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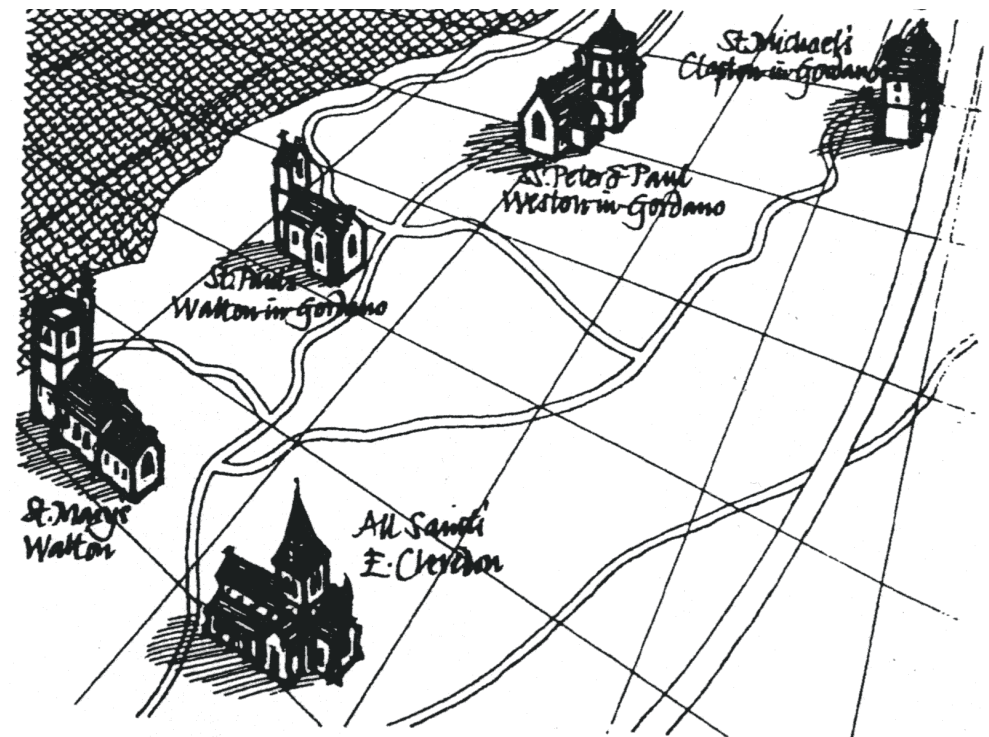
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FIRST WORD from The Rector

We all learned our history through the Kings and Queens. Their reigns act as signposts of time and through them we can begin to tell the story of these “wild isles”. From Henry VIII and his six wives and his severance from Rome; Elizabeth I and the defeat of the Spanish Armada; Charles I and the brief rise of the

Commonwealth; the madness of George III; the amusement or otherwise of Victoria, Queen and Empress; the love and gratitude for George VI sticking with it in London through the blitz and the example of wisdom and service of Elizabeth II in a time of change. All these and more inevitably come to define their age.

But it's people who live their lives, monarchs don't live them for us. History is told by the thousands who bought or rented their first TVs in 1953 and who put up the bunting on their street parties. It's told by the gradual change of the role of women in society, in living standards, educational opportunities and what we do in our leisure time. Above all it's told by the values we live by, what we aspire to and what we believe.

So as we celebrate the Coronation of Charles III, our new King, on the 6th May, we can look back with gratitude to the past but much, much more significant will be our future. The King will come to define us as the Elizabeth era changes to the Carolingian one – so who or what are we now and who or what will our children and grandchildren be?

Some of this future we already know. Our society today is “multi-cultural” and the place of the church and of received wisdom is much changed since 1953. We sit within a range of competing beliefs both religious and secular and our King will have to reflect and represent all of us, no matter how overtly Christian the coronation service is. He will also have to wrestle with history itself as the values of the long past, including slavery and historic wealth, are re-evaluated. The issue of environmental challenge and climate change will be of increasing and continuing importance, yet the King is well placed to continue to champion change, as he has done for many years. We live too in a generation when the understanding of gender, personal identity, marriage and family life are continuing to shift – something the Royal family, as in many families, will be extremely familiar with.

But perhaps the greatest challenge of all will be the inexorable rise in the speed and sophistication of information technology and the assertive power of authoritarian regimes, businesses and individuals who together undermine society's shared values



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of truth, fact and the rule of law. Every aspect of life is affected or even controlled by what we understand to be true and with the rise of instant communications and artificial intelligence, truth and propaganda are now increasingly used as a weapon in what is called “asymmetric warfare” where even basic facts are denied or changed to control mass opinion. So as Charles is crowned on St Edward’s chair in the Abbey I wonder how the heritage of monarchy has the authority to stand against the lies, injustices and untruths which confront us? Perhaps it’s this; that there is a dignity and power in a society where the values of honesty and service are still celebrated, where God is still acknowledged and where the figurehead of a nation can pass from one to another without a single shot being fired nor a single person being hurt.

