4th)
	Wednesdays	10.00 am Holy Communion
St Paul's, Walton	Sundays	11.15 am Sunday Worship
St Peter & St Paul, Weston in Gordano	Sundays	10.00am Morning Prayer (1st) 5.00 pm Choral Evensong (2nd & 4th) 5.00pm Holy Communion (3rd, 5th)
	Wednesday	11.00am Holy Communion (in church)

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FIRST WORD from The Rev'd Nicholas Maddock

This month I reach two landmarks in my Church life, so Noel kindly invited me to write about my experiences of working in a variety of parishes, and how I ended up here.

My family's love for Christ and his Church goes back a long way. Ever since a Samuel Maddock was Rector of Chester in the 1720's there have been Maddock clergy. On my mother's side both her father and grandfather were Anglican priests, and this month marks the 50th anniversary of my entering the service of the Church.

But as a singer, not as a priest! In June 1973 I became a Lay Clerk in Rochester Cathedral. That involved singing 7 services a week in the second oldest cathedral in England. It was a thrill to share in the daily worship which has continued unbroken on that site since 604 AD! The choir was a really happy family, and vital therapy alongside my day job as Head of Music in a 950 pupil boys' secondary school in Gravesend, 7 miles down the road. As a bonus, it was where I met and married Ruth!

But the clergy kept asking "When was I going to turn my collar round?" My answer was "Never!" My father was an exceptionally gifted clergyman and I never believed I had the gifts to follow in his footsteps. In the end, however, I gave in to their pressure and was accepted for training for the ministry, to my parents' delight and with Ruth's approval.

I went to Lincoln Theological College in 1980, and in 1982 became curate at St Edward's Church in Romford's historic Market Place. The Electoral Roll was around 600, it had an excellent all-male choir of about 40, and a ministry to the busy town centre. So there was always plenty to do, and the vicar, David Jennings, was a great training priest. I was ordained Deacon in July 1982, and Priest in June 1983, so this month also marks my 40th anniversary in the priesthood.

In 1987 I went to be Vicar of Sway in the New Forest - as great a contrast to Romford as can be imagined. It had a population of around 3,000 with just one church, founded in 1839, and a church school - perfect for Liz and Katherine's early school years. In 1989 we had a six-month celebration of the church's 150th anniversary, and made friendships which last to this day.

To my great surprise, in 1994 I was invited to be the Vicar of St Mary Magdalene's, Taunton. Now rebadged as 'Taunton Minster' it is the largest parish church in

Somerset, and has a big rôle to match. It has a parish population of 12,000, is the Civic Church for the County Town, the Regimental Church for the Somerset Light Infantry, is a regular concert venue, Simon Jenkins wrote that it has “the finest parish tower in England” so it attracts many visitors, and its coffee shop and card stall are open every week day. It also hosts many diocesan events. Among those in my time was Bp Jim Thompson’s Farewell Eucharist. But the largest congregation was 1,250+ for the Memorial Service for Diana, Princess of Wales. The church was rammed with 1,000+ people, and there were a further 200+ in the churchyard. Fortunately the Mayor had organised PA so they heard perfectly. The preacher was the recently arrived Bp of Taunton, Will Stewart. Very sadly, 6 months later we hosted his funeral following his untimely death after only 9 months in office.

But by far the scariest occasion was a 55-minute live nation-wide TV broadcast in May 1996. In those days BBC and ITV broadcast live Sunday morning services from around the country. We couldn’t fit a sung Eucharist with 200+ communicants into the time allowed, so we did a group Baptism. Unbelievably none of the four babies cried, and when the cameras zoomed in on their faces they beamed – thank You, God! Goodness knows what their mothers’ put in their morning milk, but it worked.

You can only live at that pace for so long, so when in 2004 the Bishop invited me to consider the benefice of Wrington with Redhill, Butcombe and Burrington in succession to Noël, I accepted very happily. The prospect of moving to the beautiful Mendip Hills and being Rector of the village that brewed my favourite beer was irresistible! It was the first time I’d had four churches and two church schools to look after, each with their own history and character. Taking over 750 Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals and with a £500k reordering project in Wrington Church to oversee meant I was kept busy, but once again it was a privilege to meet and work with many wonderful people, and we made some lasting friendships.

On my 70th birthday in May 2017 I retired from full-time ministry, and we had the immeasurable blessing of moving to the church property in Friary Close, and being invited to share in the ministry of this Benefice, which we love.

On Sunday 25th June I will celebrate the 40th anniversary of my ordination as a priest at St Mary’s, Walton. The service will start at 10.30am, rather than the usual 10.00am to give Bp David Jennings time to come here from the Cotswolds to preach. Following the service, from around 11.30am, you are all most welcome to join us for tea & coffee, cake & fizz in the Hall.

