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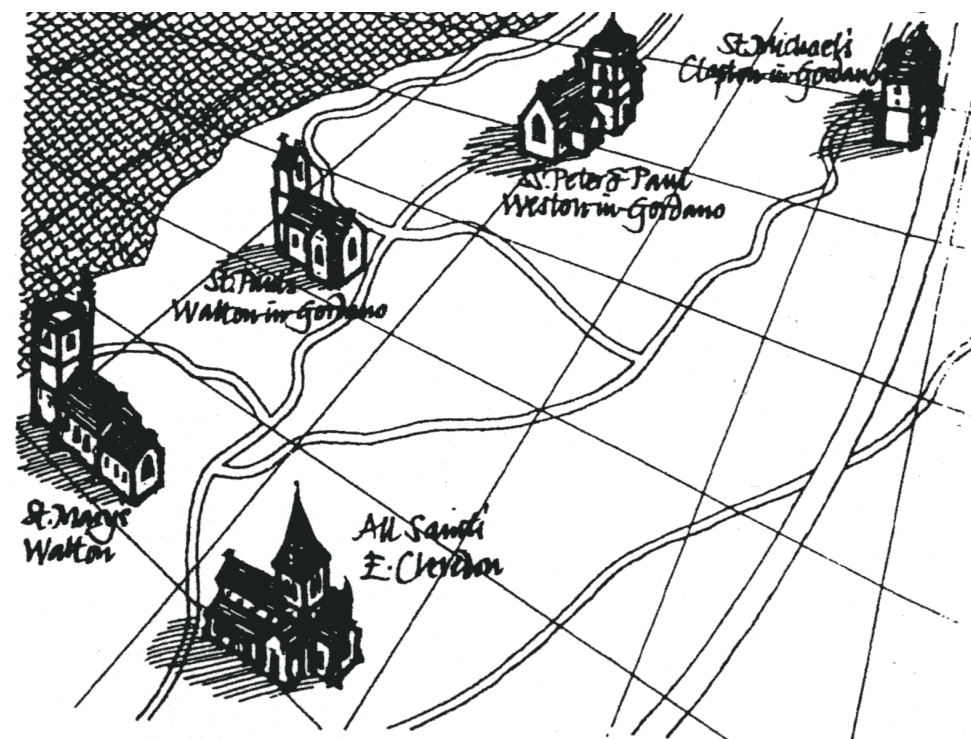
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St Paul's, Walton	Sundays	11.15 am Sunday Worship
St Peter & St Paul, Weston in Gordano	Services to be held in Village Hall until further notice	
	Sundays	10.00 am Holy Communion (1st) 6.00 pm Evensong (2nd & 4th) 10.00 am Sunday Worship (3rd)
	Wednesdays	11.00 am Holy Communion

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FIRST WORD from The Rev'd Tim Daplyn.

As an honorary chaplain to groups of veterans, it has often been my privilege to be present at commemoration ceremonies and visits to former battlefields. At such gatherings I find myself, recalling the names and faces of comrades no longer with us. Some may have succumbed to shot and shell but many more have suffered the fate of old soldiers everywhere who, as the saying goes: 'do not die but merely fade away...' Thus, I find myself humming, more loudly than usual, the words of folk musician Ralph McTell in his song The Streets of London:

Have you seen the old man
Outside the seaman's mission
Memory fading with
The medal ribbons that he wears?
In our winter city
The rain cries a little pity
For one more forgotten hero
And a world that doesn't care.

It is a little over one hundred years since John McRae, a doctor serving with the Canadian Army during World War I penned the opening lines of the poem we know as 'Flanders Fields':

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row that mark our place
And in the sky, the larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard among the guns below...

The poem has spoken to many people all down the years to the present day. Soon after it was first published it gave rise to the adoption of the red poppy as the pre-eminent symbol of the annual season of Remembrance which commemorates the service and the sacrifice of victims of armed conflict.

While the poem's opening lines are the most quoted, it is the last verse that speaks to me most powerfully at this time of year. They represent no less than a direct challenge addressed by the dead to the living:

To you, from failing hands, we throw the torch,
Be yours to hold it high

If ye break faith with us who die, we shall not sleep
Though poppies grow in Flanders' fields.

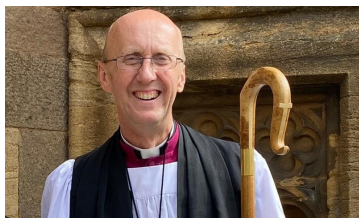
Sadly, the futile tragedy of armed conflict is not confined to the past but is a very present reality in all of its awfulness. As we gather again on Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday to honour those who lost lives and limbs in the service of their country, we will be answering the challenge enunciated by the poet. We will once again, be answering the call, holding high the torch and keeping faith with our fallen. May God give you Peace!



