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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	11am Morning Prayer 2nd Sunday Other services as announced
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Please contact the parish office if you would like to receive a weekly email with Readings, Prayers and Notices for the week.

If you do not have internet access please contact the parish office and we will make hard copies available for you.

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## FIRST WORD from The Rector

The problem about carrying a smart phone around is that you carry the world in your pocket. All life seems to be there. I can shop or do my banking 24/7; I can check on the hour to hour weather forecast for Paris, New York, Delhi, and Nempnet Thrubwell; I can find my way around the world by Google Maps and message all my friends on social media at any moment. I can buy a car at 3.00am in the morning, and get the latest moment by moment commentary on any item of news I care to follow. I can take films and photos and send them instantly and get my emails – many of them – all the time. If I'm quick off the mark I can even fumble around enough to answer a phone call.

But darker currents lie beneath all this opportunity. I don't think we ought to blame technology for the world's woes but the unfiltered misinformation these things spew out can be genuinely caustic to mental health – not least the relentless information about suicide, extremism, radicalisation, polarisation, knife crime and gang culture, environmental degradation and war. All of these things, and more, stir up division, mistrust, hatred and conflict. If we can find the world in our pocket then at times we must wonder what sort of a world it is becoming and giving up a smart phone for lent may be a good start for this season.

This accelerating division and hatred is, of course, the spiritual background to Easter.

Easter isn't simply the story of one person, it's the story of a new community who strive to live in a new way. One of the most striking elements of the Easter story is the unshakeable conviction of the disciples and their emerging church in the resurrection – that Christ had died on the cross, somehow carrying the burden of the world's darkness, but that God had raised him to life revealing the resurrection not just for one individual but for us all. From its very first day the church grew on this foundation. The church became a "community of the resurrection", as Paul would say, "if anyone is in Christ the old has gone, behold the new has come" and the remarkable conclusion of the resurrection is that "there is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female; for all of you are one in Christ."

This is the reconciling reality of the resurrection. The new community of faith, the church, was and is called upon to reflect the values, the faith and the life of the



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Kingdom where all find a place. The old barriers are to be taken away as the resurrection heals, restores and forgives all that needs healing, restoration and forgiveness. The disciples, a mixed bag of devotion, fear, failure and loyalty, all came to this extraordinary awareness – that God had raised Jesus from death which blew away all their fear and confusion and with courage and confidence they began their new community of the resurrection – a community of hope and faith.

The divisions which we see all too clearly in the world are, therefore, not just pieces of bad news. They are actually a denial of the resurrection – a sort of refutation of Easter. Easter breaks barriers and creates reconciliation which stands in stark contrast to the evil divisions we witness.

Easter is not just a story about a happy ending, nor less some cleverly invented myth but an extraordinary awareness of the life of God made known in Christ. So every time we see a reconciliation, every time we see an act of forgiveness, every time we see fear replaced by hope – then these things reflect something of Easter. And we, in the church, in the community of the resurrection, are called upon to practice and to live out this hope.

Easter allows us to put something positive into the world. There is much to celebrate and much which is good, but in these troubled times as the world's woes come to us so powerfully, we can celebrate how the darkness of cruelty, lies and corruption was healed and restored by goodness, truth and faith which the church is called upon to live by still. We may at times carry the world in our pocket but we can carry Christ in our hearts who has overcome the world.

Alleluia Christ is risen;

He is risen indeed, alleluia.

Noel

**ALL SAINTS COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING**

**10am - 12 noon in All Saints Vestry**

Second Wednesday in the month—next meetings

March 13th and April 10th

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**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 5th March and Tuesday 9th April.

Tea, coffee and cake always provided!

# Pause for Thought

## Bishop Guli Francis-Dehqani

### A prayer for the people of Iran

Lord Jesus Christ, We hold before you the people of Iran. May the tears shed in your earthly life Be balm for all who weep, And may the prayers of your pilgrimage Give strength to all who suffer, For your mercy's sake. Amen.

### Prayer for Anglicans in Iran

Ever living God, Whose Church is strengthened by the blood of the martyrs, We thank you for the witness of the Anglican Church in Iran And pray for the faithful remnant who endure. In suffering, sustain them; In fragility, nurture them; In isolation, surround them with your love. May we see your presence in the small and the vulnerable, For the bruised reed you do not break, nor the smouldering wick snuff out. Renew us, and the persecuted Church, in the message of hope Shown in the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bishop Guli Francis-Dehqani was born in Isfahan, Central Iran, the youngest of four children to Hassan Dehqani-Tafti, the first ethnic Iranian Anglican Bishop of Iran. In 1980, in the wake of the Islamic Revolution, Guli and her family were forced to flee the country after being targeted by the regime. She arrived in the UK as a refugee aged just 13. She has been unable to set foot in Iran since.