Our future and not just our past is being signposted on the 6th May. The enduring values which our new King will commit to, of faithfulness, service, prayerfulness and inclusivity will stand us in good stead as we live the history of the 21st century and confront its many challenges. The confusion, flux and unpredictability of this present restless age is difficult to read and predict, but stability and goodness must and will prevail.

It is not unreasonable to claim that in the last 30 years we have been living through a revolution – of technology, information, communications and contested truth. This revolution has a long way to run and its ending is not at all clear. Our new King will need our prayers – and so may God bless him and all of us.

Noel

An unique event

The Coronation of Charles III is an unique event, for no other European monarch is crowned, neither Norway, nor Sweden, neither Denmark nor the Netherlands and neither Belgium nor Spain. Across the globe only Tonga and Lesotho in Southern Africa have crowned heads. What is unique about the United Kingdom is that the monarch is anointed. No other monarch is anointed.

The origins of the Coronation Service lie with King Edgar of Mercia, who was crowned in Bath Abbey in 973AD. The service was created by Saint Dunstan, who was initially Abbot of Glastonbury and ultimately Archbishop of Canterbury. A highly decorated manuscript entitled Liber Regalis created in 1382 provides all the information required to organise the Coronation and has not changed significantly in the last six hundred years.

In the past it has been set in the context of Holy Communion and consists of The Recognition, by which those assembled indicate that this is the person they wish to

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Pause for Thought

The Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

Thanks be to you, my Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have won for me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
O most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly,
day by day. Amen.

This is one of the most beloved of all prayers, and is particularly appropriate in this post-Easter season. It begins by offering thanks to God for the saving grace of His Son, and goes on to suggest how we can respond to this love in the most simple and direct ways in our everyday lives. Using this prayer regularly draws us ever nearer to Christ, and to living the life we are called to as Christians.

St Richard was born in Droitwich in 1197, and after being orphaned as a child was raised by a member of the gentry. His older brother offered him his farming estate, but Richard felt called to devote his life to God and the church.

After studying at Oxford, Paris and Bologna, he became Chancellor of Oxford in 1235, and then Chancellor to Edmund Rich, the Archbishop of Canterbury.

His election as bishop of Chichester in 1244 incurred the wrath of King Henry III who forcibly prevented Richard from entering Chichester in favour of his own candidate, until the Pope threatened him with excommunication. Richard was a model Bishop, urging strict adherence to discipline amongst his clergy, helping the poor, and fearlessly denouncing the corruption in the Church and Royal Court.

He died at Dover in 1553 in a home for poor priests. His canonization only nine years later showed the huge respect people had for his life of holiness, and his tomb became a popular place of pilgrimage until the Reformation.

I suspect that St Richard would have been delighted that in 1971 his prayer, as the song "Day by Day" in the Broadway musical "Godspell", became a world-wide hit, reaching no. 13 of the Billboard "Hot 100" chart in the summer of 1972. It also became a Hollywood film set in modern-day New York, showing the lasting relevance and universality of this great prayer.

Nicholas Maddock.

be crowned. This has echoes of ordination and marriage services, where the congregation have to signify their consent. The Oath is essentially that which was laid down by Parliament in 1688 for the coronation of William and Mary, though it has of necessity changed with the growth of Empire and subsequently the Commonwealth. The Anointing uses the most ancient Coronation regalia. That is the Ampulla (an eagle-shaped vessel from which the anointing oil is poured) and the Spoon (with which it is dispensed). Originally the anointing was the outward sign that this person had been chosen by God to be the monarch, but as a recent Dean of Westminster Abbey has said, it is the outward sign of the conferment of God's grace upon the monarch to enable him or her to carry out their duties. Finally the Crowning when the Archbishop Canterbury places the St Edward's Crown on the Monarch's head.

The crown is named after Edward the Confessor, but it along with all the Coronation regalia was melted down on the orders of Oliver Cromwell. A new collection was created for Charles II, the various crowns, the Orb and Sceptre, each having their own history and significance.

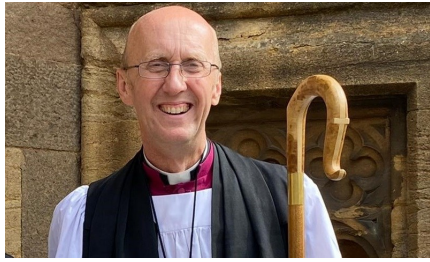
The Coronation is an initiation ceremony. Initiation into the role of kingship. In the Old Testament we read in 2. Kings 11.12 "Then he brought out the king's son, put the crown on him, and gave him the covenant; they proclaimed him king, and anointed him; they clapped their hands and shouted, "Long live the king!" This acclamation "vivat rex" is first made by the Scholars of Westminster School. The role of the King is to be the voice of the voiceless, to protect the orphan, the widow and the stranger. To do this the King would sit on a chair at the city gate.