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LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

Called to walk the way of the cross

A message from the Rt Revd Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells

As I prepare to be installed as the 80th Bishop of Bath and Wells on the 12 November, I have been reading and re-reading the charge given to me by the Archbishop of Canterbury when I was legally confirmed as bishop back in June. The charge can be found on the diocesan website. Please do take a look at what it says. The charge is terrifying. It calls me to walk the way of the cross. It urges me to rely not on my own strength, but on that provided by the Lord. The charge asks me to 'speak out on behalf of the voiceless, and for the rights of all who are vulnerable' (Proverbs 3:18). It reminds me that I am to be the shepherd of the flock entrusted to me. It also includes calls to be committed to the highest standards of safeguarding and care of the environment.

Reading my charge makes me wonder whether I have been invited to impersonate the Archangel Gabriel! Thankfully it also includes words which act to make the whole thing possible. Chief among these is this phrase: I am called to 'build a church where each stone is valued'. Drawing on the writings of the First Letter of Peter (see Chapter 2), the charge calls me to remember that I'm not doing this all alone. We are doing it all together.

I've already been discovering this as I've travelled around Somerset attending worship in different churches and meeting new clergy colleagues. The installation will see people gather from across the county, committing together to our vision of 'Living and Telling the Story of Jesus'. Undertaking that task with authenticity and integrity is the greatest charge of all. It's one that I'm looking forward to sharing with you.

Every blessing
Bishop Michael

ALL SAINTS COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

10am - 12 noon in All Saints Vestry

Second Wednesday in the month—next meeting

9th November

Just turn up or contact Sandra Sallis on 878848/07443905634

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Pause for Thought

This contemporary poem by the former Poet Laureate, Carol Ann Duffy, is not the easiest to read. It seems to strike a very negative and pessimistic mood. In this poem, *The Wound in Time*, she metaphorically turns over the pages of history to see what, if anything, we have learned in the face of conflict and war. "History might as well be water...for we learn nothing from your endless sacrifice" she says. In the light of this year, the year of the Ukrainian war, perhaps she is right. But then again, although it can be hard to see, there remains much optimism in the world. The vast majority of the world's nations have condemned the violence and brutality, and although the United Nations is frequently a place of compromise, it was itself a product of world conflict and remains an arena where truth might be spoken and justice sought. Anger is not misplaced in the face of brutality – but anger which seeks justice not merely revenge is the Christian way. Might this poem help us to direct our feelings aright?

Noel

The Wound in Time - Carol Ann Duffy

It is the wound in Time. The century's tides,
chanting their bitter psalms, cannot heal it.
nor the war to end all wars; death's birthing place;
the earth nursing its ticking metal eggs, hatching
new carnage. But how could you know, brave
as belief as you boarded the boats, singing?
The end of God in the poisonous, shrapneled air.
Poetry gargling its own blood. We sense it was love
you gave your world for; the town squares silent,
awaiting their cenotaphs. What happened next?
War. And after that? War. And now? War. War.
History might as well be water, chastising this shore;
for we learn nothing from your endless sacrifice.
Your faces drowning in the pages of the sea.

READINGS AND PRAYERS

Sunday, 6th November – 3rd before Advent

Job 19: 23-27I

Luke 20: 27-38

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Sunday, 13th November – Remembrance Sunday

Micah 4: 1-5

John 15: 12-17

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: Hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday, 20th November – Christ The King

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Luke 23: 33-43

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 27th November – Advent I

Isaiah 2: 1-5

Matthew 24: 36-44

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal;

through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Gracious God, lover of all, in this sacrament we are one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood and one in the communion of his Spirit: help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ. We make our prayer through your Son our Saviour.

The 3 C's - Coffee (cake!) and Conversation is a new 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 from Parish Office) A relaxed and informal space to learn and encourage. Please contact Kate Hector on 873257 if you would like more information.

Next meetings are Tuesday, 1st November and Tuesday, 6th December. 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”. If you would like to try out notes (next edition January – April 2023) please get in contact and they can be ordered for you.

ALL SAINTS FLOODLIGHTING

12th November - To celebrate the marriage of Jim Humphries and Beth Strefford



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

St Peter & St Paul, Weston in Gordano

SERVICES TO BE HELD IN VILLAGE HALL

6th 5.00 pm Holy Communion - The Rector
13th 5.00 pm Evensong - The Rev'd Tim Daplyn
20th 5.00 pm Holy Communion - The Rector
27th 5.00pm Evensong - The Rev'd Nicholas Maddock
4th 5.00pm Holy Communion - The Rector
Every Wednesday 11.00 am Holy Communion - check for venue