Bishop Guli attended Clarendon School in Bedfordshire, where she met and became friends with our very own Kate Hector. A friendship that continues to this day, Kate and Guli being part of the fabric of each others lives, having lived near each other in London and even working alongside each other in religious broadcasting at the BBC. Guli has been to East Clevedon and has even stayed at the Rectory

In November 2017, in wondrous circularity, she was consecrated as a Bishop, making her the first woman from a minority ethnic background to be ordained as an Anglican Bishop.

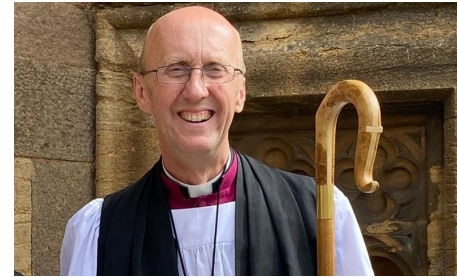
She is the current Bishop of Chelmsford and is the lead Bishop for Housing for the Church of England.

As we journey through the season of Lent, in light of ongoing world events, with increasing tension between America and Iran, the Middle East more riven than ever and the subject of refugees once more in the headlines here at home; I felt it apposite to remember the ordinary people of Iran and all those who suffer persecution and oppression.

Bishop Guli's story remind us to welcome the stranger and not be tempted to turn our back on those in need.

In uncertain times, when our faith may be tested, Guli's prayers highlight our responsibility to all who suffer and remind us of the Gospel message of hope, and reassure us that nothing we face can separate us from the love of God.

*Michael Dyne*



## LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

### New life for all the world

Sowing seeds, chitting potatoes, choosing varieties. Easter acts as starter's orders for the gardening year. Beds are

cultivated, lawns mown, plans for all the growth and new life that spring and summer will bring made and then turned into action.

There's a much greater connection between gardening and Easter than it merely being the time to dust off forks and spades. For in the Bible, a garden is the setting for Easter itself. In John's Gospel (Jn 20:1-18) Mary Magdalene meets the risen Jesus in a garden. Indeed, Jesus's appearance to Mary is so unexpected that at first she can't believe it's really him. So she mistakes the man she meets 'supposing him to be the gardener' (John 20:15).

In John's account, all the new life contained in the first Easter chimes with a much earlier story set in a garden too. This is of the new life of another man and woman, the creation story of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden and contained in the book of Genesis (Genesis 2:4- 3:24). In that story, Adam is the gardener (Gen 2:15), only for things to go wrong. In John, Jesus is portrayed as the new Adam – come to bring new life that has no end.

What would happen if we were to think of our churches as gardens, primed to welcome the spring that is the new life of Jesus this Easter? What would happen if we imagined ourselves called to be gardeners – like our father Adam and the new Adam, Jesus? What would we expect to grow? What might need pruning or weeding? What new plans for the coming season would we make and turn into action? What would be the harvest that we'd sow for, tend and then reap?

For I reckon we should see Easter as the starting point of all that God wants to do among us and with us. Jesus's resurrection opens us to being part of God's new creation. Easter offers us a fresh start for life, relationships and the life of our churches: new life for all the world.

Happy gardening and a very Happy Easter to you all.

**Bishop Michael**

## READINGS AND PRAYERS

### Sunday, 3rd March – Lent 3

**Exodus 20: 1-17**      **John 2: 13-22**

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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.

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Sunday, 10th March – Mothering Sunday

**Exodus 2: 1-10**      **Luke 2: 33-35**

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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.

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Sunday, 17th March – Lent 5

**Jeremiah 31: 31-34**      **John 12: 20-33**

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

### Sunday, 24th March – Palm Sunday

**Isaiah 50: 4-9a**      **The Passion According to Mark**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race

## St Peter & St Paul, Weston in Gordano

3rd 10.00 am Morning Prayer - Michael Dyne

10th 5.00 pm Evensong - The Rev'd Tim Daplyn

17th 5.00pm Holy Communion - The Rector  
3.30pm APCM

24th 5.00pm Evensong - The Rector

31st 10.00am Holy Communion - The Rector

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

## Walton St Mary, Clevedon

3rd 10.00 am Holy Communion - The Rector  
+ APCM

10th 10.00 am Morning Prayer - The Rev'd Ian Hubbard

17th 10.00 am Holy Communion - The Rev'd Nicholas Maddock  
Michael Dyne preach

24th 10.00 am Morning Prayer - The Rector

31st 10.00am Holy Communion - The Rev'd Nicholas Maddock

Every Wednesday 10.00 am Holy Communion at St Mary's

## MARCH SERVICES

Correct on going to press - please check with the parish office or  
www.eastclevedonchurches.co.uk

