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FIRST WORD from The Rector

For some time now, and I suspect for a good while longer, I have joined the large number in our benefice who are hard of hearing. Having had covid rather more often than is good for me, it appears to have affected my inner ears and my hearing across most registers

is now either virtually nil or else very suppressed. Human voices are the most noticeable, particularly low ones. I am therefore beginning to understand and appreciate how many experience the world. Background noise, music, oncoming traffic noise, congregational responses and organ music are all affected.

It can be pretty tedious for my nearest and dearest but sometimes it causes huge amusement. During a shouted conversation recently someone said/yelled, "It would be a shame to remove the bishops from the House of Lords." I heard, "It would be a shame to remove the bishops knives and forks" – laughter all round. Similarly, "Jim's over there" to which I heard "Tony Blair!" The former prime minister wasn't there, and the episcopal cutlery is safe for the time being.

Interestingly, when I go into a shop or am on the phone I'll say, "I'm sorry but I'm rather deaf". This frequently elicits the response "that's ok" but without any effort to adjust the voice. I'll have to start saying, "I'm sorry, would you mind speaking up as I'm rather deaf." It's interesting what one learns.

I hope that soon enough my hearing will improve, either by natural or artificial means. But the experience is an interesting one and is teaching me a lesson about hearing, deafness and day to day life.

Jesus, of course, famously healed the deaf which was a biblical sign of the coming messiah and his Kingdom. But more frequently he spoke of another deafness. His parables would frequently finish with "he who has ears let him hear" reflecting, of course, not the physical hearing but our ability to hear the spiritual sound of the Kingdom. Truth needs to be "heard" – to be understood and accepted and a failure to do so is, in Christ's realm, a kind of spiritual deafness. He refers to Isaiah when he says of his parables, "hearing you will hear but not understand, and seeing you will not perceive; for the hearts of this people have grown dull."

The difficulty with our inner hearing is threefold. Firstly our memories aren't always accurate, secondly we much prefer our own conclusions about things to other people's and thirdly we find it hard to properly understand and appreciate the lives



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of others unless and until we experience something of them ourselves. The combination of these three factors makes it hard for us to hear.

Can I mention one example? You'll almost certainly have strong views about the "small boats" issue with economic migrants, refugees and asylum seekers all mixed into a dangerous world of people smuggling, immigration statistics, raw international politics, brexit and distrust. You will also probably have strong views about the Edward Colston issue in Bristol, the criminal toppling of his statue, slavery and the position of British heritage and history being reinterpreted and sometimes despised. So in a perfect congruence of these two issues, the Colston window in St Mary Redcliffe church, Bristol, has been altered. Gone are the references to Colston's life and they have been replaced with scenes representing the question "who is my neighbour?" These scenes include the Windrush generation working on city transport and of a small inflatable boat full of migrants crossing the channel.

How does that make you feel? Now it's in stained glass, dedicated and blessed, it's saying your neighbour is the refugee, the immigrant, and of the occupants of the small boat.

When I first heard of this I thought it was a piece of fashionable reaction. Colston is bad news now, and for SMR to celebrate its ministry it must be seen to act on popular feeling. But now I'm not so sure that my first view was right. In the new section of the window which depicts the small inflatable boat are three huddles figures with haloes at the bow looking forward. They are, of course, the Holy Family. Could it be? Could they be there? Was their flight to Egypt similar to the flight of these refugees? Somewhat against my initial judgment I found this small image moving. The figures are vulnerable, strangers in a strange land, but blessed. It is in the recognition of them as neighbour that one comes to recognise God. The window asks the question whether it is a piece of popularist political flotsam, soon to be passed over, or whether it's making a statement I need to hear.

Wise as serpents, innocent as doves is my response. The migrant and refugee crisis is not a simple binary choice between good and bad – but amongst the complexity and the eye-watering cost of it all in both money and humanity, is there a spiritual voice to be heard? This small, insignificant huddled holy family whispers to me that there is.

In my deafness, can I hear?

Noel

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Pause for Thought

St TERESA OF AVILA (24 March 1515 - 15 Oct 1582)

Christ has no body now on earth but ours,
no hands but ours,
no feet but ours;
ours are the eyes through which
He looks with compassion on the world,
ours are the lips through which His Truth is spoken,
ours are the feet with which He goes about doing good,
and ours are the hands with which He is to bless us now. Amen.

Teresa of Ávila was born on 28 March 1515. Her father, was one of the wealthiest men in Ávila. He bought himself a Knighthood, and though of Jewish descent he successfully assimilated himself into Christian society.

From an early age Teresa was inspired by her mother's devotion to Christ to commit her own life to him. Sadly, her mother died when she was just 11, resulting in the deepening of that commitment as she adopted the Virgin Mary as her spiritual mother.