In a Constitutional Monarchy the role of caring for the voiceless is the responsibility of Government, so the monarch is left with the role of being the servant of the peoples of the Nation and Commonwealth. A role which the late Queen fulfilled throughout her long reign.

Bishop Barry Rogerson

**Special services will be held in all
Benefice churches on Sunday 7th
May to mark the Coronation
Please see pages 26/27 for times.**





LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

Remember Jesus too

Writing about the celebration of Holy Communion almost eighty years ago, Gregory Dix posed the question ‘Was ever

another command so obeyed?’ It’s well worth searching online for his whole answer. An edited quote of his response reads:

‘For century after century, spreading slowly to every continent and country and among every race on earth, this action has been done, in every conceivable human circumstance, for every conceivable human need. Men have found no better thing than this to do for kings at their crowning and for criminals going to the scaffold; for armies in triumph or for a bride and bridegroom in a little country church; for the wisdom of the Parliament of a mighty nation or for a sick old woman afraid to die; while the lions roared in the nearby amphitheatre; on the beach at Dunkirk. And best of all, week by week and month by month, on a hundred thousand successive Sundays, faithfully, unflinching, across all the parishes of Christendom, the pastors have done this just to make the plebs sancta Dei—the holy common people of God.’

The first of Dix’s scenarios will be played out before us at the coronation of King Charles III. At the heart of the ceremony, amidst all the pomp and circumstance, the oaths and declarations, the regalia and crowning, will be the celebration of Holy Communion. The words used will be just the same as those spoken in our parish churches Sunday by Sunday. From Communion, the King and Queen will be sent out from Westminster Abbey to live like us the prayer we say at the end of many of our services. They will offer ‘their souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice, sent out in the power of [God’s] Spirit to live and work to [God’s] praise and glory.’

The command that the King, Queen and all of us obey is Jesus’s direction to ‘Do this in remembrance of me.’ So, as you watch the Coronation please remember Jesus too. For he is the one who comes to us as a servant; the king of Kings.

Bishop Michael

St Peter & St Paul, Weston in Gordano

- 7th 10.00 am Special Coronation Service - The Rev’d Tim Daplyn
- 14th 5.00 pm Evensong - The Rev’d Nicholas Maddock
- 21st 5.00 pm Holy Communion - The Rector
- 28th 5.00 pm Evensong - The Rector
- 4th 10.00 am Morning Prayer - TBA
- Every Wednesday 11.00 am Holy Communion - check for venue

Walton St Mary, Clevedon

- 7th 10.00 am Special Coronation Service - The Rev’d Ian Hubbard
Bishop Barry preach
- 14th 10.00 am Morning Prayer - The Rev’d Nicholas Maddock
- 21st 10.00 am Holy Communion - The Rector
- 28th 10.00 am Holy Communion - The Rector
- 4th 10.00am Holy Communion - The Rev’d Nicholas Maddock
- Every Wednesday 10.00 am Holy Communion at St Mary’s

May/June SERVICES

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All Saints, East Clevedon

7th	8.00 am	Holy Communion - The Rector
	10.30 am	All Age Coronation Service - The Rector Baptism of Arabella Oades
14th	8.00 am	Holy Communion - The Rector
	10.30 am	Holy Communion - The Rector
21st	8.00am	Holy Communion - The Rev'd Tim Daplyn
	10.30am	Holy Communion - The Rev'd Tim Daplyn
28th	8.00am	Holy Communion - The Rector
	10.30 am	Holy Communion - The Rev'd Ian Hubbard
4th	8.00am	Holy Communion - The Rector
	10.30am	All Age service - The Rector Michael Dine preach

St Paul's, Walton in Gordano

7th	11.15 am	Special Coronation Service - Sue Betts
14th	11.15 am	Morning Prayer - Robb Robinson
21st	11.15 am	Morning Prayer - Joshua Fowler
28th	11.15 am	Holy Communion - The Rector
4th	11.15am	Morning Prayer - Sue Betts

READINGS AND PRAYERS

Sunday, 7th May - Easter 5

Acts 7: 55-end **John 14: 1-14**

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

Sunday, 14th May - Easter 6

Acts 17: 22-31 **John 14: 15-21**

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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.

Sunday, 21st May - Easter 7

Acts 6: 6-14 **John 17: 1-11**

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday, 28th May - Pentecost

Acts 2: 1-21 **John 20: 19-23**

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

ALL SAINTS THEN AND NOW

from the archives

Mr. Francis Ford has been appointed Churchwarden in place of Mr. Alfred Feltham, who does not wish to stand for re-election this year. With Mr. Reginald Knowles* continuing in office, the honours may said to be divided equally between the young and the old!