### All Saints, East Clevedon

3rd	8.00 am	Holy Communion - The Rev'd Tim Daplyn
	10.30 am	All Age Communion - The Rev'd Tim Daplyn
10th	8.00 am	Holy Communion - The Rector
	10.30 am	Holy Communion - The Rector, Michael Dyne assist and baptism of Archie Lee
17th	8.00am	Holy Communion - The Rector
	10.30am	Holy Communion - The Rector + APCM
24th	8.00am	Holy Communion - The Rector
	10.30 am	Holy Communion - The Rev'd Tim Daplyn Michael Dyne ante comm
31st	8.00am	Holy Communion - The Rector
	10.30am	Holy Communion - The Rev'd Tim Daplyn

### St Paul's, Walton in Gordano

10th	11.15am	Morning Prayer - The Rev'd Tim Daplyn
31st	11.15am	Holy Communion - The Rector

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.

#### Maundy Thursday

**Exodus 12: 1-8, 11-14**

**John 13: 1-15**

#### Sunday, 31st March – 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.

#### ALL SAINTS FLOODLIGHTING

8th February: Jenny Conybeare – In memory of Jenny (mum). It is six months since we lost you, a day does not pass when you are not in our thoughts. Love Derrick and Russell xxx



8th March: Our grandson Alex, 21 on 8th March, we love him so much and pray for a safe and happy life for him. Jeanne and Tony Summerwill

16th March: In loving memory of Ron Franklin in our hearts everyday. Margaret, Maria, Neil, Jacob, Emily & Kara

27 March: Our amazing grandson, Gregor, is 15 today. How blessed we are to have him in our lives. Mo and Geoff King

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

# ALL SAINTS THEN AND NOW

from the archives

## THE QUIET DAY AT EAST CLEVEDON

We are requested to state that the notice required to be given to the Vicar, before the 20th inst.[20th May], applied to those only who intend to preserve the continuity of the day by attending the common meals (at which readings are given in lieu of conversation). Any persons, therefore, can avail themselves of the services, addresses, instruction, &c., but those only who have given due notice can attend the common meals, except by payment of 2s 6d. The day being a Rogation Day, the meals (by the Church's order) will be very simple and all *maigre* [meatless], the cost being defrayed from the offertory at 8 and 10.30 a.m. *Clevedon Mercury, May 25th 1889*

\*The Vicar at this point was the Revd. John Vicars Foot (later John Vicars-Foote), who succeeded Father Stephen Henry Saxby, in 1887. Appointed by the Eltons, who had the gift of the living, and married to an Elton niece, his incumbency turned into a disaster. First he sued his curate, unsuccessfully, and then he sued Sir Edmund Elton and the Rev. John Lawson of St. John's Church. Once again he lost and in both cases the verdict was that the action should never have been brought. After several unhappy years, when the parish split into factions, he issued the choir and orchestra in 1898 with brass knuckledusters in case of attack by the Kensittes, an extreme Protestant sect, and the Bishop almost immediately forced his resignation.

Julia Elton



## ALL SAINTS, East Clevedon

At the service on 4th February, Mo King shared her favourite hymn with us 'Thine be the glory'. Mo said "Some of you may remember my dad, Des Tyrrell, who, many years ago, was the organist and choir master of All Saints. He always relished the opportunity to really let rip on a hymn when the occasion arose and the hymn I have chosen was certainly one of these! Thine be The Glory is my favourite chiefly because it is the most glorious, uplifting affirmation of the central part of our faith – that Jesus died for us and rose again to give us eternal life. It was sung at both of my parents' funerals and I have asked that it be sung at mine in due course. Such wonderful, hopeful phrases in the most triumphant of melodies tell us that "endless is the victory thou o'er death has won" "Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb" "the Lord now liveth: death hast lost its sting" and He will 'bring us safe through Jordan to they home above". It reminds us that Jesus' victory over death is 'endless' – it doesn't just refer to His own death on the cross but for all his children our earthly death is not the end, it is the most glorious beginning to our eternal life with God, in our heavenly home, and with the hope that we shall be reunited with our loved

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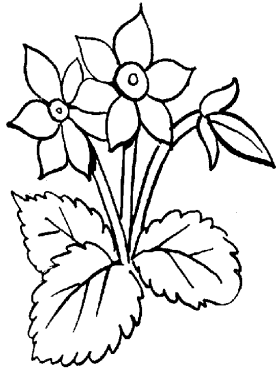
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## Garden Talk

It is time to get snipping. Many shrubs will benefit from a haircut in March and some require more drastic treatment. Lavender, rosemary, santolina and similar plants should be treated gently – avoid cutting into old wood which will probably not regenerate. Old shrub roses do not need to be pruned unless they have got too big, and climbing and rambling roses should be pruned only lightly. Hybrid teas and floribundas, on the other hand, can be cut down to a few inches from the ground.

