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# The Parish Magazine

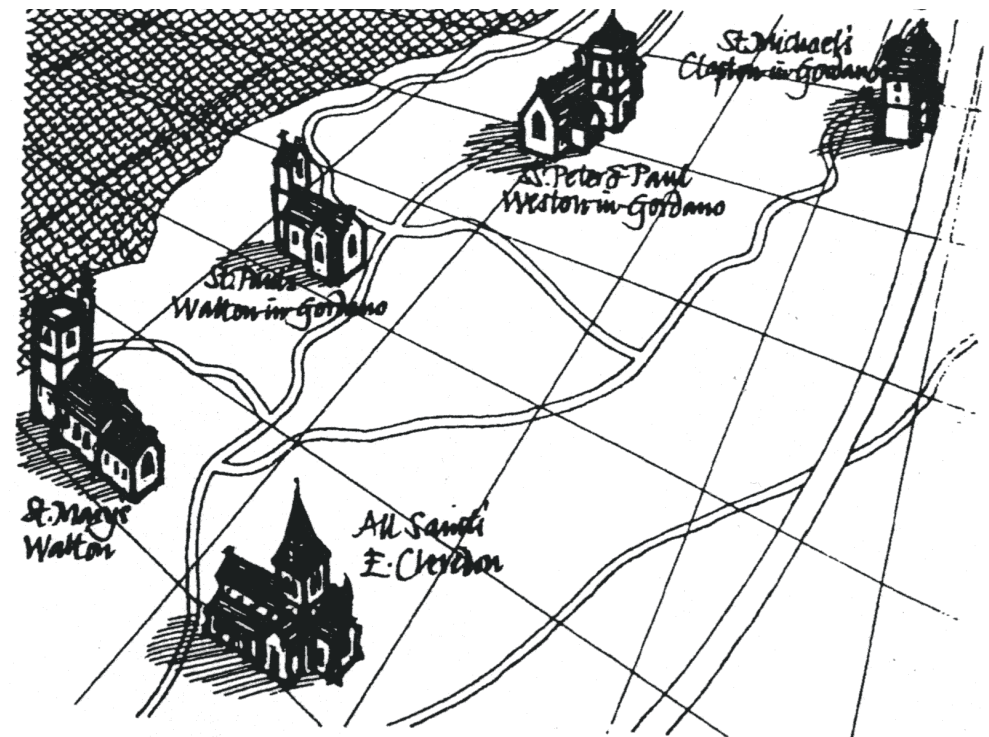
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All Saints', East Clevedon	Sundays	8.00 am Holy Communion 10.30 am Holy Communion
Walton St Mary Clevedon	Sundays Wednesdays	10.00 am Sunday Worship 10.00 am Holy Communion
St Paul's, Walton	Sundays	11.15 am Sunday Worship
St Peter & St Paul, Weston in Gordano	Sundays	5.00 pm Holy Communion (1st, 3rd & 5th) 5.00 pm Choral Evensong (2nd & 4th)

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## FIRST WORD from The Rev'd Tim Daplyn

I am writing this against a backdrop of destruction and disaster arising from the earthquakes of Monday 6th February that occurred in Southern Turkey and the rising toll of deaths and casualties also affecting Northern Syria. As well as the bravery of the rescuers and the urgency of the efforts of relief agencies, people everywhere, of all faiths and none, have turned to God for answers and solace in our shock and grief.

That we appeal to God in times of tragedy and stress is not new nor should it be surprising. As 'a person of faith' however I am puzzled that we seem to wait until a crisis has actually occurred before we turn to God. I suppose that there are many reasons why we seem to wait. We humans are rather fickle beings and undoubtedly God can be used as a kind of gap filler – a form of divine Polyfilla, if you like. Whenever we are faced with that which cannot satisfactorily be explained; when we are faced with situations which seem beyond human help; when we can feel that human resources are inadequate, we have a tendency to call God in. He fills the gap. There rises to the surface an inborn feeling that somehow, somewhere, there is a God who may be able to help. There is also a tendency, which must be admitted, that once the crisis is over God is forgotten again and our good resolves broken.

I may regret this attitude but I don't condemn it out of hand. If God is not to be found in the tragedies and stresses of life then he is not God. One of the comforting things in the New Testament is the way in which Jesus meets the needs of many people suffering from personal tragedy and they don't appear to be particularly religious people. Maybe one of the reasons why people wait until such a time is the picture of God presented by the Church which doesn't always inspire them to see him active in the whole of life's experiences.