Walton St Mary, Clevedon

6th 10.00 am Holy Communion - The Rev'd Nicholas Maddock
13th 10.00 am Morning Prayer - The Rev'd Nicholas Maddock
20th 10.00 am Holy Communion - The Rector
and baptism of Evelyn and Harrison Wood
27th 10.00 am Morning Prayer - The Rev'd Ian Hubbard
4th 10.00am Holy Communion - The Rector

Every Wednesday 10.00 am Holy Communion at St Mary's

November/ December SERVICES

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

All Saints, East Clevedon

6th	8.00 am	Holy Communion - The Rector
	10.30 am	All Age Communion - The Rector
13th	8.00 am	Holy Communion - The Rev'd Tim Daplyn
	10.30 am	Holy Communion - The Rector
	11.00 am	Clapton - The Rev'd Tim Daplyn
20th	8.00am	Holy Communion - The Rev'd Tim Daplyn
	10.30am	Holy Communion - The Rev'd Tim Daplyn
27th	8.00am	Holy Communion - The Rector
	10.30 am	Holy Communion - The Rector
4th	8.00am	Holy Communion - The Rev'd Tim Daplyn
	10.30am	Holy Communion - The Rev'd Tim Daplyn

St Paul's, Walton in Gordano

6th	11.15 am	Morning Prayer - Sue Betts
13th	11.15 am	Holy Communion - The Rev'd Nicholas Maddock
20th	11.15 am	Morning Prayer - Mr Joshua Fowler
27th	11.15 am	Morning Prayer - Rev'd Nicholas Maddock
4th	11.15am	Morning Prayer - The Rector

ALL SAINTS THEN AND NOW

from the archives

REPORT ON COFFEE AT THE COURT, OCT. 17TH 1998 ORGANISED BY THE SEW & SEWS.

The weather was very blustery and showery that morning which may have put a few people off from coming; also the Missions to Seamen Sale was on at the same time, elsewhere. 79 people paid at the door, or had bought tickets, so although numbers were down quite a lot, the sale proved very successful from many points of view.

First: the sewing group produced some very good items for sale. Second: Many members of the Church gave items suitable for sale, plus cakes, pastry, onions, marmalade etc. Thirdly: Some 25 people helped on the day with door duties, car parking, coffee making, raffle ticket selling, cake stall, and bring and buy, toys and craft selling.

On the day £775.39 was raised, but following a few words on Sunday morning another £42.20 was given, the final total now being £817.59. The sewing group have already raised £450 from their Spring sale.

Well done to the sewing group for all their hard work this year and they in turn offer grateful thanks for all the help received from the people of All Saints'. Thank you – every little helps. *Francis Ford writing in the Parish Magazine, November 1997.*

REPORT ON COFFEE AT THE COURT, OCT.15TH 2022

Coffee at the Court, judging by this year's outstanding success, has many similarities with that held 25 years ago. However, there are also many differences. In those days it was a smaller event and generally only attended by members of the United Benefice. However, over the last few years it has been publicized more widely via social media but also by leaflet drops carried out by many volunteers. Perhaps this year we benefitted from post-pandemic enthusiasm plus the increasing power of social media but whatever the reason, the year's Coffee at the Court exceeded all expectations, taking everyone by surprise.

The Court was packed with people in a way never seen before and it was due to the valiant efforts of Andy and Karen on car parking duty, Vera and her team on coffee and tea making, not forgetting the kitchen team, headed by Tony at the sink, that the whole thing did not descend into chaos as it might so easily have done. Queues for refreshments stretched down the passage to the Museum but luckily the rain held off and no-one got grumpy at the wait. In fact the house hummed with good cheer.

The equally valiant stall holders also kept calm and cheerful as people poured in to inspect the items on sale, little different from those of 1997, buying vast quantities of things. The preserve table was sold out within the first hour and the cakes had all gone well before the end of the morning. Although not all the bric-a-brac or children's toys were sold, those who produced them in went home with

considerably lighter-loaded cars.

Warm thanks are due to everyone involved, not forgetting Mike Anderson, who ran the Silent Auction, and all those who helped move the furniture the day before and who then had to move it all back at the end of the morning. However, the greatest thanks must be reserved for Trish Dean who has been organising Coffee at the Court for years and years with immaculate skill, not to speak of running of the Grand Draw. We all owe her a huge debt of gratitude.

By now you will all be wondering how much we raised. The figure at the moment stands at £2500, an unprecedented amount which is likely to increase over the next few days. Can we do better next year? The challenge is on!

Julia Elton.