Talking of roses reminds me of so-called 'hobby plants'. Some gardeners specialize in just one genus, and we had a good example of that last month with Geoff Mitchell's excellent article on sweet peas. When we lived in lower Clevedon, with its thick clay soil, I specialized in roses and was looking forward to creating a nice display in our present home at the top of the town. But, alas, they hate our light, stony soil; they get blackspot from July onwards and look a mess. So now I grow only shrub roses which can flourish in our conditions.

Then about three years ago I bought some salvias at Weston-in-Gordano's celebrated plant sale. They had been raised by Geoff and looked very attractive. Our resident snails thought so too and it wasn't long before they had all gone. Some time later I attended a coffee morning at St Mary's where another salvia plant was on sale for a modest sum. It had been raised by Mary Pope (do the clergy realize how many keen gardeners we have in the Benefice?). This plant has narrow leaves and does not seem to be palatable to slugs and snails. It flourished in our garden and I took a cutting which also grew well.

This was the start of my Salvia Phase. They are amazing plants and love our light, free draining soil. They bloom continuously from mid-summer until November, they are drought tolerant and cuttings take remarkably easily. But now I have a confession to make. Coming up Clevedon's Zig-Zag one day I saw a bright blue salvia within easy reach. True blue is unusual in garden plants; many so-called blue flowers are really purple. With a deft movement of the thumb nail I secured a tiny sprig which I put in a pot as soon as I got home. It has sat there all winter long doing nothing until about a week ago. Then I noticed a new shoot coming up and I hope it will be ready to plant out next month. As every schoolboy knows, stolen fruit is the sweetest!

*William King*

ones who have gone before. The words are full of joy and hope which lift me up every time I sing it. We normally only get to sing this marvellous hymn at Eastertide so take this extra chance to raise your voices high" – which the congregation duly did! Thank you, Mo, for sharing this with us and also bringing back memories of your parents, Des and Pat, who were such valued members of our church.

With great sadness we have just heard that Maureen Smith has died suddenly, and we remember Alan and family in our prayers. Kay is recovering at home from her knee operation and we look forward to seeing her back at church. The 8am Communion is just not the same without her welcoming smile.

**On Saturday 9th March Kay and Monica are going to be making posies for Mothering Sunday in the vestry. A 'Spring Clean' is being organized on Saturday 23rd March ready for Easter. If you can help with posies or cleaning please have a word with Monica or Kay.**

The March Community Coffee Morning is on Wednesday 13th 10am in the vestry. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on Sunday 17th March and will take place after the 10.30am service. This is when we hear the yearly reports from the Rector, Churchwardens and Treasurer and all church members are invited to attend.

During lent there are evening discussion groups in All Saints vestry (details elsewhere in this magazine). This Easter, All Saints will be hosting the Benefice Maundy Thursday service at 7pm and the Easter Liturgy on Easter Eve at 7pm. There will be the usual 8am and 10.30am services on Easter Day. Wishing you all a very Happy Easter

*Sandra Sallis*

On the 7th February, after a period of reflection, All Saints' PCC considered the report on same sex marriages known as "Living in Love and Faith". The Church of England, together with the Roman Catholic Church, has recently approved resources and prayers for the pastoral support and blessing of same sex couples. These prayers are to be used in a pastoral context and are not marriages – they are prayers for those already married in a register office or similar. The law recognises same sex civil marriages and although the church teaching and understanding of marriage hasn't changed (one man, one woman for life) the legal and social context of marriage and human sexuality has changed radically. Recognising these changes and the Church's provision in this report, the PCC unanimously approved these resources for use at All Saints expressly wishing to be a welcoming and inclusive church for all. The PCC is aware that views can vary markedly on this issue and that not everyone is likely to agree, but the Bishop charged all Incumbents and PCCs to consider opting into these resources and we have willingly chosen to do so.

*Noel  
on behalf of the PCC*



## ST MICHAEL'S, Clapton in Gordano

Whilst checking the church after last Sunday's open day session, I was struck on how warm (ish) the interior of St Michaels felt.