To my mind the idea congregation at a parish church is a mixed one, one of all ages. This is why I like to see small children brought to church by their parents. It does not matter if they sit for most of the service and during the sermon look at a picture book. What matters is that they are learning to worship with the Christian family. It is difficult, perhaps impossible, to preach intelligibly to a congregation of all ages; so children (and others) may get little or nothing from a sermon. But if it is above their heads it will not matter very much, for if they cannot understand the sermon, there are other and far more important things which they can understand...Another thing to remember about a mixed congregation is that not all will conduct themselves in exactly the same way. I mean, some will prefer to sit while others stand or kneel. Normally, of course, one follows the custom of the local church. But it is better to sit than to kneel or stand, if you can pray or listen better that way.

People have said to me before now – “I do not come to church because I cannot hear, I am very deaf” – or even “I don’t like to come because I cannot kneel”. But we go to church in the first place to give, not to get. God wants your worship, even if you are stone deaf. And if you cannot kneel, God understands why you sit. *Father Hoult, The Parish Magazine, May 1961.*

*Reginald Knowles was one of a large family, all of whom worshipped at All Saints’. They were also the family that provided all our bell ringers for well over 50 years. I remember Reg well because he worked for my grandmother. As a very old man he would sit in the greenhouse nursing a cat and tell us stories. His was the first funeral I ever went to.

Julia Elton



ALL SAINTS, East Clevedon

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting took place on 12th March after the morning service and twenty two were present. We were very pleased to re-elect Monica Gore and Kay Osborne for another term as churchwardens and big thanks to them for all their hard work. The PCC were all happy to remain in post and in addition Joshua Fowler was unanimously voted on to the PCC. If you would like to see a copy of the minutes please let me know.

The Mothering Sunday service was lovely, with bunches of daffodils handed out and the opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one. Joyce baked a simnel cake which not only looked great but tasted good too. Thank you to Joyce and everyone who prepared the flowers.

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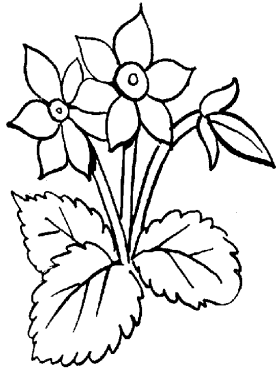
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Garden Talk

Writing in April, our garden is yellow and blue, like the Ukrainian flag. Yellow is from the daffodils, beginning to go over but still a striking display. This is chiefly thanks to Sally who bought a job lot of bulbs in the autumn and put them in wherever she could find a space. The blue comes from two spring flowers. First the royal blue Muscari (grape hyacinth) which have spread all over the back garden. They are amazingly tough. I put a layer of heavy duty membrane under a small pebbled area we call 'the

beach' only to find the grape hyacinths had crashed right through it and are now blooming merrily. Well, I love blue flowers and they are welcome. The second blue flowers are the ubiquitous forget-me-nots, lovely with their sky blue flowers. There are not so many this year – perhaps I did not let them seed themselves enough. These two flowers are genuinely blue, which is rather rare. So many so-called blue flowers are really a light purple.

May, of course, is the month to get some real colour into your garden, and once the danger of frosts is over it is time for bedding plants. Why not go to the excellent plant sale at Weston-in-Gordano village hall (see page 19) to stock up on some healthy home-grown plants? But while bright colours are important, it is also a good idea to provide a contrasting backdrop to your beds, and here I would recommend grey or silver leaved plants. Artemisia (wormwood) goes very well with bright red salvias or pelargoniums, dianthus (pinks) have attractive flowers as well as silver foliage as does lychnis. Lavender, Santolina and Helichrysum (curry plant) look very attractive at the back of a border of bright annuals. A bonus of silver leaved plants is that they are usually drought tolerant and unpalatable to slugs and snails.

There are so many plants which bloom in May that it is difficult to know what to write about, but two always seem to do well in our garden: irises and foxgloves. It is a good idea to move and split irises after they have bloomed, and towards the end of last summer I put a whole lot in the flower bed just outside the front door. I hope they will make a welcoming display for visitors. Foxgloves, of course, seed themselves, often in inconvenient places, but their cheerful purple spikes, seemingly coming from nowhere, are a bonus amidst all that careful planting.

William King

It was with sadness we learnt of the death of David Fowler and we send our condolences to wife Jackie and their family. David's funeral took place at All Saints on 23rd March. Sad also to hear of the death of Ray Willis and we keep wife Lesley, Sue, Doug and their families in our thoughts and prayers. Ray's funeral will take place at All Saints on 18th April. Both David and Ray were lovely men and will be much missed.

Belated congratulations to Ernest Woolford who celebrated his 97th birthday on 13th April and also to Ernest and Christine celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary on 11th April.

The wedding of Imogen Miller and Aaron Hotchkins took place at All Saints on Friday 31st March. Imogen's family live in the Old Vicarage so didn't have far to come! We send them our congratulations and very best wishes for a happy life together.