ALL SAINTS, East Clevedon

We started October with harvest festival and a return of the all-age family service which was a really lovely. Noel had asked Anne Daplyn to choose a hymn for the service and give us the reason why. Anne chose 'Think of a world without any flowers' and she really made us think about the words. You set a high precedent Anne! Noel will be asking others to choose a hymn over the coming months – don't worry you will get advanced notice! Later in the service Noel invited three people (who had also been asked in advance) to come and talk about what they do. Firstly Laura Durrant, who as well as being parish magazine editor, also volunteers at Weston Hospital's Sunshine Hospital Radio, and brought a microphone to signify her work. Then Mike Anderson told us about his horse sales, bringing a wonderful photo of his horse and a bridle, and Mike also told us the sad news that one of his colleagues and a horse had recently died. Following this Chy-Yien Snow told us about her work as an artist and then how she has recently become a classroom assistant in a junior school and how rewarding she is finding it, Chy-Yien brought one of her paintings and her new school timetable. Noel used these to show how at harvest we not only think of those who grow and provide food but also what we all do in our daily lives. Thank you to everyone involved in the service, the music group for playing and the flower arrangers for their magnificent displays. It was lovely to see so many families from Little Saints and we look forward to the next all-age service on 6th November.

Many congratulations to Margaret and Luke Jackson on the birth of their son Rupert in August (sorry it's a bit late). It has been lovely to see Rupert in church with his parents and extended Caddy family.

Looking back to the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II, Ross Leighton was in the front row of the RAF reserve section of the main parade from Westminster Abbey to Wellington Arch. Ross is with the 4626 Aeromedical evacuation squadron which is part of Royal Air Force Reserves and he spent the week leading up to the funeral between RAF Halton, Buckinghamshire and Wellington Barracks, London, training and practicing for the parade. The RAF element contained members of 603sqn,

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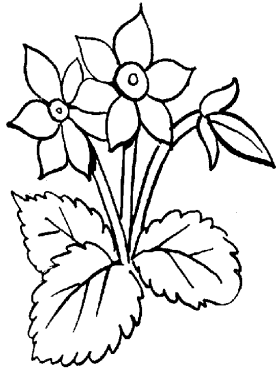
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Garden Talk

Autumn may be well into its stride but many flowers are still doing surprisingly well. Dahlias will continue to bloom until the first frosts providing they are deadheaded. Many roses, too, will continue to flower though the bushes themselves may look rather straggly. Nerines will adorn the beds with their shocking pink blooms – some like them and others don't – as will ice plants (*Sedum spectabile*) which have been slowly coming into flower since September. The variety 'Herbstfreude' (Autumn

joy) is particularly lovely.

One of my favourite jobs in November is collecting bags of fallen leaves to make leaf mould. I use a simple cage of chicken wire nailed to four stiff stakes to form a circle and hammered into the ground. When it is full I wait for a week or so until the leaves bed down and then add some more. Leaf mould is one of the best natural fertilizers you can have; it is rather too rich on its own but mixed with a similar amount of garden soil it is as good as any compost. The only disadvantage is that it takes at least a year to make, so every November I empty my cage, bag up the leaf mould and it is ready for some more.

When it comes to planting, broad beans may be sown outdoors in November, ready for harvesting in May or June. Most bulbs should be in by now but tulips are best planted this month and will make a stunning display if planted en masse. Towards the end of the month most deciduous trees and bushes will have settled down for their winter sleep and they can then be planted bare root. You can order bare root plants by post from the nursery much more cheaply than container grown plants. The important thing is to get them into the ground immediately: if the roots dry out they will die. Fruit bushes, roses, hedging plants and young deciduous trees can all be successfully planted this month provided, of course, that the ground is not frozen.

The arrival of wet weather after a cruelly dry summer has allowed weeds to flourish. Those little seeds have been in the ground all this time waiting for their chance. I leave annual weeds in November trusting that the cold weather will finish them off, but show no mercy to perennial weeds such as dandelions. And a good thick mulch on your flower beds will work wonders.

William King

RAF Reserves, RAF Cranwell and the Queen's Colour Squadron. According to Ross over 1000 airmen and women took part in the funeral from the parade to lining the street for the funeral procession. Ross' wife Gemma and mum Joyce went up to London to watch but didn't manage to see him, although some of us did spot him on TV!

Our congratulations go to Jim Humphries and Beth Strefford who are getting married at St Michael's, Clapton, on 12th November. Jim is a regular bellringer at All Saints and he also rings at Clapton. It is so lovely to hear the bells calling us to church on Sunday mornings and we send our thanks to all the bellringers. The October coffee morning was well attended, with three newcomers. We had some good chats, enhanced with refreshments. It's very much a community event and everyone is welcome. We next meet at 10 am on Wednesday 9th November in the vestry.

It was sad to hear of the death of Nora Hollier and we send her family and friends our prayers and sincere condolences. Nora had been coming to All Saints for many years and always sat in church with her cousin Shirley. She was a very friendly warm person and will be very much missed by all who knew her.