Although the Victorian era coal fired heating system was discontinued many years ago, the recent mild weather has been kind to us, temperature wise. However the isle floor does tend attract a certain amount of damp from the exterior, leaching in. At a Friends meetings last year, the topic of providing up to date heating for the building was raised but would prove to be not cost effective to cover the number of services and events were are able to provide throughout the year.

For instance at our December evening special concert we recommended that the audience wrap up to cope with the then current temperature, which thankfully almost all folk complied with. At least the thickness of the building walls provided relief from the high Westerly wind that evening!

George and his merry band of bell ringers continue to make an active use of the church. He has given notice that they intend to provide a 3 hour peel session from 11:00 on Palm Sunday. So please listen out for their proposed tintinnabulation on the day. There is also a possibility that they intend to replace one of the existing bells with a newly acquired example. More news on that once I get confirmation of the exact details from him.

And finally..... May I request the members of the Friends group that we get together for a special meeting, say mid March, to discuss important topics that are relevant to the continued running of the church in the future and hence to the benefit of the local community? Request to Yvonne Jay in order to pass on a suitable date/time to Rachael and Phil.

*Derek Roberts*

## WALTON ST MARY



Is this the hand of providence, I wonder? I am possibly the World's best example of a 'dinosaur' - I'm 85 years old, I read the Daily Telegraph, typically middle-England, I'm a 'true blue' when it comes to politics and homosexuality does not sit comfortably with me.

However, as we have been asked to consider same-sex blessings I felt that, as a warden and representative of the church, I should be open minded and attend a Diocesan seminar. That was a few Monday's ago but before setting off I played a few holes of golf with my regular buddies. As we walked down the fairway chatting I mentioned my trip to Wells in the afternoon and one of them told me that only two weeks earlier his nephew had married his boyfriend and his wife described the service as 'the most loving' she had ever attended. This set me thinking – who am I to stand in the way of other peoples' happiness, whatever shape or form it comes in.



## The Kubiak Corner– Imaginative Cooking for One

Welcome to a new addition for the magazine. My name is Victoria Kubiak and I am a nutritional and allergy therapist. I also provide workshops and cookery demonstrations. The Kubiak Corner aims

to provide you with a simple recipe idea which is easy to make, adaptable and suitable for smaller portions.

I can't resist sharing an inspirational quote with each recipe. I have collected these over the years in a little book, ready to thumb through on difficult days to help focus on a better pathway. What better than a tasty dish and an inspiration to lift our spirit and tap into our motivation.

First off....the best sardines on toast ever!

1 tin of sardines in olive oil

1 small finely grated carrot

1 tsp of whole grain mustard

Juice of half a lemon - or to taste

Sprinkling of turmeric (optional)

Topped with .....

2 halved cherry tomatoes

5 –6 caper berries

### Method

Mash all the ingredients together, to a rough consistency (excluding the toppings).

Pile on to toast, rye bread is particularly complementary to the sardine mixture.

Place the halved cherries and the sprinkling of capers on the top and grill to heat through.

Simple as that, but oh, so enjoyable.

*If I cannot do great things - I can do small things in a great way. Martin Luther King*



## LOCAL HISTORY TALK AND WELL BLESSING

11.00 am SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2024

### ST. MARY'S CHURCH, WALTON.

We invite you to attend an illustrated talk from local historian Jane Lilly on the history of Walton St Mary, the Church and the ancient well.

After the talk there will be a blessing of the newly restored well by Bishop Barry Rogerson, formerly Bishop of Bristol, followed by wine and refreshments.

Donations welcome towards completion of the well and garden.

Venue: Walton St Mary Church Hall, Castle Road.

Parking is available near the Church Hall.

Ian Hubbard, our choirmaster staged another of his most welcome Saturday morning concerts on the 27th January. On this occasion baritone Robin Tyacke sang 'Songs from the Shows' and was ably accompanied on the piano by Pamela Rudge.

Our Candlemas service, commemorating the presentation of Jesus at the Temple incorporated communion this year which, although not scheduled, added certain poignancy to the occasion.

The funeral of John Bailey, a resident in nearby Clevedon Court Nursing Home for a number of years, took place on Thursday 1st February. It was well attended and the playing of a number of Glen Miller's tunes during the service was enjoyed by all and a clear indication of John's love of dance band music.

#### IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

On Saturday 9th March from 10.30 until 12 o'clock in the church hall, there will be a Silent Auction with refreshments in aid of the Well Restoration fund. There are still one or two bills to pay!