The April Coffee morning took place on 12th April. It was good to see everyone and the next one is 10th May 10 am in the vestry, everyone is welcome, it really is a community event.

I'm looking forward to The Hotwells Howlers concert on 22nd April in church – more about that next month. There is going to be a Coronation Garden Party at Clevedon Court on Saturday 13th May 3pm to 5pm with a special cream tea and privileged 'open door' to Clevedon Court and gardens – make a note in your diary. Please note that on Sunday 7th May All Saints Lane will be closed from the Tickenham Road end up to the junction with Careys Close from 11 am to 4ish for a neighbors street party. Access to church from Walton Road will be as usual.

Sandra Sallis

The Easter service on Sunday April 9th was lovely, and it was nice to see so many people in Church. There were some lovely hymns, including one chosen by Francis Ford which reminded him of his wife. Little Saints made some wonderful Easter bonnets, and presented their Easter cross. The service ended with an egg hunt in the churchyard.

Laura Durrant

We will be departing on the 3rd of May to move to Chalfont St Giles and would like to say thank you to all in the Benefice for their wonderful welcome originally, subsequent friendships and support.

We have had a wonderful 13 years here and will miss seeing so many of you, but time moves on.

We arrived in Clevedon leaving our four single status offspring, primarily living it up within the M25, but on the 5th of April we celebrated the arrival of our 9th grandchild, Finley James Halliday.

Thus our move East is to support them all, enjoy their company and no doubt receive oversight from them as we both move towards our dotages.

Our heartfelt thanks and blessings to you all.

Mary and Mike Anderson



ST MICHAEL'S, Clapton in Gordano

George Wyatt the leader of our church bell ringers pinged me an email relating to the enjoyable afternoon of 25th March when St Michaels hosted the visiting teams based in towns from Bitton to Thornbury amongst other villages. The event was ran as the Gloucester and Bristol Guild Bell Ringing Competition. Over 70 folk from 9 towers took part competing, with the declared winners from Coalpit Heath. Congratulations to the winning team and as always the competitors complemented the sound quality and ease of use of the tower bells in our tower.

The spring Palm Sunday service was held in St Michaels on 2nd April at 15:00. The service was lead by Noel, who gave an extremely interesting and thought provoking sermon on his interpretation of the meaning of the Christian cross, and its relationship with our personal, individual lives and therefore our human vulnerability.

The congregation were supported by George and his team of bell ringers with the hymns accompanied by Jill and her Highly Strung band. Our thanks go to all who attended and those who helped to clean/prepare the church and to especially to Jayne for the fabulous array of Spring themed flower arrangements located in each of the window ledges. Also, the members of Clapton Court who designated allocated car parking.

There will be 2 more planned services later in the year, Remembrance Sunday 12th November at 10:45. As usual, all are invited to meet at the Black Horse at 10:15 and walk to the Church, and the Christmas Carol Service on 17th December at 15:00. Also, a note to your diaries, our annual Summer concert scheduled on 30th June commencing at 19:30pm, with the talented Highly Strung band, rendering their eclectic mix of music to delight the audience, and refreshments in the interval.

And finally..... The Friends will meet to discuss a full agenda for a long overdue St Michaels AGM (apologies covid etc) on 15th May at 19:30pm, in St Michaels. The meeting is open to all to attend.

Derek Roberts



WALTON ST MARY

One of the joys of Lent, an otherwise very reflective season, is the opportunity to get together as a benefice.

Each Wednesday we have had an opportunity to hear a talk entitled Music that Moves Me. All have been very personal and

thoughtful reflections. The penultimate talk was given by Michael Dine who chose Dancing in the Sky by Dani and Lizzy and reflected on angels coming into our lives in different guises. And finally Ruth Maddock chose Schubert's String Quintet and, in company with her daughter Katherine, illustrated how although on their own the melody of each instrument can seem meaningless, in harmony with others beautiful music is born. Ruth likened this to Christians bringing together their talents to make a whole church. We thank all those who have participated this year.

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ALL SAINTS COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

10am - 12 noon in All Saints Vestry

Second Wednesday in the month—next meetings

10th May and 14th June

Just turn up or contact Sandra Sallis on 878848/07443905634

PORTISHEAD QUILTERS' EXHIBITION

Thursday 11th - Saturday 13th May 2023
10:00am - 4:00pm

EXTENSIVE DISPLAY OF MEMBERS' QUILTS AND OTHER PROJECTS, MEMBERS' SALES TABLE, TRADE STALL WITH MARK PICKLES FRIDAY & SATURDAY, REFRESHMENTS, TOMBOLA, CHARITY QUILT RAFFLE AND MUCH MORE!
(cash only event)



Admission fee: £2.50

St Nicholas Church
Nore Rd, Portishead, BS20 8EN

On-site car park

All admission fee proceeds go to St Nicholas Church

After each of the musical reflections we had a Lent Soup Lunch. This was a chance to catch up with those from all the churches and was a very special time. In addition, £451 was raised for Weston Hospicecare, this year's chosen charity. Holy Week started with Evening Prayer on Monday and Tuesday devised and delivered by Nicholas Maddock and Sister Carol. They were both peaceful and thought provoking.