Coffee at The Court was a great success on 15th October. Many thanks to everyone who took part, ran stalls, set up and tidied up, and came along to spend their money. A big thank you to Trish who oversaw the event (despite saying she wasn't going to do it again) and also for organising the Grand Draw. As we go to press Trish says a total of over £2,500 was raised, which is an amazing amount. Thanks to Julia also for allowing us to use Clevedon Court - a perfect setting for the occasion.

The Service of Light takes place 6pm at All Saints on 2nd November when those who have died are remembered in a special service. The Crib Festival is being held from 9th to 11th December, daily from 10am to 4pm. Those of you who came along last year will agree it was a real treat to see such an amazing array of crib scenes and it promises to be equally good this year so please come along. Light refreshments will be available. On the evening of 9th December is 'Folk at Christmas', another very popular annual event – I can't wait!

Sandra Sallis



ST MICHAEL'S, Clapton in Gordano

With the suddenly unexpected passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 2, the stunning pomp and ceremony in Westminster Abbey with her funeral arrangements, and the incredible organisational skills that it took to gather multiple guests and VIPs in one place. The world must have looked on in awe as to how all of this was carried out with such a professional and clockwork efficiency.

The whole event highlighted Britain as a masterclass of how to show respect, mourn and give thanks for our longest serving monarch. That she carried out her duties with accepting one Prime Ministers resignation and

a greeting of the new PM, 2 days prior to her passing, shows the dedication in her role right up to the end. R. I. P. your Majesty.

Local news: The Friends had proposed an AGM to be held on 5th October at 19:00 in St Michaels church needed to be cancelled, unfortunately at the last minute. A new date and time will be announced in the near future. Apologies to all.

I am also extremely pleased to highlight that a wedding service will be held in St Michaels on Saturday 12th November. We all wish the future bride and groom the very best of luck with their future life together.

Noel has given the go ahead for a second service in the church this year. The first will be our Annual Remembrance Service, on behalf of the British Legion and organised by the Parish Council. The date will be Sunday 13th November and will coincide with the national 2 minute silence at 11:00. The Rev'd Tim Daplyn will lead the proceedings.

The second gathering will be the Christmas Carol Service to be held on Sunday 11th December at 15:00. We hope to be accompanied by the local and very talented Highly Strung group of musicians, for the latter.

Please make a note in your diary for both services.

And finally..... If I may quote verbatim from an email sent to me by the lead bell ringer of St Michaels, George Wyatt:

“During September, ringers from St Michaels team entered the Bath & Wells Association striking competition and reached the finals of this event held at Kelston, near Bath. These bells were rather difficult and borderline unpleasant to ring, but were similar to how St Michaels bells used to be, prior to restoration, thus giving us an advantage.

Much to our delight we rang these bells confidently making for an outstanding test piece which won the finals of the competition. A lot of this was to do with the right time and place, but still wouldn't have come to pass without all of our practices and enthusiasm with ringing at St Michaels.

We were presented with a bell shaped trophy for our efforts & are working out how to share equal time for the trophy with our members.”

Hearty congratulations to the team from all of us in the Parish and keep up the good work, and continue to treat us with the tolling of St Michaels bells in the valley.

Derek Roberts



WALTON ST MARY

Thinking back over mid-September to mid-October we have had several memorable events at St Mary's.

On the 22nd September Bishop Barry held a Confirmation Service for Steven, Anna and Ian, adult members of our congregation. It was a very quiet and meaningful occasion and many of the congregation were pleased to be there to welcome them as communicant members. Afterwards we were able to celebrate together with refreshments supplied by Barry and Olga.

A big thank you to everyone who supported Coffee at The Court.



FROM THE REGISTERS....

FUNERALS

29th September: Cyril Honey, St Mary's

19th October: Nora Hollier, All Saints

20th October: Jean Carrad, St Mary's (a member of St Peter and St Paul, Weston in Gordano)

CONFIRMATIONS

22nd September: Ian & Anna Turner , St. Mary's
Steven Mehew , ST. Mary's

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Later in September there was the Memorial Service for Cyril Honey. Cyril and June had been faithful members of our congregation for many years.

On the 9th October we celebrated our Harvest Festival. As always the church flower arrangements were wonderful, from the welcoming arrangements in the lychgate and porch to those all around the church. During the service we had the Baptism of Frederick, and he was impeccably behaved. The Bring and Share Harvest Lunch which followed had a real community feel to it, from the food that was provided to the help given to clear up afterwards. Thanks as ever to Yvonne for coordinating the whole occasion.

The church food collection which has been for the Sisters of the Church Harvest Appeal will continue but will now be for the Clevedon and District Foodbank. We now look forward to the Baptism Service for Evelyn and Harrison Wood on the 20th November, and in December the Social Committee Christmas Coffee Morning on the 3rd and the Carol Service on the 19th.