I think that we ought in one way to be thankful that people do turn to God and rather than question their motives try to use this action creatively. Here is a starting point, at the least, to help them to a realisation that God isn't the supreme gap-filler but the Reality at the centre of every aspect of life.

'We have this treasure in earthen vessels', says St Paul, referring to the life God graciously gives to us. But earthen vessels break very easily, we know. Tragedy can come with an awful suddenness breaking into pieces our hopes and our joys. But the Christian message is that God is there just as he is when things are going well. To turn to him, while it may seem fickle to humans if he has been almost ignored before, does not go without his loving response.

Of course we should not wait for tragedy or stress to strike. But some do and I believe that they can expect no less than God's love and his mercy. Our prayer must be that they will come to know as a result, that God is the God of their joy



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too. It is never too late to turn to the Lord as the thief next to him on the cross discovered. And there have been some pretty impressive testimonies of many since then. Their message to us is: do not wait too long for you are already missing out on so much.

Tim

## ALL SAINTS FLOODLIGHTING

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



27 March: Our beloved grandson, Gregor, celebrates his 14th birthday today. He is such a joy 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.*

## LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

### FROM THE REGISTERS....

#### WEDDINGS

17th February – Natasha Stowell and Benjamin Wood, St Mary's

#### FUNERALS

9th February – Avril Wilkinson, St Mary's

16th Feb – Olive White, St Mary's

21st Feb – Viv Manley, All Saints

24th Feb – Barbara Sholl-Evans, St Michael's

24th Feb – Marcia Gibson, All Saints

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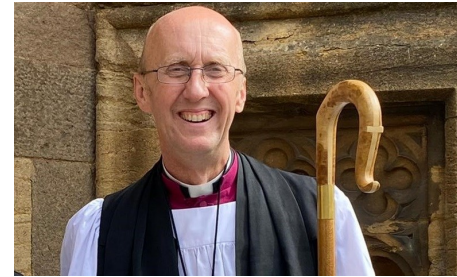
## Pause for Thought

### Christ Has No Body...

Christ has no body but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks  
Compassion on this world,  
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,  
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.  
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,  
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.  
Christ has no body now but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks  
compassion on this world.  
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

This meaningful poem speaks powerfully of an individual and collective calling to be both the physical and spiritual body of Christ at work in the world.

The lines are often attributed to St Teresa of Avila (1515–1582) but they are much more likely to be the work of multiple and more modern authors. Methodist minister Mark Guy Pearse (1842-1930), Quaker medical missionary Sarah Elizabeth Rowntree and her cousin John Wilhelm Rowntree (1868-1905) all quoted and may have expanded on the poem's theme in their preaching and writing.



### When we hoe a field

When we hoe a field, we all start in this corner and we go this way' is my favourite Zambian proverb. I've been sharing its words with people from our parishes, schools and chaplaincies as a way of inviting us all to think about how our diocesan vision can be refreshed and

developed to help us look towards the future with confidence and joy.

Our vision calls us to 'live and tell the story of Jesus'. It speaks of faith in action. It makes clear that all we do is in the name of Jesus. And it's full of aspiration; living out its words is a life-long task.

But what might our vision mean in terms of what we'd like to focus on specifically? This is where my Zambian proverb comes in. For my sense is that in our common life we would be strengthened if we had a greater focus of what we're all working towards together.

To help us think about this, I'm suggesting four themes that I hope we can all get behind. The aim is not to generate a new initiative, rather it's to identify priorities for our common life upon which we can all focus. Our diverse communities of course mean that anything we do needs to fit local contexts. But I hope the four themes can provide a common framework that will help us all.

Under our overall vision of 'living and telling the story of Jesus', the themes are: (1) Valuing and cherishing the people we already have, (2) Offering worship and sharing our faith together in new and different ways, (3) Developing our own faith and the faith of others. (4) Sharing in ministry and leadership.

I'm inviting everyone to have their say about how these could be developed, adapted or altered. Please do speak with each other and your local church, school and chaplaincy leaders about how this can happen where you are. More information to enable feedback is available at [bathandwells.org.uk/vision](http://bathandwells.org.uk/vision).

Please be part of the conversation! Your insights, thoughts and experience are invaluable in helping us think together what it means to 'live and tell the story of Jesus'.