Sadly the Agape that was planned at St Paul's on Wednesday had to be cancelled. This was because of the death on Palm Sunday of Shirley Long, Sue Betts and Ruth Long's mother. Our thoughts are with them both and with the St Paul's congregation.

The services for Maundy Thursday, and Easter Eve were very beautiful and Sister Carol's meditation at the Foot of the Cross on Good Friday was a reflection in three parts, At the Cross, With Christ in Paradise and Strange Victory. These services, with the one on Easter Sunday reminded us all of the huge gift of forgiveness won for us at such a cost.

Our thanks go to the flower arrangers who decorated the church so beautifully for our Easter celebrations. Also on that day there was a special gift from the congregation to Ian Hubbard to celebrate his 80th birthday. Thanks were given to him for all that he contributes to our church life at St Mary's.

The funeral for Mary Gammon was held on the 27th March. Mary had been a very faithful member of St Mary's over many years. First with her husband John at the Sunday 8am service, and latterly at the Wednesday Holy Communion. We also heard this month of the death of Michael Whitehead whose funeral is scheduled for April 28th.

In the March magazine Paul mentioned that we are working on restoring the ancient well outside the hall, with a view to making a feature of it. We believe this will be of interest to church goers and the wider community. There is not much that is genuinely historic in our parish but the well really is a survivor from past centuries.

So far the privet hedge has been removed to enable the well to be seen from Castle Road and flagstones around the well have been taken up to reveal more of the ancient stonework. Clevedon Metal Products have been commissioned to make a galvanised iron grid so that we shall be able safely to look down at the water, about 12 feet below. All this work will require funding, of course, so if anyone would like to offer a fund-raising event, or even sponsor a section of the project, that would be very welcome. In this coronation year we think it would be fitting to present the restored St Mary's Well as a tribute to our new King and Queen.

Sally and William King

St. Mary's flowers

Easter flowers

In addition to those listed in the April magazine, floral tributes were also requested in loving memory of:

Robert (Bob) Latham - by Janet, Katy and Richard - always in our hearts and thoughts;
Parents Harold and Edith Westcott, sister Eleanor and remembering Ray - from Ruth Weaver;



ST PETER & ST PAUL, Weston in Gordano

“Oh let the song of Love be sung! Alleluia”

Lent was challenging this year, but as April began and we moved into Holy Week perhaps our struggles found their context. Palm Sunday in Weston in Gordano church is rather special because of the very rare Palm Sunday Gallery in the church porch. We packed into the porch whilst the rector defied health and safety hazards and climbed up the stone steps on the right, into that small and rather flimsy looking gallery. From there he blessed the new palms we each held, and the liturgy began, with a hymn taking us back into the body of the church. The long Gospel reading was given from another rare feature, our stone pulpit. Since there is a natural sounding board in the stone wall opposite it was easier to hear than from the wooden Jacobean pulpit.

St Mary's church hosted some Holy Week events for the whole Benefice, on Monday, Tuesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. I think we will need to strengthen these benefice links as congregations are smaller. Folk did come from St Peter and St Paul: for evening prayer and a reflection, and, on Tuesday some lovely music from Katherine and Ruth. The choir stalls were full. On Maundy Thursday the foot washing was reverently done by Mike Dyne and at the hour watch afterward three clergy, three sisters and half a dozen devout lay folk managed to stay the course. There were I think about 40 people present on Good Friday. I loved the fact that we had a babe (Jackson), whose behaviour was exemplary, at the Third Hour, and also a small dog! These are such powerful and moving services, so good to be part of: the drama of the liturgy telling the story of Jesus passion, death and resurrection; His love song for humanity.

I was at the Anglican Society of the Sacred Cross, Tymawr, Wales (enclosed nuns) for the Easter Vigil (which took about an hour and three quarters; with the new fire lit from a brazier outside) so must hand over to another reporter for Easter Sunday. But I do wish to thank the 'flower ladies' for their devoted work in decorating the church so well. I looked in on my return and enjoyed it all, noting the little flower cross on the lectern. Rather belatedly, thank you too for the Mothering Sunday nosegays which go out also to those who cannot get to Church. Flower arranging is a year long task, with a rota faithfully organised by Pam Harrison. Please get in touch with her if you would like to join in that group of volunteers, if just once each year. It is a privilege and you don't have to be specially gifted!