Sally King

St. Mary's flowers

25th September: In loving memory of Cyril Honey, and for his Memorial Service on 29th September, requested by his daughter, Elizabeth Walker and family;

2nd October: In loving memory of Robert (Bob) Latham on what would have been his 80th birthday, requested by his wife Janet, Richard and Katy

9th October: In loving memory of Colin Webb, requested by his wife Lois;

In loving memory of Bob Sutton and family and friends, requested by Christine;

23rd October: To celebrate the Diamond Wedding Anniversary of Keith and Jackie Parkins, requested by Jackie;

30th October: In loving memory of David Fleming, requested by his wife Diana.

To celebrate a special occasion, birthday, anniversary, or remember a loved one with a flower arrangement in church at any time during the year, please speak to Mary Pope (01275 876623). A photograph of the display can be made available for you to keep as a memento.



ST PETER & ST PAUL, Weston in Gordano

The harvest festival this year was simplified, with a BYO buffet before the service. In fact it was a really companionable sharing, a good thing. The village Hall looked lovely with autumn flowering arranged in the window sills.

Autumn has brought its usual colds and viruses. John Bridges had to go into hospital with a major lung infection. As usual he determinedly tries to keep working even from his hospital bed. We pray for him and Ann and are well aware of just how much work he has put in as church warden into the saving of the village church. Margaret Jacobs is also unwell though thankfully she and her husband have come through Covid. There is rather a sense of age and frailty

around which makes it the more remarkable that so much is being achieved. Jean Carrard died on the eve of St Michael and All Angels. She had given a great deal musically to the church, its choir and special services, and also, in earlier years, to the village. Although she had been very limited and unwell for a long time her death was unexpected, following a fall. She is and will be missed. I enjoyed taking books to her and borrowing from her extensive collection. There will be a report on her funeral next month.

The village, which I have been linked with since the late 60s, is changing a great deal, which can unsettle. Robert Bridges in his hymn 'All my hope in God is founded, 'has the lines...' Evermore, from His store, new born worlds rise and adore...' We pray that may be so in this village, especially the 'adore' bit. I was pleased to see some photos of the work being done, in the village, on the ancient church pews. Having polished them a few times over the years I was aware of the dilapidation of the centuries, so how good to see new wood being painstakingly crafted in to the areas of damage for future centuries to make use of; to assist them in the adoring!

Meanwhile we continue to meet for evening worship in the Village Hall with socialising beforehand. A reminder that once the clocks fall back (end of October) the service begins earlier....at 5.00 pm.

Let's have a bit more from Robert Bridges hymn. It's daring and we don't often believe it sufficiently. Just look at the words.

"Daily doth the almighty giver /Bounteous gifts on us bestow;
His desire our soul delighteth, pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand at His hand; Joy doth wait on His command."

Sister Carol

Jean Carrad

1933-2022

Jean Carrad, who died in September, was a former churchwarden of St Peter and St Paul, Weston in Gordano, and choir mistress in the village church and director of the United Benefice choir for many years. She trained in piano and organ at the Guildhall in London although her family were in North Wales. Following her marriage to Jeremy, she lived in the village for 60 years and together were instrumental in many aspects of village life – the music in the church, the village fetes, Christmas Fayres, amateur dramatics in the village hall, Tuesday Singers and much besides. They designed and built their home, Barn End, in which they lived all their married life. In later years her mobility became compromised, but she continued to love her music, her friendships and her garden and the wildlife it supported. She had impeccable manners, a warm heart, and a deep loyalty to her family and friends.

Our condolences to her brother William and his family, to Elizabeth and Chris her children and her close friends.

Noel

Folk at Christmas—get your tickets now!

Tickets are now on sale for the 'event of the year' BadgerSet's Annual Christmas Concert. Included in the £10.00 price are seasonal refreshments including mulled wine.

As you probably know, this is always a very well supported event so get your tickets soon.

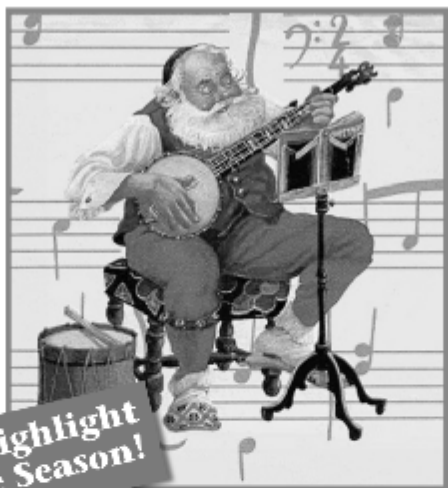
We very much look forward to welcoming you on the night.

The concert will be taking place at All Saints' Church on Friday 9th December starting at 7.30pm.