**Bishop Michael**

## READINGS AND PRAYERS

### Sunday, 5th March – Lent 2

**Genesis 12: 1-4a    John 3: 1-17**

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Sunday, 12th March – Lent 3

**Exodus 17: 1-7                      John 4: 5-42**

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 19th 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, 26th March – Lent 5

**Ezekiel 37: 1-14                      John 11: 1-45**

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

## St Peter & St Paul, Weston in Gordano

### SERVICES TO BE HELD IN VILLAGE HALL

5th	10.00 am	Morning Prayer - The Rev'd Nicholas Maddock
12th	3.00pm 5.00 pm	APCM Evensong - The Rector lead Michael Dyne preach
19th	5.00pm	Holy Communion - The Rev'd Nicholas Maddock
26th	5.00pm	Evensong - The Rector
2nd	10.00am	Morning Prayer - The Rector
Every Wednesday 11.00 am Holy Communion - check for venue		

## Walton St Mary, Clevedon

5th	10.00 am 11.00am	Holy Communion - The Rector APCM
12th	10.00 am	Morning Prayer - The Rev'd Ian Hubbard
19th	10.00 am	Holy Communion - The Rector
26th	10.00 am	Morning Prayer - The Rev'd Nicholas Maddock
2nd	10.00am	Holy Communion - The Rev'd Nicholas Maddock
Every Wednesday 10.00 am Holy Communion at St Mary's		

## March/ April SERVICES

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### All Saints, East Clevedon

5th	8.00 am	Holy Communion - The Rector
	10.30 am	All Age service - The Rev'd Tim Daplyn <i>Baptism of Rupert Jackson</i>
12th	8.00 am	Holy Communion - The Rev'd Tim Daplyn
	10.30 am	Holy Communion - The Rector lead Michael Dyne preach
	11.30am	APCM
19th	8.00am	Holy Communion - The Rector
	10.30am	Holy Communion - The Rev'd Tim Daplyn
26th	8.00am	Holy Communion - The Rector
	10.30 am	Holy Communion - The Rector
2nd	8.00am	Holy Communion - The Rector
	10.30am	All Age - The Rev'd Tim Daplyn

### St Paul's, Walton in Gordano

5th	11.15 am	Thanksgiving service for AGM - Mrs Sue Betts
12th	11.15 am	Holy Communion - The Rev'd Tim Daplyn
19th	11.15 am	Morning Prayer - Mr Joshua Fowler
26th	11.15 am	Morning Prayer - Mrs Robb Robinson
2nd	11.15am	Morning Prayer - The Rector

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.

### Art for Easter with Jonathan Camp

Easter Art Talk by local Art Historian Jonathan Camp.

Featuring Giotto: Lamentation and Resurrection in the Scrovegni Chapel in Padua.

**Saturday 1st April 2023** in All Saints Church Hall at 7:30pm.

Entry £12 at the door to include a glass of wine or soft drink.

For more information call Kate in the Parish Office on 01275 873257, or Rosie Jackson on 07887656914.

### St Mary's Recital

St Mary Walton Church – Saturday March 11th,  
11.00am

Morning Recital by : Christine Parfitt, Soprano  
 Marcus Evans, Baritone  
 Joanne Manning, Piano

Songs and Piano music to suit all tastes  
 followed by Tea and Coffee



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## ALL SAINTS THEN AND NOW

*from the archives*

Our next Working Party will be on Thursday, March 3rd, at the Parish Room. We hope instead of the usual reading to have the benefit of hearing a little about the Mission from a lady named Miss Taylor, now staying in Clevedon, who has been working as a nurse in Pemba, the clove-growing island north of Zanzibar which is one of the centres of the Mission's activity. It will not be a lecture but a simple homely talk, whilst the needlework goes on as usual, and there will be no collection. The Working Party is still open to receive orders for needlework and also fresh members. Many of the church hassocks still want covering, and the Churchwardens are quite prepared to supply all the necessary material. *Father Irving writing in the East Clevedon Parish Monthly, March 1904.*

*Julia Elton*



### ALL SAINTS, East Clevedon

It was with sadness we heard of the deaths of Marcia Gibson and Vivien Manley during February. Marcia moved from Clevedon a few years ago but is well remembered as a very active member of the congregation, doing a stint as Churchwarden, helping with youth work and many other jobs. Marcia joined me, Trish and Joyce organizing the legendary fundraising Discos – her fancy dress was always amazing. Marcia was always ready to lend a hand and have fun. Viv was a long-time member of All Saints, although latterly too ill to attend, her friendly smile has been missed on Sunday mornings. Viv lived near All Saints when she was young and had many memories of how the area had changed. We send our sincere condolences to both Viv and Marcia's family and friends, especially thinking of Tony and Nicola. Viv's funeral takes place in church on 21st February and Marcia's on 24th. I saw in the local paper that Ruth Sturgess had died on 12th January. Ruth and husband Ray used to attend the 8am Holy Communion at All Saints and we send our condolences to Ray and family.