A ceremony to dedicate the Well by our own Bishop Barry will take place on Saturday 23rd March at 11 o'clock. This will be preceded by a talk in the hall given by Jane Lilley and Tom Vaughan, contributors and compilers of the very informative Walton St Mary 'Discover Clevedon' board. There will be light refreshments afterwards and a retiring collection.

*Paul Middleton*



## ST PETER & ST PAUL, Weston in Gordano

After a period of dreary weather, thankfully without any snow so far, we are finally enjoying some brilliant sunshine – long may it last! Congregations have been reduced due to illness – hopefully those affected will now be in full recovery mode.

We have started putting together a memorial to Margaret Jacobs who died last year. Margaret was a long-standing stalwart in our village life and was much involved in our church's activities. The Jacobs family has commissioned an Aumbry in her memory and this now rests in the piscina by the altar. Easter Sunday will see this formally accepted and dedicated.

We have also put up a memorial plaque on the archway leading into the servery to commemorate Margaret's long time as Church Warden and the work she and Paul did in re-ordering the servery to make it today's useful room.

Additionally, the family are providing new cushions for the choir stalls which should provide more comfortable seating for the choir.

We hope all additions will provide a fitting memorial to a well-loved member of our congregation.

At our recent PCC meeting, the Church's reasoning and recommendations for the

blessing of same-sex marriages were discussed. It was unanimously agreed we should follow the Church's recommendations and implement these blessings when requested.

Our Village Library in the church porch, started by Margaret more as a book exchange point after the first village library in the defunct telephone box by the pub became a jumble, now appears to be a convenient dumping ground for house clearers. 50 (fifty) books suddenly appeared one day over Christmas, dumped in a higgledy-piggledy fashion, meaning "someone" has to sort the books and find a display point. We welcome new books, but please – in moderation.

**Diary Dates – some dates for your calendars:**

10th March Mothering Sunday, Evensong  
29th March Good Friday Meditation , 2.00-3.00 with Robb Robinson  
30th March Easter Sunday, 10.00 Holy Communion + dedication of Aumbry.  
25th May Plant Sale + Nearly Nu clothes + other stalls  
29th June Recital by Gregory Stewart, tenor. Evening  
20th July Church/Village Fete  
1st December Christmas Fayre, 12.00 after Morning Prayer  
22nd December Christmas Carol Service.

*John G Bridges*

The funeral of the much loved, and already much missed, Sue Betts on Friday 2nd February was a wonderful tribute to her life. The church was packed and there were people outside seated under gazebos; so many whose lives had been touched by her kindness, her empathy, and her care.

Sandra Derrick was very touched to have been asked to read the family eulogy – a tribute to a close-knit family.

The tributes from the faithful of St Paul's and their readings of poems were a touching tribute to Sue's faith. The lovely words of the head of High Down School, where she had worked for 23 years spoke of her perceptive care of all the special children who had been in her care. Her creativity and fun-loving approach to life clearly reflected on the staff as well as the pupils.

She was in Kipling's words, 'a friend of all the world' in her fund raising for so many of the disadvantaged of the world, providing cows, toilets, and guide dogs among so many things. We'll miss her chutney, marmalade and Christmas cakes – not to mention bacon butties and cakes of all varieties.

I shall personally miss her friendship and support over many years and the privilege of being included in many Benefice activities with her. I hope that we can keep her tremendous faith and zest for life going, not just at St Paul's but throughout the Benefice as a small tribute to a beautiful soul.

*Robb Robinson*

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2024**

**WEDNESDAY (27th March)**

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

**MAUNDY THURSDAY (28th March)**

7.00 p.m. United Benefice Eucharist at All Saints'

*with Watch from 8 pm - 9 pm*

**GOOD FRIDAY (29th March)**

2.00 p.m. - Meditation at St Peter and St Paul

2.00 p.m. - Meditation at St Mary's

**EASTER EVE (Saturday 30th March)**

7.00 p.m. United Benefice Easter Liturgy

and renewal of Baptismal Vows at All Saints'

**EASTER DAY (Sunday 31st March)**

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at All Saints'

10.30 a.m. All Age Communion at All Saints'

10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist 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

## Stepping Stones 'Living with Loss'

Drop in support in times of change or bereavement

### OPEN DOOR – DROP IN

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

Next meetings:  
1st March, 5th April

Tea always available!

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

Plants wanted please. The Plant Sale will be on Sat. 25th May, 10am - 2pm at Weston-in-Gordano Village Hall; also Refreshments & As new Clothes. We would be very grateful for gifts of plants to sell so that we have a wide choice for our customers... well rooted cuttings, perennials, bedding plants, veggies etc.etc (labeled please) Please phone Ann 01275 842296 to arrange delivery or collection. Thank you. Do come!