When she was 20, Teresa entered a Carmelite Convent, where she focussed her spiritual life around contemplative prayer and mysticism, but her zeal for self-mortification nearly led to her death.

During a long illness Teresa received many visions of Christ, which urged her to campaign for the renewal of the spiritual and monastic life of the Church. This led to her reforming the Carmelite Orders of both women and men. She was heavily attacked by those opposed to her reforms, but eventually received the backing of King Philip II of Spain and Pope Gregory XIII - a remarkable testament to the power of a prayerful life!

Despite her fragile health, Teresa devoted herself to the growth of the Church and monastic life in Spain, and it was on one such mission that she became ill and died in October 1582

Teresa was canonized in 1622 by Pope Gregory XV, and on 27 September 1970 Pope Paul VI proclaimed her the first female 'Doctor of the Church', in recognition of her spiritual legacy to Catholicism. She is commemorated by the Church on 15th October.

St Teresa reminds us that, in the words of her near contemporary Elizabeth Ist, "though she had the body of a weak and feeble woman", through the power of her prayers and her devotion to Christ she left the Church better than she found it. At a time when the Church here and throughout the land is facing many challenges, this prayer has the power to encourage all of us to try to do the same.

Nicholas Maddock



LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

What an opportunity!

This week I was on a Zoom chat with some of our chaplains around the diocese. I meet regularly with eight or nine of them alongside our Chaplaincy Development Adviser Mike Haslam. These are only a few of the more than 300 chaplains we have, of all ages, lay and ordained, across Bath and Wells.

There are more and more enquiries about chaplaincy from a wide range of communities. They are seeking a chaplain to offer pastoral care and well-being support for an increasingly stressed and anxious workforce. One particular enquiry caught my attention this week.

A local Further Education college has been saying that their first concern is for a chaplain to address the spiritual exploration of its students. What an opportunity! We know from the Talking Jesus research (2015 and 2022) that most practising Christians come to faith before the age of 18. Several of our schools, including primary, have pupil chaplains now and this is a great way of recognising that you are never too young to start in living and telling the story of Jesus!

As a child I was always struck by the Old Testament story of the unnamed little slave girl who served Naaman's wife, (2 Kings chapter 5). Taken from her home to another country, and placed in an alien environment, she was the one who introduced Naaman to Elisha the prophet in Israel. As a result, Naaman overcame his scepticism, was healed from his leprosy, and discovered a faith in God.

Chaplaincy opens up a diversity of contexts in which we can share our faith and I invite you to pray for those here in Bath and Wells who are treading new ground to open up the way for others to discover the love of Jesus for themselves. However, each one of us has our own possibility of being a chaplain, coming alongside another in our daily life and community. Sometimes our timidity prevents us from speaking up about faith and our personal spiritual journey other than in church where we are known and on familiar territory. How about taking some time to reflect on where you might live and tell the story of Jesus outside of church, in your everyday context? Is there someone, like a Naaman's wife who is desperate to find help and hope for a loved one but doesn't know where to find it? Maybe you are the only one who could tell them!

With love and thankfulness for you all!

+Ruth

READINGS AND PRAYERS

Harvest Readings

Deuteronomy 8: 7-18

Luke 12: 16-30

Eternal God, You crown the year with your goodness And you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: Grant that we may use them to your glory, For the relief of those in need And for our own well being; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who is alive and reigns with you, In the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever.

Lord of the harvest, With joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the blood and wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday, 1st October – Trinity 17

Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-end

Matthew 21: 23-32

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday, 8th October – Trinity 18

Isaiah 5: 1-7

Matthew 21: 33-end

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting 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.

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.

St Peter & St Paul, Weston in Gordano

1st 10.00 am Morning Prayer - Michael Dyne
Harvest

8th 5.00 pm Evensong - The Rector

15th 5.00pm Holy Communion - The Rev'd Nicholas Maddock

22nd 5.00pm Evensong - Michael Dyne
Sr Carol preach

29th 5.00pm Holy Communion - The Rector

Every Wednesday 11.00 am Holy Communion - check for venue

Walton St Mary, Clevedon

1st 10.00 am Holy Communion - The Rev'd Ian Hubbard

8th 10.00 am Morning Prayer - The Rev'd Nicholas Maddock
Harvest Michael Dyne preach