It was good to have The Rev'd Ian Hubbard leading the service recently (Ian is usually at St Mary's) Fr Tim has returned from Assisi and gave a talk during Sunday service about his time there. We enjoyed the Coffee morning on 8th February, which was very well attended. It was lovely to have Ella with us as she was one of our founding members. The next Coffee morning is on 8th March. Everyone is most welcome. Belated happy 94th birthday to Francis Ford (3rd Feb) – Francis is the longest serving choir member in church – and probably in the south west! Congratulations Francis.

Please can you help by joining the tea/coffee rota after the 10.30 Sunday service? If you would like any further information, please speak to Vera Ransome.

On Ash Wednesday 22nd February there is a service in church at 6pm. The weekly Lent Group will take place on Tuesdays from 28th February 7 – 8 pm in the vestry. The theme is 'Jesus Then and Now'. On Wednesdays during lent there are

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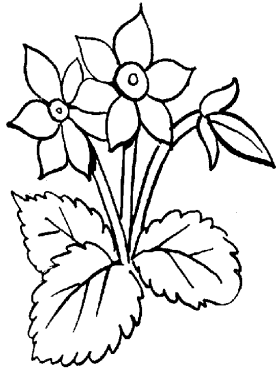
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## Garden Talk

March Manyweathers is as unpredictable as its country name suggests. For us gardeners it is both exciting and frustrating. One day it is sunny and surprisingly warm and so we give our spades and trowels a polish all ready for an afternoon's gardening. By lunch time, however, the east wind has got up, the grey clouds are gathering and it looks like snow. In March, it is said, you can have all four seasons in one day.

Although the weather may be unreliable, one thing is quite certain: on or around 21 March the sun will cross the celestial equator and shine at ever-increasing altitudes in the northern hemisphere. Already plants will be responding to the stronger light. The first bulbs, aconites, crocuses and snowdrops will already have flowered to be followed in March by Muscari (grape hyacinths) and, of course, daffodils. These lovely flowers are the essence of early spring and there are so many varieties to choose from. Tall varieties, such as 'Rijnveld's Early Sensation' and 'Sweetness', both over a foot in height, can be planted behind 'Jack Snipe' (10in) or 'Topolino' (8in) to create a wave of colour. There is even a pink daffodil, 'Pink Wonder', but I would not encourage anyone to plant that!

Besides bulbs, flowering shrubs also get in on the act in March. Our Daphne odora has inconspicuous pink flowers but a wonderful scent, our self-sown flowering currants (*Ribes sanguineum*) create a cheerful display in both front and back gardens, and Sally's Magnolia stellata provides a touch of the exotic to what is basically a humble plot. Welcome as these shrubs are, for me it is the ubiquitous forsythia, with its striking yellow flowers, which announces beyond doubt that spring has really come.

Towards the end of the month you might consider planting your first early potatoes in the ground or a container. The traditional day for this is Good Friday (7 April this year) but there are other ways to test whether the ground is ready. Some gardeners plant radishes as their first root crop; if they flourish it means the soil is warm enough for potatoes, carrots and onions. If the radishes look sick wait a week or two and try again. However, the time-honoured country way is to test the soil with one's bare bottom. If it feels comfortable go ahead and sow your potatoes and may you have a fine crop.

*William King*

meditations at St Mary's at 12 noon followed by the lent lunches in the hall. Details elsewhere in the magazine. This year the Holy Week services will take place at St Mary's as it was All Saints turn last year.

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting takes place on Sunday 12th March after the 10.30 am service. This is for all church members to attend and the occasion when the Churchwardens are elected, and reports are given by the churchwardens, Treasurer, Safeguarding Officer and Rector. If you would like to go on the church electoral roll please let Kay know.

*Sandra Sallis*



## ST MICHAEL'S, Clapton in Gordano

News has come in from George Wyatt, the lead member in the local bell ringers. The team have been invited to host, on behalf of the Gloucester and Bristol bell ringers, a gathering of linked bands. This will take the form of a bell ring competition in our church. Obviously that is great news for the Friends, as it will place St Michaels on the local area bell ring map. We wish George and his team all success in the event. They have in the recent past, come out on top in a similar competition!