Tickets are available from The Parish Office, 01275 873257 or eastcleveub@gmail.com, Monica Gore, 01275 791764, Mo King on 07377 387722 or mo.king@sky.com

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Jean Rosemary Carrad

1933-2022

A personal remembrance by Angela Hector

It is difficult to describe true friendship, but however one describes it, Jean was more than that.

She was a very private person – kept her thoughts to herself but when you got to know her she was enormous fun, had a wicked sense of humour, was gracious, generous, loving, loyal, thoughtful and in some respects delightfully old fashioned. She loved her home and garden and was probably the first conservationist as all flourished without insecticides or any other “aids”. Her home and garden were sanctuaries for all creatures great or small. Pheasants, badgers, foxes no doubt, and deer sought refuge on her terrace and were welcomed. I remember an incident – she was religiously feeding a hedgehog in her back garden – the food disappeared each night but the hedgehog seemed to remain stationary. I went to investigate only to find it was a garden ornament – the badgers and foxes had feasted themselves on a ready meal each evening!

It was a privilege to be her friend – we were soul mates, and how important it is to have such a mate to be able to share those good and bad times we all have, but we are not always lucky enough to have someone like Jean to share them with.

We also had great fun together, racing through Devon lanes in my open-topped sports car, two white haired old ladies being wolf whistled at – how can you beat that?!

Her last words to me in hospital were “It’ll be alright. It will be all right”. I am sure it will be – the angelic choir won’t know what’s hit them, angels will be polishing their harps, and making sure they are in tune and we here on earth will sing “Angel voices ever singing” with new meaning.

Thank you, Jean, for all you did, not only for me but all the many people you met along the way – all you were and all the memories you have left us.

I’ll add my voice to that of Vera Lynn and the late Queen Elizabeth -

“We will meet again” – of that I’m sure. Sleep well, my love, and may you rest in peace.

Angela

Dates for your diary:

All services during the Winter months will be at 5.00 pm.

Remembrance Sunday 13th November Usual special service of Remembrance in the Village Hall at 5.00 pm NB Earlier time

Christmas Fair Saturday 3rd December



ST PAUL'S, Walton in Gordano

The Wind

Who has seen the wind?

Neither I nor you:

But when the leaves hand trembling,

The wind is passing thro!

Who has seen the wind?

Neither you nor I:

But when the trees bow down their heads,

The wind is passing by. *Christina Rossetti (1830 – 1894)*

Twelve days in September.

It is not often in life that we are aware of history happening. Things unfold and these may have notable consequences, or they may not – but do we really notice this as we live through events. But then something happens, and the world seems to stop, and so it was from the moment that we heard that the Royal family was being summoned to Balmoral. And then of course the sad news of the Queen's death. And it's then all the pageantry and tradition takes over – from the gathering of the Privy Council and the proclamation of the new King, the procession of the Queen's coffin from Balmoral to Edinburgh and then to London, Her Majesty's lying in state with the huge queues to pay their respects, and then the funeral. We may struggle with many things in this country, but there are somethings we do without equal, and this was one of them. As the world looked on the whole event had dignity, solemnity and was carried out in such a way as to reflect the personality of our late Queen. All those who took part in the ceremony should be so proud to have performed their last service to Her Majesty – in particular we mention those young men from the Grenadier Guards who bore the Queen's coffin on her last journey.

And now a few words about our wonderful Harvest Festival from Sue:

'It was lovely to see the Church so beautifully decorated for our Harvest Festival; there was cauliflowers and cabbages, peppers and parsnips, broccoli and beans. As we arrived a selection of autumnal flowers were waiting to be arranged in jam jars to bring further colour. The service included our favourite traditional hymns and the collection of tins and packets covered the alter. Following the service we gathered on tables stretching down the aisle. Following the service we gathered on tables stretching down the aisle. With freshly delivered jacket potatoes and all other kinds of delicious savouries that were brought and shared, and all followed

The Lessons of Pilgrimage – Faith for the long haul 7-8pm on Tuesday 8th, 15th and 22nd November in All Saints Church Vestry

These 3 sessions will be an opportunity to reflect together on ways in which we might maintain our calling to be Christian 'through all the changing scenes of life...'

The evenings will be linked by a common theme of appreciating our faith journeys as pilgrimage but each session will also stand alone, so do not feel excluded by not being able to attend all of them. They will be suitable for everyone – for those who have had a faith for many years as well as those who are new to church. They will help us be encouraged and sustained in faith – so please come.

Tuesday 8th November: One Step at a Time – A stout pair of boots and a heart for God.

Tuesday 15th November: Through all the Changing Scenes of Life - Food for the Journey.

Tuesday 23rd November: Begin at the beginning and end at the end – Shared Wisdom.