15th 10.00 am Holy Communion - The Rector

22nd 10.00 am Morning Prayer - The Rev'd Ian Hubbard
Sr Carol preach

29th 10.00am Holy Communion - The Rev'd Nicholas Maddock

Every Wednesday 10.00 am Holy Communion at St Mary's

October SERVICES

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All Saints, East Clevedon

1st	8.00 am	Holy Communion - The Rector
	10.30 am	All Age Communion - The Rector Harvest
8th	8.00 am	Holy Communion - The Rector
	10.30 am	Holy Communion - The Rev'd Tim Daplyn
15th	8.00am	Holy Communion - The Rector
	10.30am	Holy Communion - The Rev'd Tim Daplyn
22nd	8.00am	Holy Communion - The Rev'd Tim Daplyn
	10.30 am	Holy Communion - The Rev'd Tim Daplyn
29th	8.00am	Holy Communion - The Rector
	10.30am	Holy Communion - The Rector Ante Michael Dyne

St Paul's, Walton in Gordano

1st	11.15 am	Morning Prayer - Sue Betts
8th	11.15 am	Holy Communion - The Rev'd Nicholas Maddock
15th	11.15 am	Morning Prayer - Joshua Fowler
22nd	11.15 am	Morning Prayer - Michael Dyne
29th	11.15am	Morning Prayer - The Rev'd Nicholas Maddock

Sunday, 15th October – Trinity 19

Isaiah 25: 1-9

Matthew 22: 1-14

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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.

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday, 22nd October – Trinity 20

Isaiah 45: 1-7

Matthew 22: 15-22

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday, 29th October – Bible Sunday

Colossians 3: 12-17

Matthew 24: 30-35

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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.

Father of light, in whom is no change or shadow of turning, you give us every good and perfect gift and have brought us to birth by your word of truth: may we be a living sign of that kingdom where your whole creation will be made perfect in Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL SAINTS THEN AND NOW

from the archives

'Coffee at the Court' began life as the Mission Sale under Father Irving's incumbency. He had spent some years in Assyria as part of the Archbishop's Mission there, even speaking the language. This is his report on the Mission Sale in October 1908.

We have to thank some of our most tried friends – "tried," I am afraid, in more senses than one – for again making our little Assyrian sale a complete success. There was the same casual appearance at three o'clock of nothing in particular happening at the Parish Room. The Vicar was placidly told on arriving about half-an-hour later that he might have opened it if he had been in time – an assertion which he did not attempt to gainsay. There appeared to be very little to sell. One of our ladies presided at a most appetising tea table, which we all sat round and did ample justice to; and soon everything was over, and quite a nice lot of things were left for the Misses Fenwicks' approaching sale, and Miss Godwin promptly announced that the profits amounted to no less than £9 6s. 1½., which means that after sending up our customary £5 to the Archbishop's Mission, £4 6s. 1½., is left for our own Church purposes. How it is done we do not pretend to understand, but there it is. *Father Irving writing in the East Clevedon Parish Monthly, October 1908.*

Julia Elton



ALL SAINTS, East Clevedon

Although we knew John Dean was ill, it was with great sadness we heard of his death. John was part of the fabric of All Saints and East Clevedon, always ready to help out. He quietly undertook many roles within the church, individually or supporting wife Trish, and was a steward for many years, welcoming people to church. John enjoyed a bit of fun and we have happy memories of the New Year's Eve discos where he joined my husband and John Leighton running the '3 John's' Bar – usually in fancy dress. He also gave up his time to drive for Clevedon Care taking people for doctor and hospital appointments. We send our sincere condolences to Trish, Jason, Nick, Michael, Colleen, Grace and all John's family and friends. He will be much missed. John's funeral is to take place at All Saints on Thursday 21st September. As we go to press Mike Clark is hoping to live-stream John's funeral so that those who are unable to attend can watch online.

It was also sad to hear that Jenny Conybeare had died. Jenny attended the church coffee mornings and we will miss her. She had lived in East Clevedon for many years and was a lovely kind lady, also known for her garden plants. Jenny's funeral took place at All Saints on 4th September. We remember Derrick and Russell and all Jenny's family and friends in our prayers. The funeral of Chloe Pike took place on 31st August. Chloe's family had long associations with All Saints and we send them our sincere condolences.

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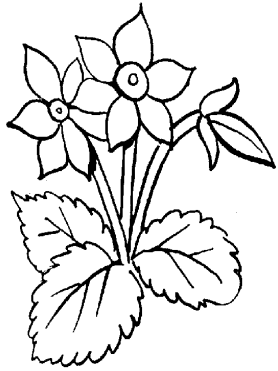
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Garden Talk

It is always pleasing to receive comments about these little gardening notes, so when a reader asked me to write something about the various types of roses I was more than happy to oblige.

At a basic level roses fall into two large categories: old roses and modern hybrids. Old roses are sometimes called species roses as they all derive from just four European species known since ancient times. Our own Dog Rose (*Rosa canina*) is one. The Gallica rose is perhaps the

oldest garden rose. It was grown by the Romans as an ornamental and in medieval times it was important as a source of perfume because of its wonderful scent. We have two Gallicas in our garden and delight in their lovely magenta flowers in June. They sometimes sprout from their roots and I cut one off earlier this year with some root and potted it up. It is doing well and I plan to plant it out this month. Because this is a species rose and not grafted onto another rootstock, it will come true.