The date for this event is 16th March. So the friends will do all we can to ensure that the competition will go as smoothly as possible. Thus with the cooperation of the staff in the Court, to provide car parking facilities, we hope that all participants enjoy the day. So please put the 16th in your diary, and to listen out for the gathering of the bands with their wonderful tintinnabulation in the Gordano valley. On another matter, we have been approached by a third year student, to use St Michaels as a setting to aid in his final year degree thesis. Things are a tad up in the air as I write, but obviously the CCT are being approached for their approval, and I hope to have more information to pass on to you all in the next edition. And finally..... The friends are endeavouring to hold a meeting in the family room of the Black Horse on 20th Feb at 19:00. All are welcome. It just goes for me to add, that we in the Friends wish you all to keep safe and warm in these Winter weeks.

*Derek Roberts*



## WALTON ST MARY

I must be careful not to become a grumpy old man like Victor Meldrew, the fictional character in the BBC sitcom 'One Foot in the Grave' but modern society imposes many demands, some of which extend to religious affairs. I am, of course referring to the debates now taking place on same-sex marriage and the recently announced project that could sweep away centuries of tradition by scrapping the male pronouns He and Him when referring to God instead of gender neutral or female alternatives. I will find it particularly difficult if the words 'Our Father', at the start of the Lord's Prayer are cast aside so for me then, a time for understanding and tolerance.

At our Epiphany service on the first Sunday in January we welcomed trainee ordinand Michael Dyne and after his informative sermon the congregation were treated to Galette des Rois (Epiphany cake), a tradition on the Continent which possibly could become a tradition in our church too?

Some preliminary work has now been carried out to restore our 12th century well behind the church hall which, we believe served the cliff-side community way back in the 12th century. The aim is for it to be visible to all passers-by and be accompanied by an explanatory board.

Two funerals have taken place recently, those of Jeremy Spratt a well-loved member of our congregation and Avril Wilkinson, the dear wife of one of our bell ringers. Both services were very well attended, testament to the affection in which these two people were held.

Notes for your diary:

Saturday, 11th March at 11.00am – a recital of songs and music to suit all tastes by Christine Parfitt, soprano, Marcus Evans, baritone & Joanne Manning, piano.

Admission free, donations to support Church funds.

During the month of March a series of Wednesday lunchtime Lent meditations at 12 noon will take place when, a member of the clergy or musician from the Benefice will share with you a favorite piece of music and what it means to them;

1st March – Rev'd Ian Hubbard

8th March – Rev'd Nicholas Maddock

15th March – Sister Carol CHN

22nd March – Michael Dyne

29th March – Ruth Maddock

And finally, with Spring just around the corner, words from a lovely poem to set the scene:

There is no time like Spring,  
When life's alive in everything,  
Before new nestlings sing,  
Before cleft swallows speed their journey back  
Along the trackless track,  
God guides their wing,  
He spreads their table that they nothing lack,  
Before the daisy grows a common flower,  
Before the sun has power  
To scorch the world up in his noontide hour.

*Paul Middleton*

St Mary's Social Committee would really appreciate any unwanted gifts such as (in date) chocolates, wine, toiletries, other interesting items etc as raffle prizes please for upcoming fundraising social events this year! Thank you so much in advance!

### **St. Mary's flowers**

29th January - in loving memory of Jeremy Spratt, and for his funeral on 31st

## **All Saints School**

A team from the school took part in a swimming gala at Hutton Moor Leisure Centre in Weston., where they competed against 8 other schools. The children did really well, and we had some 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. Well done to all involved.



## **Infants News**

The infants had fun making chairs for Baby Bear after Goldilocks was clumsy and broke theirs. They used lots of cylinders as they learnt that these were a strong shape for the legs, and they needed 3 to keep it stable. The children also designed a new pair of curtains so Goldilocks can sleep, and a boat for the Gingerbread Man.

## **St Mary and St David's Class News**



The children spent a day making pizzas using seasonal ingredients. They made the dough from scratch and followed a recipe. All the ingredients were chopped up then carefully placed on tomato sauce on top of the dough. The end result was so very yummy pizzas!

## **St George's Class News**

St George's class have been learning about electricity and how pylons are becoming the new power plants. They had fun learning how to connect batteries to a buzzer to create a working circuit, which was used to make a game.

## Little Saints

Recently two members of Little saints had birthdays and to celebrate the children were joined by some special guests! They were very excited, and loved singing all their favourite songs with them.