I also note the shining brass and general cleanliness of our beautiful little church,

Weston-in-Gordano

Plant Sale

May 27

10am-3pm

at the

Village Hall

Also a

'New & As New' Clothing Sale

&

Refreshments

Cash please

Ample free parking on the field behind the church





The 3 C's - Coffee (cake!) and Conversation is a discussion group that takes place on the first Tuesday of the month from 1.30pm – 2.45pm at All Saints Vestry using “Day by Day with God” notes as the focus for discussion (notes available through the Parish Office) A relaxed and informal space to learn

and encourage. We have had many interesting discussions over the months so if it's something you'd like to try out do join us or for more information please contact Kate Hector on 873257.

Next meetings are Tuesday, 2nd May, Tuesday, 6th June. Tea, coffee and cake always provided!

BIBLE NOTES can be ordered through the Parish Office.

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

FROM THE REGISTERS....

WEDDINGS

31st March – Wedding of Imogen Miller and Aaron Hotchkins, All Saints

FUNERALS

18th April – Ray Willis, All Saints

20th April – Ivan Tyler, St Michael's, Clapton in Gordano

25th April – David Jeffrey, St Paul's, Walton in Gordano

28th April – Michael Whitehead, St Mary's

3rd May – Rose Hurley (mother of Lynne Ruddock), South Bristol Crematorium

thank you , anonymous cleaners , and also the ‘ book fairy’ who tries to keep the village library in the porch from chaos! Not an easy task.

I think the choir could do with some new members if there are any singers out there. At present they are rehearsing with Norma Minor for the Coronation weekend service on May the 7th before the village lunch.

Easter Sunday is just the beginning of Eastertide, taking us right up till Whit Sunday, or Pentecost on May 28th . Plenty of time for us to let the ‘ Song of love be sung ! Alleluia’

Sister Carol

A bright and sunny Easter Sunday greeted the smallish congregation gathered to celebrate Easter Sunday with Nicholas Maddock leading our service. We missed several of our regulars who had disappeared earlier in the weekend to spend time with relatives. The church had been decorated with very colourful floral displays - our thanks to all who spend time putting together the displays, not forgetting the “Garden of Gethsemane” tableau.

Norma gathered together a small choir who sang “Now the Green Blade Riseth from the Buried Grain”, a hymn sung to an old French carol. By all accounts the rendition was well received by the congregation. It is lovely to have a choir gathered together to provide a solid backing for the congregation - thank you, Norma.

Nicholas provided an interesting sermon, including accounts of the tightrope walks across the Niagra Falls, the name of the daring walker eludes me. But I don't think any of us will try to rig a tightrope in emulation alongside the Brunel Suspension Bridge across the Avon Gorge.

A welcome hot drink ‘n biccies completed a very enjoyable Easter Sunday service - thank you to everyone involved.

Sadly, it has become necessary to postpone the Silent Auction until June. I would be very grateful if you could hang on to any items you may have to donate until nearer the new date. We are unable to accept used electrical items unless they have been recently PAT tested, unfortunately. Please be thinking about any PROMISES you may feel able to offer for sale.

There will be tickets on sale later at £5.00, to include your first glass of wine, and there will be a bar and delicious nibbles. The new date is Friday 16th June at 7.30pm Thank you in advance for your support as we try to rebuild our funds after our recent “adventures” with dry rot. It's wonderful to be back in Church but we still have our beautiful medieval building to run and maintain and appreciate all the help others can offer.

Robb Robinson



ST PAUL'S, Walton in Gordano

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain
Wheat that that in the dark earth many days had lain
Love lives again that with the dead has been
Love has come again as wheat that springeth green
An Easter Carol

One of my dear Mum's favourite hymns who sadly died at the beginning of April, after a long period of poor health. It is so difficult to put into words the feelings you have at the passing of someone who has been there for you for every moment. And then to be followed the very next day the birth of my first grandchild and the start of the next generation in our family life, it is impossible to describe the rollercoaster of emotions you can live through.

What a beautiful sunny day for our Easter Fayre in Saturday 8th April and thanks to Celia, Jo and Anne the church looked beautiful as well decorated with flowers, Easter eggs and Easter bunnies too. A good crowd of people turned out to enjoy bacon rolls, cream teas and lots of cheerful laughter. There was friendly rivalry as well especially over the 'Guess the number of Easter eggs on the Cake' with Graham only missing out on the winning total by only two eggs, Nick won and shared with us how much he enjoyed the cake much to Grahams annoyance! A big thank you to all who helped out, what a great team and to all who supported this jolly parish event.

May is a busy month! There will be no Welcome In coffee morning at the beginning of May as we will all be at home watching the Coronation or maybe you have an invite! Our service on Sunday 7th will have a Coronation theme and will be followed in the afternoon by our Coronation Cream Tea in the Village Hall from 3 pm . There is no charge for the tea just bring long your favourite cake, it can be home made or shop bought, your company is the most important thing but we do need to know if you are coming. Everyone is welcome, you know we will always give a very warm welcome so please contact Sue or pick up a ticket from the back of the church by the visitors book.