Old roses were the only ones known in Europe until the nineteenth century but this changed with the coming of China roses. These had two important differences with the roses which had come before. All the old roses and their hybrids were either red, pink or white; China roses introduced the colour yellow which, when crossed with red roses, produced all sorts of shades of scarlet and orange. The second difference was that China roses flowered all summer long, whereas the old roses had one magnificent display in early summer but that was it! Soon there was a wealth of 'modern' hybrids, some called hybrid tea (HT) roses because of their imagined scent of tea.

Today we have HT roses which typically have one gorgeous bloom on each stalk, floribundas which have a cluster of smaller flowers on a stalk, climbers which head for the sky and should be grown against a tall fence or wall, and ramblers. Rambling roses are very vigorous and can cover many yards of fence or wall. They have smaller leaves and flowers which produce a wonderful cascade in June. In that respect they resemble old roses because their flowering season is magnificent but short. In the twentieth century the rose breeder David Austin managed to combine the variety of colour and long flowering season of modern hybrids with the fragrance and superior disease resistance of old roses. His many cultivars have proved very successful and can be seen in gardens everywhere.

William King

The Community Coffee morning on 13th September was very well supported and we had some good chats over coffee/tea and biscuits. We next meet on 11th October and everyone is welcome – 10am in the vestry. Thank you to Paul Mylam for restoring/painting the lychgate – it is much appreciated.

All-age Harvest Festival is on 1st October 10.30am with special refreshments afterwards. Coffee at The Court & Grand Draw takes place on Saturday 14th October 10am – 12 noon. More details elsewhere in this magazine.

Sandra Sallis

Update and thank you from Ross Leighton – I am recovering well from the surgery I needed at the end of June and I am very grateful to you all for including me in your prayers at what was a very worrying time for me. I would like to extend a sincere thank you to you all. Mum did pass on the individual enquiries and best wishes sent to me which was so kind. I was looked after so well in Hospital and had an amazing surgeon. I couldn't have been luckier and now look forward to returning to work with a very much improved quality of life. Ross

ST MICHAEL'S, Clapton in Gordano



An email from our resident bell ringers informed us of the plight of their associates from St Peter's in Portishead. One of the bells has developed a crack in the casting. This has gradually grown and the bell is in great danger of shattering if its use continues.

Therefore, St Michaels will welcome them to use our bells for practice, on a Tuesday until the situation is resolved.

In August St Michaels church played host to a group of visitors from Schweich, Germany. If my geography is correct, Schweich is in the Rhineland-Palatinate region and is situated next to the river Moselle, with the local wine growing vineyards, supplying a wide selection of grapes, which make fine vintages. Twinning with Portishead brings the connection to the Gordano valley.

Covid had prevented the families to meet up, as the event had not been held for five years.

Over 30 folk lodged with families in Portishead who made them welcome with hospitality and visits to our local area. A big thank you to Tracy Parr and all the families who cooperated. Tracy organised a viewing of St Michaels for the party, who were fascinated by the buildings unique and interesting features we are fortunate to have handed down to us, by our predecessors in the village.

If you are interested to read more about the visitors, then please go to rcruse@hotmail.co.uk, as Tracy informed me that there were certain unavoidable errors in the NST original script.

And finally..... Another reminder that our next service will be on Remembrance Sunday. Mobile folk walking Clevedon Lane from the Black Horse to

the church about 10:20. Disabled car parking will be provided at the church upper area.

Derek Roberts



WALTON ST MARY

On Thursday 24th August we celebrated the Marriage of Lucinda Mann and Paul Curtis. The bridegroom is in the military police and is currently stationed in Portsmouth. The sun shone on the happy couple and Paul's fellow officers were resplendent in their uniforms

forming a guard of honour as the bridal pair left the church. We wish them a long and happy life together.

The funeral of Ken Crowe (Katherine's father-in-law) was held on the 29th August. It was a lovely service and although I did not know Ken very well, I always remember how enthusiastic he was when we held our Horseracing events!

On the first Sunday in September, we were treated to a very welcome burst of sunshine enabling us to make use of the patio in the Well Garden to enjoy our coffee after the service. This has not happened very often this summer!

We have the opportunity to apply for a grant from Thrive Renewables (who operate four of the wind turbines at Avonmouth) so we can save energy in the church hall and improve our carbon footprint. The PCC has met twice to discuss the application and decide which measures would be most beneficial. Top of the list is roof insulation (did you know a building can lose as much as 20% of its heat through a poorly insulated roof space?) Second is a lighting upgrade. The application deadline is 21st September although we're not sure how soon we'll know the outcome. We'll keep you posted.