What have I learned from all these different experiences? Firstly, that the dear old C of E, for all its faults and foibles, is a most wonderful gift of God to our nation. We recently revisited Rochester. The castle, built in 1080 by Gundulf on the orders of William the Conqueror to reinforce his earthly reign, is a roofless ruin,

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Pause for Thought

The Serenity Prayer

by Reinhold Niebuhr (1892 – 1971)

God, grant me
the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can,
and the wisdom to know the difference. Amen

Reinhold Niebuhr was a pastor and theologian in the American Evangelical Church. His particular interest was the intersection between religion, politics, and public policy. One of his sayings was “Man's capacity for justice makes democracy possible, but man's inclination to injustice makes democracy necessary”. Some of his books, such as “Moral Man and Immoral Society” and “The Nature and Destiny of Man”, are still highly regarded today. He has been called “the most influential American theologian of the 20th century”.

His first reference to this prayer was in a sermon in 1932, when the Great Depression was presenting millions of people with huge challenges over which they had no control whatsoever. When we are faced by such circumstances, as many people are today, Niebuhr suggests we should seek God's guidance and grace to meet them with the Christian virtues of Serenity, Acceptance, Courage and Wisdom.

This prayer reminds us that the early Church faced problems and challenges beyond anything we have had to face. Despite that, St Paul's writes in his letter to his beloved fellow believers in Philippi, “Do not be anxious about anything but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:6-7).

As I discovered when I was involved with a Drug Rehabilitation Unit in a former parish, this prayer has been adopted by organisations such as ‘Alcoholics Anonymous’. But we all experience times when life presents us with seemingly intractable problems, and we can forget that “God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble, and therefore we need not fear” (Psalm 46: 1). At such times the simplicity and memorability of this great prayer can bring us comfort, and a way forward in the darkness.

Nicholas Maddock.

whereas the Cathedral, founded by St Augustine in 604 to honour the King of Kings is a thriving centre of Christian worship and mission. Truly great evidence that Christ is alive and active in his world!

On 26 April the Government published a report stating that “Faith is an overriding force for good, and the Government needs to improve its engagement with faith groups”, and “For millions of people, faith and belief informs who they are, what they do and how they interact with their community, creating strong ties that bind our country together.” That's a bit of a change from a previous administration that said “We don't do God”!

The Bible tells us that “a people without vision perish” (Prov 29:18). Whether it is in great Cathedrals like Rochester, or little village churches like St Paul's in Walton, we can encounter the authentic presence of Jesus Christ in word and sacrament, and through that encounter find ‘that Peace that passes understanding’, even in this very fraught world.

One of the greatest joys of my 50 years in the Church has been the thousands of people – some clergy but mostly lay people – whom I've had the privilege of meeting and working with who are clearly filled with the Love and Peace of Christ. To all of them, and to all of you for your welcome here, Ruth and I say “thank you” from our hearts, and we look forward to sharing with you in the ministry of our churches here as long as we are able.

And if you feel God calling you to any kind of service in the church you will find, as Moses did, as I did, that though you might feel totally inadequate for the task, He will give you the strength and vision that you need if you put your trust in Him. As St Paul says “The One who calls you is faithful, and He will be with you” (1 Thess 5:24). That has been my experience - I pray it may be yours, too.

Nicholas

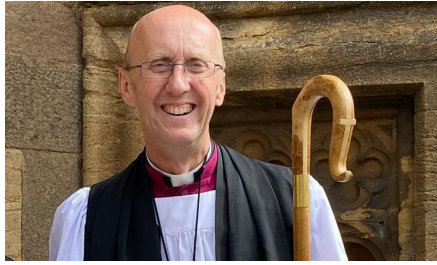
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10am - 12 noon in All Saints Vestry

Second Wednesday in the month—next meetings

June 14th and July 12th

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LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

A commitment to serve

'Your Majesty, as children of the kingdom of God we welcome you in the name of the King of kings'. In reply to these opening words at his Coronation, King Charles III responded 'In his name and after his example I come not to be served but to serve.' This short exchange summed up what the service was about and what it intended to convey.

The King's commitment to service is not in any doubt. To give just a few examples, he has engaged with our most challenged communities far more than any politician, he called on us to care for the environment years before it became popular to do so and, of course, founded The Prince's Trust, which supports our most challenged younger people in so many ways.

He becomes king of a new era, the Carolean era. Our times see us face some big challenges. Our question is how to address them. I was immensely struck by all the agencies and charities present in the Abbey for the King's Coronation. Their participation spoke of the ways in which we're going to need to act differently in the years ahead to address the issues that confront us.

Because it's all too evident that the power of government, be that local or national, to respond to the problems we see is less now than it was when the late Queen began her reign. Our challenge in this era is of how we're going to come together, in service, to address the different challenges that lie before us, be that the climate, how we tackle poverty, how we respond to a troubled international situation. All of us will have a part to play.