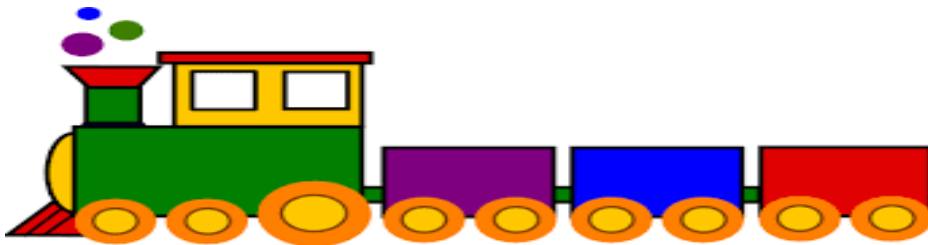
We were even treated to a slice of yummy birthday cake!



Over the last few weeks Little Saints have learnt all about the prodigal son, young Moses and Joshua. They have created some lovely pieces of art inspired by the stories.

Little Saints is a group for preschool age children and their parents/carers, which runs every Thursday, 12.30-2 during term time. People are very welcome to come along, and bring their lunch. £2 donation per family.

The session always includes a story, a craft activity, toys and lots of singing and fun!



January, requested by his wife Lois;  
17th February - for the wedding of Ben Woods and Natasha Stowell.



## ST PETER & ST PAUL, Weston in Gordano

Candelmas ( Feb. 2nd) was celebrated a day early at the mid week Eucharist. Sister Anita, as celebrant, thoughtfully brought along copies of a specific liturgy for the day to enrich the occasion and , Yes, we had candles. It was especially good to have Margaret

Jacobs amongst us, once more. We continue to hold her and her family in prayer as she has ongoing medical investigation.

Candlemas was then celebrated a day or two late (!) as Robb Robinson led Sunday Morning prayer and gave a good homily on that theme. This time it was particularly apt that we had a couple with their little child with us ( a daughter)... somehow helping to illuminate the story of Mary and Joseph presenting Jesus in the Temple as was customary. There were refreshments after this service.

Late in January a few of us from the benefice were lucky to be present in Wells Cathedral for Prebendary Noel Hector to fulfil his duties there by preaching at Evensong; a very good sermon it was too .The choir stalls were full for varied reasons and the congregation in good voice not least in singing the loved and rather lovely hymn...' I the Lord of sea and sky'. We got a bit carried away there , raising the roof. In fact there was a good musical mix all round, with the choristers, men , women and girls at their usual high standard. How marvellous it is that such rich worship is free to all who may choose to come.

As I write this ( mid Feb.) Lent is just around the corner, and Rob is about to make ashes from last years Palm crosses, quite a fiddly job. We now turn our faces toward Jerusalem with Jesus..and prepare to fight the good fight on our way to Easter. On March 15 th folk from St Peter and St Paul will be preparing the food for the Lenten midday meditation at St Mary's and incidentally giving me some back up for speaking on that occasion. It's a home team effort! Do join us for this benefice Lenten event.

I hand over to others to complete this months reporting.

*Sister Carol*

Calling all people who propagate plants!

We will be holding our annual Plant Sale on May 27th at the Village Hall. Some of you will soon be dividing perennials and sowing seeds. If you end up with more plants than you need we would be very grateful for them to sell. We aim to have a wide choice of plants for our customers. Please contact Ann (01275 842296) nearer the time to arrange delivery or collection.

We hope you will put this date in your diaries and come! All money raised will go to the Churchyard Fund which is empty after recent major tree work!

*Ann Chavasse*

SILENT AUCTION

We plan to hold a Silent Auction on Thursday 20th April in the Village Hall. This

will be a convivial evening with drinks and nibbles. There will be further details in next month's magazine.

We should be grateful for the donation of new or as new items or Promises for the auction, on the understanding that any items not sold will be returned to the donor. All funds raised will go towards the upkeep of the Church. Any donations may be given to Robb Robinson (399097) and can be collected. Thank you.

Dates for Your Diaries

Please would you make a note of the following dates. We don't have firm details for some of the events so we ask that the dates are "pencilled" in on your calendars.

19 March Mothering Sunday  
09 April Easter Sunday  
20 April Silent auction  
07 May Celebratory Luncheon for the coronation of King Charles III. Joint event by the WiG Social Committee and our church, to be held in the Village Hall.  
27 May Plant sale  
15 July Village fete – joint event by WiG Social Committee and our church.



## ST PAUL'S, Walton in Gordano

*'The hazel blooms, in threads of crimson hue,  
Peep through the swelling buds, foretelling Spring,  
Ere yet a white-thorn leaf appears in view,  
Or March finds throstles please enough to sing.'* John Clare  
March already where does the time go to.