The other really positive energy news is that our new Treasurer has switched our energy supplier and set up a contract that will reduce our energy costs. As well as real savings it also means we have certainty about costs over the next three winters. Under the new arrangements all our electricity will come from renewables. You never know, some might come from Avonmouth!

Future fundraising events are a Concert to be arranged by Ian on Saturday 7th October in aid of church funds and a Quiz Night on Saturday 14th to raise money for the Well Garden.

Cheryl and Diana

St Mary's Harvest Lunch is on Sunday October 8th from 12pm.

This is a bring and share lunch in the church hall. Please sign up either to bring savory or sweet dishes to share.

St. Mary's flowers

St. Mary's pulpit pedestal flowers

3rd September - in loving memory of Bob Sutton, requested by Christine on what would have been their Ruby wedding anniversary;

5th September - for the funeral of Ken Crowe, requested in loving memory

ALL SAINTS COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

10am - 12 noon in All Saints Vestry

Second Wednesday in the month—next meetings

Just turn up or contact Sandra Sallis on 878848/07443905634

FROM THE REGISTERS....

FUNERALS

29th August - Ken Crowe, St Mary's

31st August – Chloe Pike, All Saints

4th September – Jennifer Conybeare, All Saints

21st September – John Dean, All Saints

by Susan and family.



ST PETER & ST PAUL, Weston in Gordano

To begin where I left off last month- Robb Robinson thankfully came through her surgery , thankfully also came out of ICU into an ordinary ward... and finally home. Home ,however , is temporarily in Worle where it is possible for Robb to be in a single story dwelling owned within the family. Stairs, especially precipitous stairs, are to be avoided. We do know that the surgery Robb underwent was very risky . As Ian says ‘we thank God every day for her survival and continuing recovery ‘.It will take some months for Robbs broken ribs to heal and for the pain she presently has to disappear , but she is making ‘ slow but steady progress ‘ . Whilst we are so glad that the Robinsons have come this far along the road , continued prayer is appreciated for the hurdles ahead, not least that of moving house. It’s a tough call . Ian has continued through this demanding time to deal with church finance.


I think we are all aware of how much Robb and Ian have contributed to the Church and that we will need to think our way ahead about such matters as group meetings, for home communions and study groups in the immediate colder months.

Meanwhile a rather diminished congregation continues to meet Sunday by Sunday, with flowers arranged, lessons read, services prepared , music practised etc. In our currently rather perilous World and in our own struggling country both church building and worship remind us of our place in history, of previous generations who faced their own challenges..... and also of the eternal truths in which we are held and which can centre and stabilise us, giving a greater depth and richness to our present life. How fortunate we are to have freedom of worship. Not all do have that.

I thought I was doing rather well to reach 50 years as a professed sister (Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Sep 14). But we were very pleased to celebrate Anne and Patrick Chavasse ‘s 60 th wedding anniversary in Church on 17 th September though the actual date of their wedding was 7 th . Anne’s sister was happily able to be present and read one of the lessons. The hymns for the service of communion were those that the Chavasses had on the actual day. Noel congratulated them (and me) and prayed for us. Thank you.

Sister Carol

On Saturday, 16th September, the WiG village put on a late summer BBQ, complete with a display of elderly vehicles for the nostalgics, plus a BBQ and bar. St P and St. P put on their Bottle Tombola stall which was omitted at the July Fete when it had to be transferred to the Village Hall due to inclement weather. Thanks to the wonderful efforts of Ann B and the Borlands we managed to raise



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 3rd October (Life Bookshop visit), and Tuesday 7th November. 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.

£226.00 to go towards church maintenance funding.

A Harvest Weekend with a difference.

The church had been decorated very prettily by Pam Harrison and her band of flower girls. All in all, a lovely display and much admired. Thank you, all of you. We decided to celebrate Harvest differently in 2023 by having an evening of harp music mixed with a Welsh folk tale, played and recounted by John L Thomas and his granddaughter.

On Saturday evening, 23 September, John and his granddaughter entertained an audience of 60 people. John is an accomplished harpist and raconteur and gave us an amusing account of a mediaeval folktale involving intrigue, double-dealing and revenge. The tale was enhanced by John and his granddaughter using well known and appropriate music from Bach, the Beatles and musicals.

Small eats provided by Ann Bridges and her team of helpers were very much appreciated and popular. Oodles of hard work – thank you very much.

It was good to see our church being used for an activity other than for a service and it is to be hoped we can encourage other performers to use the building.

Harvest was celebrated on the Sunday, 24th September at Evensong. Donations of foodstuffs and toiletries will shortly be delivered to Sr Anita and her Bristol charity. Thank you to all the donors.