Where to find the resource to act in the way that's going to be needed? As I stood beside the King at the Coronation what inspired me was to see the way he drew so much strength, purpose and resolve and assurance from his Christian faith for the service he's called to give. And in that we can follow him too.

Bishop Michael

St Peter & St Paul, Weston in Gordano

4th	10.00 am	Morning Prayer - The Rev'd Tim Daplyn
11th	5.00 pm	Evensong - The Rector pr Michael Dyne lead
18th	5.00pm	Holy Communion - The Rev'd Nicholas Maddock
25th	5.00pm	Patronal Evensong - The Rev'd Tim Daplyn Sister Carol preach
2nd	10am	Morning Prayer- The Rev'd Nicholas Maddock
Every Wednesday 11.00 am Holy Communion - check for venue		

Walton St Mary, Clevedon

4th	10.00 am	Holy Communion - The Rev'd Nicholas Maddock
11th	10.00 am	Morning Prayer - The Rector
18th	10.00 am	Holy Communion - The Rev'd Ian Hubbard
25th	10.30 am	Holy Communion -The Rev'd Nicholas Maddock cel The Rector ante comm
2nd	10.00am	Holy Communion - The Rector cel Michael Dyne preach
Every Wednesday 10.00 am Holy Communion at St Mary's		

June/July SERVICES

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All Saints, East Clevedon

4th	8.00 am 10.30 am	Holy Communion - The Rev'd Tim Daplyn All Age Communion - The Rector Michael Dyne preach
11th	8.00 am 10.30 am	Holy Communion - The Rev'd Tim Daplyn Holy Communion - The Rev'd Tim Daplyn Michael Dyne ante communion
18th	8.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion - The Rector Holy Communion - The Rector
25th	8.00am 10.30 am	Holy Communion - The Rector Holy Communion - The Rev'd Tim Daplyn and baptism of Monty Fryatt
2nd	8.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion - The Rector All Age Service - The Rev'd Tim Daplyn

St Paul's, Walton in Gordano

4th	11.15 am	Morning Prayer - Sue Betts
11th	11.15 am	Holy Communion - The Rector
18th	11.15 am	Morning Prayer - Joshua Fowler
25th	11.15 am	Morning Prayer - Robb Robinson
2nd	11.15am	Morning Prayer - Sue Betts

READINGS AND PRAYERS

Sunday, 2nd July – Trinity 4

Jeremiah 28: 5-9 **Matthew 10: 40-end**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday, 9th July – Trinity 5

Zachariah 9: 9-12 **Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-end**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday, 16th July – Trinity 6

Isaiah 55: 10-13 **Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23**

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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.

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday, 23rd July – Trinity 7

Isaiah 44: 6-8 **Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43**

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself

that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Sunday, 30th July – Trinity 8

1 Kings 3: 5-12

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.



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 6th June and Tuesday 4th July. Tea, coffee and cake always provided!

BIBLE NOTES can be ordered through the Parish Office.

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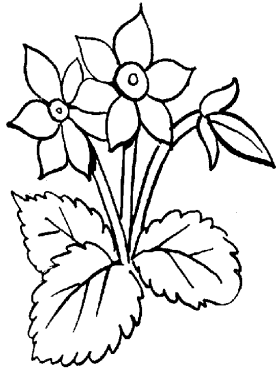
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Garden Talk

We all make mistakes, but the important thing is to learn from our mistakes. Last autumn, anxious to make leaf mould, I collected several large bags of sycamore leaves which I spread all over the flower beds. All went well until April when I noticed several little seedlings popping up all over the place. I was rather slow in recognising them but after a week or so I realised what they were – hundreds of little sycamore trees.

There are enough weeds in our garden without introducing new ones. One of the worst in early summer is hairy bittercress. It spreads all over bare soil very quickly, comes out almost at once with little white flowers and then seeds in a matter of days. Apparently it is edible and can be used like ordinary cress, but we find the best thing is to hoe it out immediately. Another troublemaker is oxalis, a perennial weed with leaves which resemble large clover leaves. It produces little pink flowers and covers bare soil very rapidly. Later in the year field bindweed (*Convolvulus*) will emerge and smother any plant if it gets the chance. Like ground elder, another menace, it is almost impossible to dig out. The roots go deep and if they are broken off a new plant will be created. Just rip it out whenever you see it.