Ann Chavasse



## ST PAUL'S, Walton in Gordano

The Donkey. By G K Chesterton (1874 – 1936)

When fishes flew and forests walked  
And figs grew upon thorn,  
Some moment when the moon was blood  
Then surely I was born.

With monstrous head and sickening cry  
And ears like errant wings,  
The devil's walking parody  
On all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the earth,  
Of ancient crooked will;  
Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb,  
I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour;  
One far fierce hour and sweet:  
There was a shout about my ears,  
And palms before my feet.

Sue's family would like to say thank you to all those who were such a help and support on the day of her service of Thanksgiving – to those who set up the church and saw people to their seats, and who installed the PA system for all those sitting outside to be able to be part of the service. To the team who put up and took down the gazebos, to the farmers for the use of their farmyards for parking, to all the ladies who tirelessly made and served the teas and cakes in the village hall to so very many people. Thank you most of all to those who took part in the service, and to you all for sharing your loving memories of our dear Sue. Whether from the church and the village, from the United Benefice, from High Down School or from further afield, your presence gave us the strength to make it through the day.

It was lovely to hear that so many had come together for the Welcome In coffee

## Concert

Saturday April 13th St Mary  
Walton 11.00am

Rachael Cooper Soprano, accompanied  
by Sue Parker

Programme to include:-

Famous Operatic Arias

Popular Classical & Musical Theatre Works

Free Admission with Donations towards Church Funds

Coffee/Tea and Biscuits will be provided.



## FROM THE REGISTERS....

### FUNERALS

23rd February – Norma Selwyn, All Saints

morning and then the Morning Prayer service at the beginning of February. This month's coffee morning will be on Saturday 2nd March at the usual time of 10.30 am in the church.

And then on Sunday 10th March we have our regular monthly service, on the second Sunday of the month, a simple approachable gathering for Morning Prayer. This month it also happens to be Mothering Sunday and there will be the distribution of little floral posies for all the congregation, as we give thanks for all mothers, grandmothers and those who bring love and care to their families and friends.

Then on Saturday 23rd from 2 to 4 pm we have our Easter Fayre in the Village Hall. There will be all sorts of interesting Craft Stalls including Textiles, Woodturning, Artworks and other Crafts. If you would like to have a stall for yourself at the very affordable price of £10, then please contact Emma at waltonchronicle@gmail.com or by phone at 07985 167452.

As well as the Craft Stalls there will be an Easter Egg Tombola, a Bric-a-Brac stall and of course the traditional Walton-in-Gordano Raffle, as well as delicious refreshments on offer throughout the afternoon. And there will be parking in Moor Lane. All proceeds will kindly be going to our church as the community comes together in support, so please come along, and join in what will surely be a lovely event capturing the village ethos. Thank you to all those organising the Easter Fayre, especially Emma.

The following day, Sunday 24th is Palm Sunday. There will not be a service here at St. Paul's but there will be services at the other churches in the United Benefice and you will find the times listed in the 'March Services' here in the magazine. But as we remember Christ's entrance into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey with palm branches strewn his way, there will be Palm Crosses at the back of the church for anyone who would like one.

Good Friday is on March 29th, once again this year our friends at St. Peter and St. Paul's at Weston-in-Gordano reach out the hand of welcome for us to join them in meditation on this day between 2 and 3 pm.

On Easter Day, Sunday 31st March, we have a Holy Communion service at 11.15 am. Please join us for this joyous occasion.

**We close with a few dates for next month:**

Saturday 6th April – Welcome In coffee morning at 10.30 am in the church.

Sunday 14th April – Morning Prayer at 11.15 am

Wishing you a Happy Easter from us all at St. Paul's.

*Ruth Long*

## What is your "Ministry"?

### Varvara Milavanova, All Saints



#### A bit about me

My name is Varvara.

Over 22 years ago I came from Russia to study at Durham Uni, and then settled down in the North East. I have an 18-year-old daughter, Darya, 2 cats and a family of hedgehogs living in my garden.

I love walking, being in the nature to admire God's creations in various seasons. When the weather is temperamental, I enjoy reading a book or do a bit of knitting.

We came to South West 5 years ago and got a little house in Clevedon, as my daughter was accepted at Clevedon school at the time.

As long as I remember, I have had faith, and it was always important to me to be part of the Church.

#### What brought me to All Saints

In Newcastle we went to St John's Church, and when we moved over here, I was looking for a Church in Clevedon. I often would take a walk to Cadbury Lane in the Woods on the hill, so I kept looking at All Saints Church.