Sessions led by The Rev'd Tim Daplyn



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by blackberry and apple crumble and fruit trifle. Everybody mucked in to tidy up and do the washing up, including John's granddaughters wiping up all the cutlery. And all the generous food donations for Clevedon Food Bank filled the boot of Brodie's car. Thank you!

Also from Sue:

'We were so lucky that the rain held off for our Churchyard clean up. A merry band of 10 turned up armed with secateurs and hedge trimmers to get the Churchyard ready for winter. A big thank you to all and especially Emma and Kevin for organising this and to Richard for the use of the tractor and trailer to take away all that had been tidied together.'

Don't forget you still have time to order your Christmas cakes from Sue. You can order a 6 inch cake with marzipan and icing for the inflation busting price of £4.50, either traditional or gluten free are available. Please contact Sue, and then pick your cakes up from the Christmas Fayre in the Church on Sunday 4th December. And Sue is still in the market for any more spare fruit and veg for making chutneys and pickle – at the of writing she's peeling onions to make her much sort after pickled onions – look out for them at the Christmas Fayre.

Now for this month:

On Saturday 5th November we have our 'Welcome In' coffee morning at 10.30am in the Church – please join us for a cup of tea and a piece of cake. And then on Saturday evening come along to a Traditional Bonfire Night down on the old railway line, by kind permission of Claire and James. There will be plenty to keep you warm – from the bonfire and sparklers to chilli and spuds!

On Sunday 6th we have our service led by our congregation which will include 'Our Favourite Hymns' – this month chosen by Maureen. The service will be followed by a simple 'bring and share' lunch in the Church, and our Parish Conversation – your chance to raise anything Church related.

On the next Sunday we have our Remembrance Service – even more poignant this year after the passing of the late Queen. Her Majesty was the last world leader who had lived through the war years, truly a remarkable generation of people. The service will start earlier than usual at 10.55am to give time for The Act of Remembrance. Please join us for this service and help us to remember those at war and at home who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and for the generations to come; the collection will go to the Royal British Legion.

The following week we will have a Morning Prayer service and please note that this is when we have the opening of the Village Christmas Post Box – at 10p a card where else could you find such good value for your 10p, please put your money in

the wall box at the back of the Church. All funds raised will go to Unicef to help mothers and babies around the world. For £52 Unicef can provide a Midwifery Kit which includes all sorts of crucial things like sterile masks and gloves, a stethoscope and even the equipment to clear the new-born's airways – and rather lovely a blanket to wrap up the little baby. Let's see how many little babies we can wrap this Christmas with our love.

Saturday 26th November and we certainly are gearing up for Christmas now. In the morning between 10.30am and 12.30 lunchtime come along to the Church for a Flower Arranging class with Sarah whose gift with flowers is an inspiration to us all. For £15 to cover the containers, oasis and candles learn how to make two beautiful Christmas table arrangements - and then you can impress relatives and friends come the big day. Please contact Sarah for a list of other requirements, including flowers, her email address is schouglay@talktalk.net – if you do not have access to the internet contact Sue and she will have a list. Don't hang about as numbers are limited and this is bound to be a popular event. All money raised will go to cancer Research.

At 2pm that afternoon it's time to decorate the Church ready for Christmas – please come along and give a hand.

The next day we have a Morning Prayer service to mark Advent Sunday, and so the countdown to Christmas has begun.

Some dates for December:

Friday 2nd December – Christmas Quiz in the Village Hall

Saturday 3rd – no 'Welcome In' coffee morning because Christmas Fayre on following day

Sunday 4th – Advent Carol Service at 11.15am – a joyous service with a mix of Advent Hymns and Christmas Carols

Followed immediately by Christmas Fayre in the Church – yes, it's that special event with all manner of stalls, and masses of delicious refreshments. A traditional village fayre.

Sunday 18th – Village Christmas Lunch in Village Hall

Followed by our Carol Service at 3pm in the Church – join us for this wonderful celebration.

Sunday 25th – Christmas Day and our service will be at 10.30am – come and celebrate our Saviour's birth.



And finally, our Mouse Musings:

Thank you for a brilliant Harvest Festival – our favourite time of the year and plenty of crumbs. And thank you for your amazing generosity with your gifts to go to the Clevedon Food Bank – and if you have any

other cans of food you can spare then please continue to bring them to the Church, it better be cans as I can't guarantee that my family will be able to restrain themselves if it's a packet of pasta.

Love Miss CM



St Mary's Social Committee Christmas Coffee Morning.

Do come along and join us at our Christmas coffee morning on Saturday December 3rd from 1030am to 1230pm in St Mary's church hall.

Entrance is £5 and will include mulled wine, coffee/tea, mince pies, chocolate Yule log and biscuits. The hall will be decorated in the festive spirit and there will be a special Christmas raffle.

This is a festive fundraising event in aid of church funds.