To happier matters, June is the month of roses. To my mind, there is nothing to beat a fragrant rose in full bloom climbing over an arch or on a cottage well. I mentioned in June last year that we have trouble with blackspot which first emerges at the end of the month and thereafter ruins the appearance of most bushes. I say 'most' because it seems that shrub roses are, for the most part, fairly resistant. Unlike hybrid teas and floribundas, shrub roses are much closer to wild roses such as our own dog rose (*Rosa canina*). Most are fragrant with lovely pink or white flowers. The main disadvantage is that they produce a magnificent display in midsummer but will not continue to flower thereafter. I think it is unfair to reject them for that reason. Most plants have a flowering season; we do not expect tulips to flower in August or Dahlias in March.

We shall be opening our garden on 17 June in aid of the well restoration fund at St Mary's. If you fancy a wander round followed by a cream tea you will be more than welcome.

William King

ALL SAINTS THEN AND NOW

from the archives

Mr. Daniel is preparing an interesting and attractive scheme to render our organ even more useful than it is. He hopes soon to lay before the Council a plan for erecting part of the organ in a suitable and decorative casing above the west door. This is a plan much advocated to-day by music experts, as it encourages congregational singing to have music support from the back of the church, and in churches where there are many processions, the music may easily be left far behind – in more senses than one! – when organ and choir are separated by the length of the church. In our own case there would be the additional advantage of enlarging and beautifying the Lady Chapel, by transferring the pipes that are somewhat unsightly, and occupy valuable seating accommodation, to a more useful and ornamental a spot. The West window would, of course, be left entirely unobscured. The scheme, if adopted by the Council, would cost about ninety pounds, of which about twenty have already been given. *Father Stothert, Parish Magazine, June 1934.*

*The addition here referred to was for the west organ, removed in Father Marriott's time in the early 1970s. We all raised money (I was dragooned by my mother to play at a concert in aid of it) and the pipes were removed from above the west door. They are now situated between the organ and the new Sacristy door. I sometimes wonder if this was a mistake!

Julia Elton



ALL SAINTS, East Clevedon

We celebrated the Coronation of King Charles and the baptism of Arabella Oades on Sunday 7th May. It was a lovely service, led by Noel. There was a full church with regular members plus lots of family and friends of baby Arabella and her parents. Noel spoke about the Coronation Service the day before and referred to the anointing with oil which both the King and Arabella received on their special occasions. The event was also tinged with sadness as Arabella's grandparents, Mary and Mike Anderson, had just moved away and came back for the occasion. We will miss Mike and Mary very much; they have been very active church members and such lovely people. We wish them well in the next stage of their lives, nearer their families, and hope we see them back on visits. After the service we celebrated with cake and bubbly, thank you to those who organized the refreshments and to Mike and Mary. Afterwards some of us went to a street party in All Saints Lane. It was a lovely way to celebrate the Coronation and meet up with neighbours – a big thank you to Bev and Gail for organizing ours.

Continuing the Coronation theme, we had the Coronation Garden Party at Clevedon Court on Saturday 13th May. It was a really sunny day, and the Court gardens looked lovely. People were able to sit outside and enjoy scrumptious

cakes and scones with jam and cream. Julia had kindly opened up rooms not normally on view to National Trust visitors and the Clevedon Court Volunteers gave us interesting information as we wandered round. At the end of the afternoon Noel proposed a toast to the King and Julia cut the cake (made by Monica). There were visitors of all ages - Paige (aged 4) said 'When we buy a house this big we will have lots of room for a trampoline in the garden!' A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered in every capacity – you made it a great success.

The May coffee morning was very well attended with two newcomers, both called Celia! As usual we had a lot of chat and we look forward to our next meeting on 14th June. Everyone is very welcome.

There were some big birthdays in May, including Geoff King celebrating his 80th on 1st and Tony Manley's 90th on 23rd. Sending our best wishes to both Geoff and Tony and hope they enjoyed their special day.

The Hotwell Howlers concert has now been rearranged for Friday 29th September so you might want to put that in your diary.

Sandra Sallis



ST MICHAEL'S, Clapton in Gordano

The Friends would like to thank the family and friends of the late resident of Clapton, Ivor Taylor, whose funeral service was held in St Michaels on Thursday 20th April. Noel lead the service. He again will be taking a funeral service on 23rd May for another late

Clapton resident, Roland Aldom. Roland will be interred in the churchyard. Our sympathies go out to both families. Thanks also to the small group of helpers who clean and prepare the church for each occasion, beforehand, and of course to the members of Clapton Court for on site car parking of mourners.

George Wyatt informed us that the 19 members of his bell ringers contributed the the 'Ring for the King' on May 6th, as part of a nation wide peel throughout the country. It must have required his wizardry of organisational skill to allow all of the group to participate, within the confines of the relatively small area of the tower! Well done and thanks to you all.

The Friends (and don't forget, all interested are welcome to attend) will meet in the church for the 2023 AGM on 15th May at 19:30.