John Bridges

Future events:

Remembrance Sunday – 12 November at 5 pm

Christmas Fayre – 18 November

Christmas Services:

December 10th Carol Service at 5 pm with Andrew Kirk at the organ.

Sunday 24 December:

Christmas Eve:

Christingle at 3.30 pm

Late evening Holy Communion at 9pm



ST PAUL'S, Walton in Gordano

The Jackdaw. Extracts from the poem by Vincent Bourne 1695-1747

There is a bird who, by his coat,
And by the hoarseness of his note,
Might be suppos'd a crow;

A great frequenter of the church,
Where bishop-like, he finds a perch,
And dormitory too.

Above the steeple shines a plate,
That turns and turns, to indicate
From what point blows the weather.
Look up – your brain begins to swim,

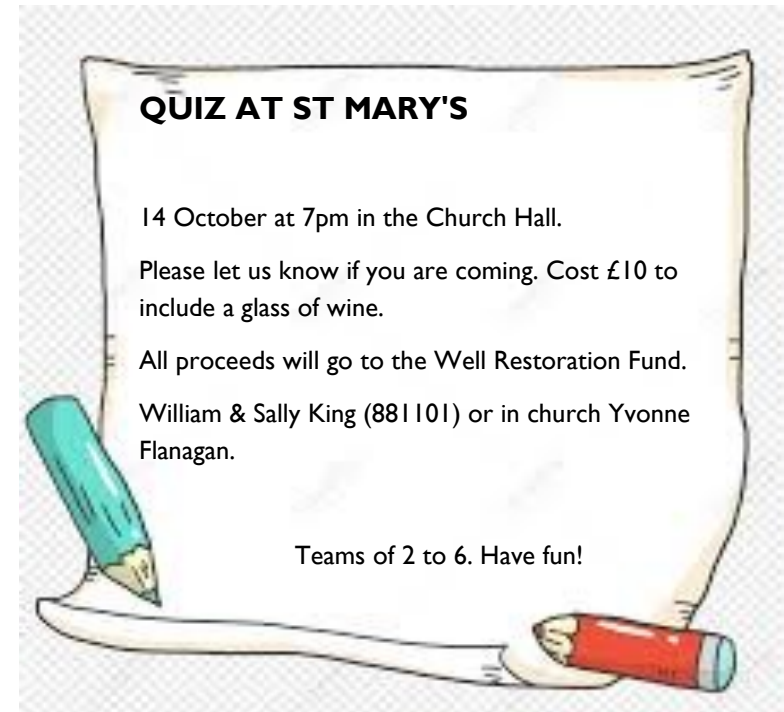
Hope 23/24

Churches Together in Clevedon are holding their annual United Service on October 15th, 6.30pm at Clevedon Baptist Church. The speaker will be Rachael Jordan Wolf from Hope 23/24.

It will be the start of a year when we are encouraged to think about how to take the good news to more people in a way which will be appropriate to all our church traditions.

Hope to see you there.

Sally King



YOU ARE INVITED TO A

'SERVICE OF LIGHT'

All Saints' Church, East Clevedon

Wednesday, 1st November

at 6.00 pm

A simple service to remember any loved ones who have died either recently or in years past and offering our support and prayers in these difficult months.

You and your family will have an opportunity to light a candle in remembrance of your loved ones and see their name in the Book of Remembrance.

If you have any names to be added to the Book of Remembrance please contact the Parish Office.

Names from previous years remain in the book.

Light refreshments afterwards

A EUCHARIST SERVICE FOR ALL SOULS

10:00am, Thursday, 2nd November 2023

at St Mary's Church

'Tis in the clouds – that pleases him,
It chooses It the rather.
Fond of the speculative height,
Thither he wings his airy flight,
And thence securely sees
The hustle and the raree-show,
That occupy mankind below,
Secure and at his ease.
Thrice happy bird! I too have seen
Much of the vanities of men;
And, sick of having seen 'em,
Would cheerfully these limbs resign
For such a pair of wings as thine,
And such a head between 'em.

Sue and I were only commenting the other day that you don't seem to see Jackdaws about like you used to. There always used to be some in the churchyard, and more than one was known to have nested in someone's chimney and even fallen down into the house. So, I looked them up and was relieved to see that jackdaws are on the RSPB Green List, the Amber and Red Lists denote endangered species; but don't forget all our wild birds and animals need a helping hand as autumn moves into winter, so wash off those bird feeders and buy some seed, and be careful to look out for hedgehogs and other little creatures if you are having a bonfire. We start this month with the sad news of the death of Sheri's father Keith at the end of August. We send our love to Joyce, Sheri's mother, to Sheri and Steve, Georgina, Chris and Greg and all the family. Keith had a long and full life and will be mourned by his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, together in grief at this sad time they have many fond memories to share and to cherish. We keep them all in our thoughts and prayers.