On one of Sundays, I decided it was time to go in, instead of just looking in.

I very much loved the service and atmosphere, it reminded me of home and gave me peace.

#### My role in church

Now and then I help with serving teas and coffees during Sunday service and also during Little Saints toddlers group session on Thursday.

I have recently joined David and Glenys serving on Sundays. I find these moments an uplifting and very humbling experience.

I am grateful that this Church has welcomed me with such warmth, and I feel so much joy in heart after I have been to the service.



## EASTER FAYRE

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Walton Village Hall

2pm

Refreshments, Easter egg tombola,  
Raffle and plenty of stalls

All proceeds to St Pauls Church

Parking in Moor Lane

Walton Social club supporting St Pauls Church

## Diocese News

### Puppet-packed worship in Peasedown

St John's Church in Peasedown, just outside Bath, is piloting a new type of service for families with young children. Called Bubble Church, it is described as a 'puppet-packed, Jesus-centred, coffee-and-croissant-fuelled, 30-minute kids and families adventure.' Bishop Michael recently attended and said, "It is fantastic to see all the children enjoying Bubble Church. It is a really joyful service and a wonderful opportunity for the whole family to worship together and share their journey of faith."

### A royal visitor for Bath

Her Majesty The Queen joined Bishop Michael at a Service of Celebration at Bath Abbey in February, to mark the 850th anniversary of St John's Foundation. Queen Camilla, who is Patron of the Foundation, had tea with residents of St John's almshouses in the Chapel of St Michael Within, before walking through the city to the Abbey. The foundation provides shelter and support for older adults in the city and works with children locally.

### Hospital visit boosts spirits

Bishop Michael recently met patients and staff at Musgrove Park Hospital in Taunton. He said, "It was a privilege to see our NHS in action and to see such professionalism and expertise combined with such warmth and humanity.

"It also was brilliant to see the chaplaincy team serving and offering kindness to people of different faiths and of none."

Colin Drummond, Chair of Somerset NHS Foundation Trust warmly thanked Bishop Michael for spending so much time there, and said, "It was a wonderful boost for patients and colleagues alike in our very busy hospital."

### Bible verse of the month

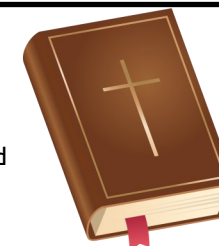
When needing peace.....

"You have bedded me down in lush meadows, you find me quiet pools to drink from."

Psalm 23 v 2

Taken from The Message Bible 2003

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



## Lent and Holy Week 2024

### Lent Discussion Group

Hope Springs Eternal – five conversations from scripture bringing hope into our troubled times

*Tuesdays in Lent beginning 20<sup>th</sup> February.*

**11.00am** at 4, The Close, Weston in Gordano (home of Ian and Robb Robinson) followed by a bring and share lunch

**7.00-8.00pm** in All Saints Vestry.

20<sup>th</sup> February Reconciliation in families and life (Luke 15:11-32)  
*Led by The Rector*

27<sup>th</sup> February Good news for all of us (Matt. 5:1-12)  
*Led by Rev'd Nicholas Maddock*

5<sup>th</sup> March Seeing the humanity in the enemy (Luke 10: 25-37)  
*Led by Rev'd Tim Daplyn*

12<sup>th</sup> March Finding peace in times of difficulty (Phil 4: 4-9)  
*Led by Mr Michael Dyne*

19<sup>th</sup> March Surprised by joy (John 20: 1-18)  
*Led by Sister Carol CHN*

*The sessions will be led by members of the clergy and everyone is welcome. No biblical knowledge is required. We hope to see you there.*

## Wednesday Meditations

A Passage, a Person and a Place

Wednesdays 12 noon at St Mary's

Five lunchtime meditations from different people telling of a passage of scripture or other text, a person and a place which has influenced their faith and life.

*Wednesdays in Lent at St Mary's Church, Castle Road, Clevedon 12 noon to 12.30pm, followed by a simple lunch in the church hall.*

*Donations will be given to humanitarian relief in Israel and Gaza.*

21 <sup>st</sup> February	The Rector
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Sandra Derrick
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Victoria Kubiak
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Rev'd Tim Daplyn
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Anna Turner

### Holy Week

**Maundy Thursday Eucharist and Watch,**

28<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm,

All Saints

**Good Friday Meditations,**

29<sup>th</sup> March 2.00pm – 3.00pm

St Mary's and St Peter and St Paul, Weston in Gordano

**Easter Liturgy,**

30<sup>th</sup> March, 7.00pm at All Saints