And finally..... Future events within the church are planned as follows: June 30th Summer concert commencing at 19:30. Remembrance Sunday 12th November, with the walk up to the church from the Black Horse. Christmas Carol Service, 17th December at 15:00.

Derek Roberts

Introduction

Poetry is a matter of 'angling' words so that there is a new light on and through them, so that what's seen or heard or felt suddenly looks different, becomes more than you realised. That's why poetry so often returns to a natural world that seems to cry out to be encountered in this way, to be spoken of in a new way that shifts the light and reveals what we never quite saw first time around. And this is really pretty much what we'd expect in trying to speak about and to see a world that rests on the inexhaustible act of God, whose intelligence and love connect everything, letting every apparently separate thing and moment join up unobtrusively with every other, so that meaning is slowly generated out of these connections.

Rowan Williams

May I ever remain here

May I ever remain

here

where I can feel

the breezes of Calvary;

in this place

which is everywhere

for everywhere

finds its home in Christ.

Beneath that fruitful tree

where all creation moves

His prayer

begins to sing in my heart

(Profession Day Epiphany '75)

Written by Sr Gillian Mary SSC (Society of the Sacred Cross)

at Tymaur Convent (a friend of Sr Carol CHN)

Little Saints

Little Saints celebrate the coronation.

Members of the Little Saints group had a wonderful time on 4 May, learning all about the forthcoming Coronation, with a special celebration to mark the occasion.

All Saints vestry was suitably decorated with bunting and balloons and the youngsters looked at photos of past Coronations showing the processions, special clothes & uniforms along with the sparkling gold coach & Crown Jewels. Then they had lots of fun decorating crowns for themselves which they proudly wore before having their photos taken whilst sitting on their own special throne. Refreshments in the form of squash and cupcakes followed before the group all sang the National Anthem prior to departing. The children all took home a balloon along with their individual crowns.

Our Little Saints are much valued members of our congregation. It is a joy and privilege to watch them grow and develop and we love them all very much. Thanks to Kate & Lynne, fellow members of our team who run the group.

Christine Sutton



The children were delighted to meet some special guests at one of their sessions! They were learning about Noah and his ark, and Len and Rose Hurley kindly bought Josephine and Ruby along to see them.

Little Saints meet every Thursday during term time, 12.30-2 in the vestry. All preschoolers and their parents/carers are very welcome. Feel free to bring your lunch along to eat there.



WALTON ST MARY

Immediately after Easter, a period of profound meditation and reflection came Low Sunday, so called because smaller congregations are expected in contrast to the great festival. Not

so for us this year as we had the opportunity to celebrate the 80th birthday of our choir master and organist Ian Hubbard. Just before the service concluded churchwardens Diana and Paul 'interrupted the service to make a special announcement' and presented Ian with bottles of his favorite wine which were clearly much appreciated. Thanks again Ian for all you do for us and for the local music community in general.

We were all saddened to hear of the death of one of the stalwart members Michael Whitehead. His funeral was well attended, especially by a number of ex-work colleagues who travelled considerable distances. Michael was one of those people who, if there was a job to be done such as delivering Christian Aid envelopes, he was always 'first in the queue' to offer and carried out the tasks efficiently.

Everybody watched the joyous Coronation weekend, I'm sure and was impressed by all the pageantry. Our special Coronation service was well attended too, led so ably by Ian Hubbard with Bishop Barry delivering a sermon during which he informed us that whilst only a small number of other countries in the World hold these ceremonies the UK is the only one during which the King (or Queen) is anointed, a symbolic act signaling divine election.

Our program of social events continues and has included another Saturday morning music concert, this time by the impressive Yatton & Winscombe Chorale and an afternoon of horse racing which was especially enjoyed by all those punters amongst us! Also Yvonne Flanagan crafted a beautiful needlework cushion to mark the King's Coronation and then raffled it with the donations going towards our Well Restoration fund.

FINALLY, a note for your diaries – on Saturday 15th July there will be a strawberry cream tea, this year on the church patio.

Paul Middleton

Footnote: Mary Pope reports that our bell ringers were rather dismayed when they saw the state of the flag of St George shortly before 23rd April, St George's day. However, thanks to the prompt and speedy help of Kate Bright of Katez Kraftz the flag was restored with new bindings and was in a good state to fly from the church flag pole. Many thanks to Kate!



ST PETER & ST PAUL, Weston in Gordano

Paschaltide seems to have flown by this year, bringing us to the

Feast of the Ascension but with the Paschal candles staying in place in our churches until Pentecost. We are very happy to be back in the church choir stalls again for mid week communions , and grateful to Sister Anita who often presides for us.