Looking back to the beginning of last month, we had a very good turnout for our 'Welcome In' and then again for our service and Parish Conversation on the following day – where a lively discussion ensued. A decision was made on which charity to support for the year ahead – Heart of the Village – to provide defibrillators for the bay and the lower part of the village. Money is already in the pot so what we need now are some brilliant ideas for some fun events to raise the rest of the required amount.

Sue is already thinking about a Beetle Drive during the Easter school holidays – a wonderful tradition here in Walton and a fun way to spend an afternoon for young and old alike, when a date and details have been firmed up they will be on the Chronicle email. And then a Scarecrow Festival for the last Bank Holiday in May – Spring Bank Holiday weekend - on Sunday 28th and Monday 29th. In keeping with the Coronation earlier in that month, the theme for the scarecrows will be Kings and Queens – royalty throughout the ages – how about King Alfred and his burnt cakes or Henry the Eighth and his six wives. If you are going to be away for the Bank Holiday, or if you live outside the village, you can still take part by making a scarecrow and bringing it along to the churchyard where it can be put on display. If you are able please come along on the Sunday and Monday, there will be a map to show you where the scarecrows will be positioned around the village, and of course there will refreshments in the Church and churchyard. There are also

each of us is able to make our own contribution when we can (whatever form that may take), we will be able to support each other, and our churches will be the healthier and more sustainable for it.

Over the next few months, we will be talking to different people across the benefice about their ministry, and how they use their gifts and interests to contribute to the life of the church.

If you're reading this and thinking you don't have anything to contribute, think again. We are all unique and whatever it is we can offer however seemingly small or insignificant is valid, important and very much appreciated.

Kate Hector

### LIFE Bible Bookshop

Open Mon - Sat 10am – 1pm (Excluding bank holidays and annual holidays see website)

A place to see, hear, touch and share God's Word. Bibles, Books, Cards, Gifts, Second-hand books, Church supplies, Dated readings and more. We provide a personal, bespoke ordering service to churches and individuals. Tea & Coffee provided in The Living Room.

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### ALL SAINTS COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

10am - 12 noon in All Saints Vestry

Second Wednesday in the month—next meetings

March 8th & April 12th

Just turn up or contact Sandra Sallis on 878848/07443905634

# What is your “Ministry”?

You may be forgiven for thinking that “ministry” is the preserve of the clergy, lay readers or those “up front” with leadership roles in our churches. You may feel you don’t have much to contribute or that your interests, skills and abilities aren’t relevant or suitable within the church context. But here’s the thing, “Ministry” is not just about preaching, taking services, leading prayers and worship (although it’s all these things as well); it’s about living our lives in creative collaboration with God, or put another way, using our God-given skills and interests and sharing them with others.

You may well be familiar with the Bible passage from Romans about the body of Christ. It talks of each of us making up part of the body with different functions all of which are valid and important in their own different ways.

I heard a story recently of a Christian woman who was severely disabled, spending all her waking hours in a wheel chair. Each day she prayed for her family, friends, church and the world. Despite her physical limitations she was able to use the gift of intercession (praying for others) as her ministry.

So what is your “Ministry”? Do you make a really good cup of tea, do you enjoy organising, cleaning, are you someone who encourages others through a smile, a kind word or a phone call, or maybe it’s maintenance, gardening, catering, administration, finances. Very often it’s those things we enjoy most that we can naturally offer to use within the church; it could be your creativity through craft, flowers, music, working with children and young people, visiting the sick or housebound. The list is wide ranging and varied and there will be many more that could be added.

For my own part, over the years I have been involved with the children’s ministries at All Saints and St Mary’s, I co-ordinate intercessions at All Saints, I’m on the tea rota, I co-ordinate and run (with a team) the Little Saints group for pre-school children and their carers and I run a monthly discussion group (Coffee, cake and conversation) which is based at All Saints. During the pandemic, like many people my life was in transition and likewise for Sandra Sallis who had been the Parish Secretary for many years. It was during this time that Sandra reduced her hours before fully retiring, whilst I moved into the role (on a part time basis).

There are, however, times and seasons in our lives; times when we can give more and times when we may be restricted by, for example, family or work commitments or ill health, when we may be grateful for the support of others. The point is, if

plans forming for a Concert in the Summer, and how about another Pickled Onion Peeling Competition, we had one before with Maureen, Gordon and Sheri valiantly peeling as many onions as they could in the allotted time. Sue then pickled the onions to be sold to add to the funds for that year’s charity. If you have any inspiration for fund raising ideas then please contact Sue – anything within reason, please don’t suggest that Brodie does a sponsored sky dive or that Sue goes swimming with sharks – what we are looking for are some family events, something that is affordable for all ages.