And we have just heard of the passing of Nick Percy, the much beloved son of Sylvia. We will be keeping Sylvia and her family in our prayers as they try to come to terms with this tragic loss, may they at some time in the future be able to move forward knowing that our love is there beside them.

And now for a look back to our annual Flower Festival. As you know this year's theme was 'Animals and their Homes', and what a wonderful array of creatures and habitats were on display, all brilliantly depicted in flowers. Everything from cats and dogs, hares and frogs, ducks and lizards and guinea pigs, wood mice and an owl (best not put them to close together), a 'highland coo' and a badger (best kept apart as

well), to the more exotic koalas, and some dramatic habitats like the Artic, the Australian bush and a woodland floor. What an amazing display, thank you to all of you who spent time on the days preceding the weekend in creating your arrangements, and obviously quite some considerable time in advance preparing all the necessary elements you excelled yourselves once again – Sarah, Nickie, Anne, Tracy, Alison, Barbara, Jo, Celia, Graham, Mary, Claire, Chris, Deb, Rose, Kathy, Rich and Ben. The weather was bound to be a big factor in the whole weekend, if you can think back that far, just before our strange autumn heatwave, the days had mostly been ‘mixed’ or perhaps you should call them ‘changeable’. But despite the not too favourable forecast back once again came our regular visitors as well as some new faces. Everyone is always most welcome, and it’s lovely to see familiar faces – thank you to all of you who braved the rain on the Saturday, put up with the cool cloudiness on the Sunday, and who enjoyed with us the sunny, warm Monday. Brodie, Maureen and Anne persevered with the outside stalls in the churchyard, dodging the rain, well done to them and all who helped them. Much missed this year were Celia and Graham, and their ever-popular Bric ‘a’ Brac stall – it just wasn’t quite the same without them. We send our love to Celia, at the time of writing she had just been discharged from hospital, hopefully she is now feeling much better.

Thank you to Emma for bringing along the Village Archive over the weekend, now with some of the fascinating material on display boards for ease of reading. What a brilliant idea. Thank you to the team that comes along to put up the marquees and put out the tables – it’s marvellous to know that you are there so that events like this can go ahead in the village. I don’t know all your names, but you know who you are, so please accept our thanks.

And of course, a very big thank you to all those who helped with the ploughman’s lunches and the cream teas, and all the other cups of tea and coffee throughout the day. The refreshments team works like a well-oiled machine as they ease up a gear when demand increases, as on the Monday lunchtime, well done and thank you again for your hard work – Deb, Tracy, Sandra, Nickie, Alison and Sue.

Thanks also goes to Josh for taking our special service and to Deb for her delightfully funny poem about ducks, her chosen animals, that closed the proceedings. The service was very St. Paul’s – and I think you know what I mean by that – we all feel that Josh copes very well with our Walton eccentricities. Services here don’t always seem at first glance to be very religious, but if you look to the heart of the message and have someone to ground all the goings on in faith, then how can you go wrong.

Back again! The return of BadgerSet and ‘Folk at Christmas’

It’s early September and the hottest days of the year so far. And what are BadgerSet doing? You’ll never guess. Practicing like mad for our Christmas concerts! It’s not easy thinking of carols and wassailing, snow and donkeys, but we’re doing our best. We hope you think it’s all been worth it come 8th December.

There will be a few old favourites, some completely new items and, as usual, a surprise or two.

Our Christmas concerts are amongst our favourite events of the year and we have the blessing of a very important person at All Saints’ who considers this to be “The Highlight of the Season.”

In addition to the entertainment, your ticket will also buy you a selection of seasonal goodies including mulled wine.

This is always a very well supported event and we will let you know as soon as tickets go on sale. Details below.

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

The concert will be taking place at All Saints’ Church on Friday 8th December starting at 7.30pm. Cost is still only £10.00 including seasonal refreshments.

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

All proceeds are in aid of All Saints’ Church



**It's that time
of year again!**

Folk at Christmas

*Eleven-strong folk band BadgerSet
presents a miscellany of Christmas-themed
songs, dances, readings and tunes.*

**All Saints' Church, East Clevedon
Friday 8th December at 7.30pm**

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Proceeds in aid of All Saints' Church

The biggest of thanks goes to Sue, our church warden, for all her hard work and commitment. Well done again this year for another engaging theme for the Flower Festival and another enjoyable and uplifting service where we could be part of the celebration (with some lovely hymns also chosen by Sue). Another wonderful event here at St. Paul's, bringing together the community and raising an incredible £1156.02. The final words go to Sue: 'With the increasing strain put on everyone as the cost of living goes on rising, we really do appreciate your generosity as you continue to support events like our Flower Festival here at Walton. We love seeing you so please come along to our Christmas Fayre in December, see you there!' And talking of money being raised – we have enough for another Toilet Twinning, this time in the Democratic Republic of Congo, adding to our total as it gets ever closer to twenty. For anyone who is unfamiliar with our Toilet Twinning here's a quick run-down – by a collection of pennies and other change that has been kindly left in a cup in our church toilet, we have raised enough (£60 each time) to send support to communities around the world through the Tear Fund charity, bringing fresh water and sanitation to an increasing number of people. So, thank you for your help in providing such vital life sustaining facilities and the skills to build them. There are photos of the toilets around our church and the United Benefice, and in public buildings around North Somerset.