Church came together with the Social committee in the village to provide a really memorable lunch in the village Hall on the day following the coronation of King Charles the Third. Sheilagh Williams and Peter her husband were prime mover but others rallied...The Bridges and Robinsons, Ian and Angela Borland , David and Kirsty, Gary and Wendy. Thank you and thank you again! This was a really happy occasion with a three course menu (with choice) , so splendidly cooked and presented. The coronation theme of 'service ' was exemplified by those who not only arranged and cooked but waited at table. As one who was waited upon I found this so hopeful and quite moving. Thank you so much, those who instigated and laboured over this celebration. The only disappointment was that places were inevitably limited by the venue. A street party is not really possible in Weston in Gordano where the traffic volume and speed is increasingly spoiling our environment!

Sister Carol

Nothing especially earth shattering to report from the PCC meeting on 18th May, but some discussions of note were:-

1. Sandra Derrick was welcomed as a member of the PCC.
2. Service Timing was discussed following requests that we revert to services being held at 6.00 pm. On balance it was felt that as there is not a majority in favour of this change, we should retain the 5.00 pm timing.
3. Hymn Books - the long running discussion as to which hymnal should be used in our church seems to be near resolution.

Future Events

- 16 June. Silent Auction, Village Hall. Cash bar with nibbles.
25 June. Patronal Festival - at Evensong. Followed by wine and nibbles.
15 July. Village Fete - joint operation with WiG villagers. Ideas for stalls, offers of cakes and raffle prizes would be much appreciated.
22 July. Wedding of Chris Harris and Emma Nicholas.
23 July. Baptism of Rosie Hall t 10.00 service. Please note change of service for this day.
23 Sept. Harvest celebration including an evening of Welsh music, poetry and folklore with J L. Thomas. Details to follow.
25 Nov. Christmas Fayre

John Bridges

My role in St Peter and St Paul's and the Benefice.

Robb had been teaching A Level Religious Studies for about 18 years. Noel recognised a committed Christian with a deep knowledge of the Bible and asked her to train as a Reader. She was very reluctant at first but I thought she could do it and encouraged her. About this time, we were persuaded to join the PCC and when she was licensed as a Reader she told me I was bound to be asked to be a church warden - I was and I agreed. I was a churchwarden for 7 years, had a 5-year gap then agreed to do it again. I was churchwarden along with John Bridges for 2 years when our treasurer of many years pleaded to be released from the burden. We were unable to persuade anyone to take it on so I agreed to take over from him. I realised I had a lot of learning to do, so I stepped down as churchwarden leaving John to run the church on his own. I agreed to continue as a deputy churchwarden as I learned to be a treasurer. That was the year when Covid struck. Changing bank mandates turned out to be very difficult. I spent hours phoning the bank joining a long queue. I couldn't pore over last year's accounts sitting next to my predecessor, that too had to be done over the phone. Eventually I got it together. That was when Noel asked me if I could take on the Benefice Office accounts as well; it would "only be a couple of hours a month". It actually takes about 4 hours per month but first I had to go through the bank mandate bit all over again. Things are easier now but in my 3 years of Treasurership, the bank branches in Nailsea and Clevedon have closed and I still have cheques and cash to pay in and cash floats to provide. Heaven knows what we'll do if Portishead closes.

FROM THE REGISTERS....

BAPTISMS

7th May – Baptism of Arabella Oades, All Saints

FUNERALS

15th May – Shirley Long, St Paul's, Walton in Gordano

23rd May – Roland Aldom, St Michael's, Clapton in Gordano



What is Your “Ministry”?

Ian Robinson, St Peter & St Paul’s

A bit about myself

After leaving school I went to Liverpool University to study Electrical Engineering and Electronics. My work bases included Cambridge, New Southgate (very close to Harry Moss’ hardware shop), Radlett, Wandsworth, Cwmbran, Nailsea, London and finally back in Nailsea. When I started working in Nailsea we moved to Clevedon and finally moved out to Weston-in-Gordano. During

the London phase we continued to live in Clevedon and I spent the week camping in a cousin’s spare house in North London.

What brought me to St Peter and St Paul’s

We had lived in Clevedon for a number of years and had gone to several of Clevedon’s many churches but ended up in St Mary’s. During my life, I had started as a Christian and had even been confirmed. At school we were required to go to Chapel for at least one Sunday service every week, most often Matins, which I found dull (the Te Deum was so long it needed 3 chants!) but sometimes it was Evensong and I quite enjoyed that. During this time, I became very familiar with the liturgy. After school, I dropped out of it and convinced myself I was agnostic. During my Radlett period, I met Robb; it was a holiday romance but we married (we had our 50th wedding anniversary last year). Robb had always been a firm believer and it was she who brought me back to God. When we moved to Weston-in-Gordano, we started going to St Peter and St Paul’s - they did Evensong, just as I knew it and we went every week. We had moved while I was still working in London and to help fill in the evenings while I was away, Robb joined the Tuesday Singers run by Jean Carrad. They sang all sorts of stuff but on at least one Sunday a month they became the church choir and sang anthems and did a proper job of the psalm. When I left London and began working in Nailsea again, I became a Tuesday singer too. I learnt to sing bass by standing next to Jeremy Carrad and copying what he sang. I’m very good at singing a quarter of a note behind everyone else! The Tuesday Singers faded away but we still have a part time church choir and I am still one of the basses.