Rogation Sunday on 14th May will be another special service. Looking back this used to be one of the biggest celebrations at St Pauls. We had a procession of choir and congregation streaming down the Manor driveway and stopping the traffic as we walked past the Village Hall into the farmyard and back to the church singing heartily but never altogether. Maybe with a bit of reinvention this could be reborn in the future, have a think about it.

Raising money for our Heart of the Village appeal for village defbs our Scarecrow Festival on Sunday 28th and Monday 29th will be fun for all ages Our theme this year is Kings and Queens and there will be scarecrows all over the village. Pick up your entry forms at the church and then go and hunt out your favourite. When you return to the church there will be refreshments available all day including bacon rolls –always poplar- cream teas and all kinds of delicious cakes. There will be games and sideshows too including your first chance to buy our newest village

the service. I am also in the flower arranging team which is extremely enjoyable, although I am never going to have the skills of a florist! Helping with Little Saints by serving drinks to the parents is lovely, and seeing little children participate in the activities and listening to bible stories is heart-warming. Serving refreshments seems to be my thing, whether it's at the events at Clevedon Court, Crib festival or at the art talks arranged by Rosie. I am also part if the 3C's discussion group which meets monthly at All Saints.

As a PCC member at All Saints, I find myself on a learning curve, it's amazing what organising goes on behind the scenes. Other church members have many responsibilities and juggle different roles to make church life run smoothly. I knew no one in Clevedon when I moved here, but thankfully with my volunteering roles, I am now part of a caring church family. We are always needing help within the church and especially with serving Sunday refreshments, many hands make light work. If you are interested in helping to serve refreshments after the Sunday morning service, you could contact me on my mobile, 07568333380 or email vearansome@btinternet.com.

St Mary's Church Hall

Saturday 20th May 10.30am

Coffee Morning and
Bring and Buy Sale



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



WHAT IS YOUR "MINISTRY"?

Vera Ransome, All Saints

A bit about myself

After leaving school, I trained as a nurse in Blackburn, and worked as a staff nurse and sister in A and E before leaving to train as a District Nurse. I went on to work in the community for 37 years, both in Lancashire, and then for 20 years on the Isle of Arran. I thoroughly enjoyed my NHS nursing career of over 45 years, it was very rewarding and a privilege to be able to nurse people in

their own homes, often through long term illnesses and at the end of their life. I balanced working full time with bringing up my two children, my son now lives in London and my daughter in Bristol with her husband and my two little granddaughters.

What brought me to Clevedon and All Saints church?

I was always involved in church life, from an early age attending Sunday school, being confirmed at 11, and being in the church choir, brownies and guides. As an adult, I continued with my church life, and by coincidence, I already knew the Very Reverend David Frayne and his wife Liz before coming to All Saints, as my son was a Blackburn Cathedral chorister before we moved to Arran and David was the Dean at the cathedral. I was very involved in the Cathedral life, helping as a choir parent, flower arranging, fund raising, mothers union, and sides person. I moved to Clevedon nearly 4 years ago, to be nearer my daughter, as I didn't want to miss my granddaughters growing up. Living on Arran was too far away, so I took early retirement and here I am. I checked out a few other churches but fortunately for me, I chose All Saints as it is close to home and I found the church members to be friendly and welcoming.

What part of church life am I involved in?

After the restrictions of the Covid pandemic were lifted, Noel asked if I could arrange a team of volunteers to resume the serving of refreshments after the Sunday service, this was a great opportunity to meet people and have a chat after

recipe book. This is part of our Put Your Heart Into It project where with £10 seed money you put your talents to use to grow that money to add to our appeal total. Thank you to all who has already given so generously through our Lent Giving Our annual Flower Festival will be over the August Bank Holiday 26th, 27th and 28th August. Our theme is 'At Home with our Favourite Animals' You can pick an animal to make out in flowers or choose a habitat with the animals living in it. For example the Australian desert has already been bagged but there are so many to think about, Celia has chosen the Artic. Its great so many took part last year, what a talented group you are but there is always room for more. You are welcome to join in you don't have to be an expert flower arranger, come and have a go it's fun!



Mouse Musings: We are all very excited about the Scarecrow Festival. Not only will there be plenty of delicious cake crumbs but also soft comfy straw to make our new fresh summer beds. And look out for a visit to the church by a Royal couple of a mousey kind.

ALL SAINTS FLOODLIGHTING

1st May

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

10 May 2023

Juliette, our lovely granddaughter, celebrates her 12th birthday today. We thank God for such an amazing little girl who gives us so much pleasure. Mo and Geoff King



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

Coronation Garden Party at Clevedon Court

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

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



WALTON-IN-GORDANO

SCARECROW

FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 28TH MAY

1 TO 4 PM

MONDAY 29TH May

10.30 TO 4 PM



ENTRY FORMS FROM VILLAGE
CHURCH

REFRESHMENTS

ALL DAY

LUNCHES

GAMES AND FUN