A decision has also been made on how to mark the Coronation with a celebratory Cream Tea in the Village Hall on Sunday 7th May between 3 – 5pm organised jointly by the Village Social Club and the Church – further details nearer the time.

Now for this month, our ‘Welcome In’ community cafe will be on Saturday 4th at 10.30am in the Church – join us for cake and a cup of tea. And how about stopping on after the ‘Welcome In’ to help with Spring Cleaning the Church. The kitchen needs a proper sorting as does the tower, including going through all the Christmas decorations and there is work to be done in the churchyard as well. There will be hotdogs as a reward for your kind efforts.

Then on Sunday 5th at 11.15am we have our annual Thanksgiving Service. Join us so that the Church can say ‘thank you’ to you all for your wonderful, continuing support for all that we do here at St. Paul’s. Sue will be giving us a roundup of the Church’s finances by the means of ‘cake’o’nomics’ – a big, big cake divided to represent the financial outgoings for last year. The service will be followed by lunch including a slice of cake.

Our Mothering Sunday service is on Sunday 19th at 11.15am come and receive a little floral bouquet to mark this special occasion.

A few dates for April:

Saturday 1st – ‘Welcome In’ at 10.30am

Sunday 2nd - Palm Sunday and Favourite Hymns service at 11.15am – no lunch this month.

Wednesday 5th - Agape Meal in the Church at 6pm, open to all Churches in the United Benefice, please contact Sue so that she has an idea of numbers

Saturday 8th - Easter Fayre in the Church starting at 10.30am

Sunday 9th - Easter Sunday, Holy Communion at 11.15am

Don’t forget this year’s Lent Giving, all the money raised will go to our Heart of the Village fund to buy the defibrillators for the village. A copy of the Lent Giving sheet will be included with your Chronicle or you can pick one up from the back of

Church.

Congratulations to Brodie on becoming a Great Grandmother – we send our love to Sophie and George, and baby Amelie – we wish for her a happy and healthy future, we know she will never be short of love born into such a caring family.



And finally, our Mouse Musings: We little mice our absolutely busting with excitement with the thought of all the events that are coming in the next few months. We love living here with all your crumbs that you leave for us – you have made us truly welcome here in Walton.

Love Miss CM

## LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2023

Ash Wednesday 22nd February Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes, St Mary's 10.00am; St Peter and St Paul 11.00am; All Saints 6.00pm (in the choir).

Wednesday Meditations on the theme of 'Music That Moves Me' will be held at St Mary's at 12.00pm each Wednesday in lent beginning on the 1st March followed by a bread and soup lent lunch in the hall. Donations will be

1st March – Ian Hubbard

8th March – Nicholas Maddock

15th March – Sister Carol CHN

22nd March – Michael Dyne

29th March – Ruth Maddock



The Wednesday meditations will be followed by lent lunch at 12.30pm in the church hall. Donations will be for Weston Hospicecare.

### Jesus Then And Now – Weekly Reflections

Each week within Lent we will prepare written reflections on the coming Sunday's readings and these will be available in all our churches. They will be a helpful means of following the story of Christ's ministry, passion and resurrection and will help us to both keep Lent and celebrate Easter.

These reflections will be supported by Lent groups to discuss the themes and they will take place at the following times and places:-

### Lent Groups

#### St Peter and St Paul, Weston in Gordano

Boxwood Cottage, Clevedon Road, Weston in Gordano

(home of Ian and Robb Robinson)

Weekly from Tuesday, 28th February 11am

(followed by a Bring and Share lunch)

#### All Saints Vestry

Weekly from Tuesday, 28th February from 7-8pm.

#### St Mary's Church

Weekly from Wednesday, 1st March 10.30am

(this will follow on from the Wednesday 10am communion)

### Holy Week and Easter

Monday 3rd April – Evening Prayers in Holy Week, 6.00pm at St Mary's

Tuesday, 4th April – Evening Prayers in Holy Week, 6.00pm at St Mary's

Wednesday, 5th April – 6.00pm Agape meal, St Paul's, Walton in Gordano

This will be a simple meal with Passover prayers, reflecting the heritage and fellowship of Holy Week. All are very welcome.

**Maundy Thursday 6th April** – service at St Mary's at 7.00pm with "watch" for one hour

**Good Friday** meditation 7th April 2.00-3.00pm at St Mary's.

**Easter Eve** Saturday 8th April 6.00pm - service of new light and the renewal of baptismal vows at St Mary's

**Easter Day** services as normal Sunday schedule