ST PAUL’S, Walton in Gordano

Summer is icumen in –
Lhude sing, cuccu!

Groweth sed and bloweth med
And springeth the wude nu.

Sing, cuccu!

Sing, cuccu, nu! Sing cuccu!

Anon (13th century)

I would like on behalf of all my family, to start by saying thank you to everyone who joined us to celebrate the life of Shirley - our dear Mum, Gran and Great Gran. We would also like to thank all those who took part in the service and helped in the hall, especially with all the washing up. And thank for your generous gifts to Brooke, the charity that cares for working horses and donkeys. Mum loved this village and the people who make up our village community, and what was always going to be an extremely difficult day was eased by your love and support.

And now for our report.

Well done to all those who organised the celebrations for the coronation of King Charles. A special service on Sunday 7th began the day with hymns from the previous day’s service and prayers for His Majesty. And then in the afternoon it was all down to the village hall for our Coronation Tea. The hall was full to bursting and the table was heaving with the weight of all the sandwiches and a huge array of beautifully decorated cakes. To follow the tea there was entertainment – our very own version of the coronation, this time of the King and Queen of Walton (a couple of scarecrows) who arrived most appropriately in a carriage (a wheelbarrow). With plenty of opportunities for everyone to join in either as ‘guardsmen’ or ‘trumpeters’, and with a stick of rhubarb as a spectre and a swede as an orb, while all taking place to a medley of tunes by the Wurzels – it was all hilarious, and a wonderful nod to our West Country ‘heritage’.

We closed with a resounding rendition of ‘God save the King’, and an even louder ‘three cheers’ for His Majesty.

Thank you to Emma, Deb, Tracy and Sue for a wonderful afternoon of fun.

Our Rogation service, on Sunday 14th, had to be held indoors as the weather had been somewhat changeable – but as the sunshine has at last appeared there is an increased chance of our regular weekly services, and the ‘Welcome In’ coffee mornings, moving outside for the summer.

At the time of writing we are still eagerly anticipating the Scarecrow Festival over the late May Bank Holiday – let’s hope the weather is kind for that weekend. This month we have the welcome return of our ‘Welcome In’ coffee morning on Saturday 3rd June, starting at 10.30am in the Church.

There will be a piece of homemade cake and cup of tea with your name on it, so join us for some chat and a catch up on village news.

Then on the following day, Sunday 4th June, we have our service led by the

congregation – our Morning Gathering – followed by a simple lunch and our Parish Conversation, a chance to air your thoughts on all matters to do with the Church. And weather permitting this may all be outside in the churchyard affording you a chance to glory in the beauty of God's creation here in Walton-in-Gordano. Next month we have our Village Summer Fete on Saturday 8th July at the Village Hall and organised by the Social Club.

As ever the Fete will be a fun filled day with everything from stalls and side shows to the Children's races and the Vintage Cars, there will be day long refreshments – a Bar, Barbeque, Tea and Cake, and Ice creams. The Village Archive will be on display – this is a brilliant source of information relating to the village, wonderfully compiled and collated by Emma. And back by popular demand – the Fun Dog Show – this always thoroughly enjoyable event will this year be judged by David Harvey who used to live in the village and is a vet. So, bring along your canine friend, there are always lots of classes including 'the waggiest tail'.

There will be a meeting after the 'Welcome In' on Saturday 3rd June to discuss the preparations for the big day – please come along, and how about helping out on the day, perhaps you could spend some time running a stall or maybe doing a bit of washing up – there are always plenty of things that need doing on the day and in the lead up to the event. Any donations for raffle prizes, any books and bottles, or items for the bric-a-brac stall can be dropped off at the hall on Friday 7th or can be collected if needs be – please contact Barbara on 873652. Homemade cakes need to be brought along on the morning of the Fete. All donations will be most gratefully received. Raffle tickets will be included in July's Chronicle, and this year we are raising money for our 'Heart of the Village' appeal – a wonderful cause to raise money for defibrillators, and their installation, for the use of the people in the village and anyone passing through the village as well. (If you still have your copy of May's Chronicle, there is an extremely informative piece all about the appeal by Dan Dickinson who has taken on the role of co-ordinator) If you have a favourite recipe you would like to be included in The Village Recipe Book, which Sue is putting together to go on sale at the Flower Festival, then please bring the recipe with you to the fete – money raised by sales will also be going to the 'Heart of the Village' appeal.

So why not make this the year that join in all the fun. The Summer Fete here in Walton has been a regular event for many, many years and it is a wonderful way to bring villagers - and those from beyond the village – as well as family and friends together.

Looking further ahead and our annual Flower Festival over the August Bank Holiday

St Mary's Church Well Restoration Fund



Open Gardens

Saturday 17th June 2 to 5pm

17 Ash Grove and

1/29 Castle Road

£5 to include tea in
the garden

Coronation parties

The Coronation Garden Party at Clevedon Court was a wonderful event—thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make it so successful. Special thanks to Julia Elton for allowing us to access all areas.



The coronation lunch in Walton in Gordano attracted lots and people and was a fun event. Thank you to everyone who worked to make it happen.



Holiday weekend. This year's theme is 'At Home with our Favourite Animals'. This gives plenty of scope for your flower arrangement, it could depict your favourite animal or the habitat they call home or combine the two – have an animal and its home. You don't need to have expertise in flower arranging, why not just come along and have a go – there is always plenty of room for anyone who would like to take part. Or how about helping out on the day. Sue is the person to contact if you would like to join in. More details to follow in next month's Chronicle and magazine.

We close by offering our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Grace who sadly passed away last month. Grace was another of our long resident villagers, 'the times they are a-changing'.



And finally, our Mouse Musings: Watch out for us mice at all these brilliant village events – though we are going to have to dodge out of the way of the dogs again at the Summer Fete, but it's worth it for the cake and possible dropped ice creams. See you there. Miss CM

ALL SAINTS FLOODLIGHTING



6th May - to celebrate the safe arrival of our latest grandchild Finley James Halliday. Mike and Mary Anderson

7th May – in celebration of the baptism of Arabella Oades. Mike and Mary Anderson

22nd May - In remembrance of Sister Lydia on her birthday, much love Children of St.Edith's xx

23rd May - In celebration of Tony Manley's 90th birthday.

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.

Ring for the King.

As well as calling the many to worship, Weddings and Funerals, the purpose of church bells is to announce and celebrate community and national occasions. The Clevedon, Gordano Valley, Portishead, Kingston Seymour, Long Ashton and Yatton ringers came together to make as many sets of bells ring on Coronation day as possible, with much planning and Co-ordination we managed. On the day it's self some of us rang 9 towers in total. In the Morning we rang at Clevedon St Andrew, then All Saints, We paused whilst the Ceremony took place and reassembled at Portishead to restart our expedition, from there we rang Easton-in-Gordano, Portbury, Clapton-in-Gordano, Weston-in-Gordano and the most enthusiastic of us managed to squeeze a ring in at Kingston Seymour and Long Ashton. Each tower had 30 minutes of ringing and we had 19 ringers supporting us, for some it was their first ring since before the Lockdowns.

In the days leading up to this, a few of us went to each tower to prepare bells for ringing, this entailed disengaging clock chimes, putting up flags, some places requiring oil manually applying to plain pivot bearings and raising the bells ready for ringing to save time on the Coronation day.

Overall a very intense but enjoyable and memorable day had by all the ringers, as well as lots of encouraging comments from residents everywhere we rang. One of our team "Jim Humphries" felt so moved by the days events he has written to Buckingham Palace to tell he king all about our ringing day in the Gordano Valley and Clevedon.

George Wyatt



Diocese news

Coronation celebrations

Services and celebrations took place right across Bath and Wells to mark the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III.

St Paul's Church in Weston, St Andrew's Church in Minehead, and Bath Abbey were among the many churches which livestreamed the event and invited their local community to join together in celebration. St Paul's even had their very own giant crown. At St John's Church in Keynsham the tower was lit up in red, white and blue and an image of the Union Flag was projected on to the west front of the church, while inside a mini-Flower Festival was just one of the celebrations taking place inside the church. Read about the celebrations.

Church compost loo a hit

After receiving a quote of £120,00 to install a toilet in their church, the community of St Peter's Church, Staple Fitzpaine, near Taunton changed their plans and are now enjoying having a new environmentally friendly compost toilet.

Rebecca George, Churchwarden at St Peter's says, "I have an elderly mother and I wanted her to be able to come to my church, but she didn't feel confident without a handy loo. So, with permission, I ordered a port-a-loo which was installed about 100 yards from the church. Suddenly the Pop Up Cafe got more popular, more people like my mum came to services, and it became possible to put on more events for a wider range of people."

Pupils enact historic Coronation

At St John's church in Glastonbury on Sunday 7 May, following the Coronation, there was a Civic Service and town procession with a twist. Pupils from Wells Cathedral School re-enacted the first Coronation of King Edgar at Bath Abbey. He was crowned by St Dunstan, who was born in Baltonsburgh and the first Archbishop to crown a King.