At the time of writing, we are still looking forward to one of our favourite services of the year – our Harvest Festival, followed by our Harvest Home Lunch, at the end of September. A report in next month's magazine.

This month begins with our Morning Gathering led by our congregation at 11.15am in the church on Sunday 1st October. Last month's Morning Gathering was led by Graham R, who has really gained an understanding of his audience, and spoke very interestingly about how hard it is for us humans to really understand the scale of the largest things that we encounter – including our Lord. He demonstrated this by asking the congregation to imagine that a big marble he placed on one end of the altar was the earth and then, thinking in scale, how far away our moon would be. The answer was right at the other end of the altar. And then still thinking of the marble as the earth – how big would our sun be? Well, that would be the width of the church. But how about one of the bigger suns in the universe, still with the marble as our planet, amazingly that would be the distance from our church to the Portbury Docks. It's so hard to comprehend this, so just imagine how immense our God is, it's impossible, we can only know that God is everywhere and in everything. This is a very approachable service to come along to, particularly if you are not a regular church goer, everyone is always very welcome.

Then rather confusingly our Welcome In will not be until the following weekend on Saturday 7th October in the church at 10.30am, come and join in the chat while enjoying a cup of tea and a piece of cake. On the next day, Sunday 8th, we have our

Holy Communion service at 11.15am. There will be Morning Prayer services on 15th, 22nd and 29th, all at 11.15am.

November's pattern of worship will be a little different. The Morning Gathering will be on Sunday 5th November, with the Welcome In on the day before, Saturday 4th; but then on the second Sunday it will be Remembrance Sunday and our service will start at the earlier time of 10.55am so that we can have our Act of Remembrance before observing the silence at 11am. On Sunday 26th we will have another Bring and Share Lunch and Parish Conversation where we will once again be joined by Noel.

Going back to our earlier theme of money and funding, several issues were raised at last month's Parish Conversation. Over the last four years, here at St. Paul's we have received no external funding in the way of grants or money from the Village Summer Fete, for example. We managed to keep our heads above the water, but things have become a bit thin financially, and priorities, like the insurance and the electricity bill, have after all to be prioritised. So, the sad reality is that as things stand, we don't have enough money for next year's grass cutting. In response to this situation Brodie is going to be making a list of all the people who have loved ones resting here in our church yard, which is also our village cemetery. Some people already give regularly and some of the other graves are so old now that there may not be anyone to contact, but where possible Brodie will be in touch to ask for your help. The easiest way to help is to become an 'Angel Mouse' – the guardians of our church yard. For £1 a week, paid by Direct Debit, you will receive a little hand-knitted 'angel mouse' figure, and you will know that your support is going towards keeping our church yard and the many graves in good order. Please contact Sue for more information or when your letter arrives from Brodie, please give this request some consideration. Thank you once again to Kevin for the brilliant job he does in making sure that everyone can see just how well cared for our church yard is.

On the same lines, Chris and Graham R are also compiling a list, this time of all the smaller maintenance jobs that need attending to around the church and church yard. You may have noticed some paint peeling off the wall in the church, and outside in the church yard the step up to the toilet is rotting away. Chris and Graham R will include with the list an estimated costing for the jobs that need doing, and

Diocese News

Church opens new community fridge

A community fridge has been opened at St George's, Wilton. The fridge seeks to address the problem of food waste by creating a space for local residents and businesses to exchange surplus food. It has been made possible thanks to support from environmental organisation Hubbub UK, and sponsorship provided by Taunton Town Council.

The fridge will be accessible every Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9.30am to 5pm. It offers individuals the opportunity to obtain up to five items of quality food that might have otherwise gone to waste.

A new bishop for Lusaka

Archbishop Albert Chama has been enthroned as the new Bishop of Lusaka in Zambia. His enthronement took place at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Lusaka, on Sunday, 3 September. The service was combined celebration of the Enthronement and the Diamond Jubilee of the Anglican Cathedral of the Holy Cross.

Bishop Michael sent Archbishop Albert a message on behalf of the Diocese of Bath and Wells, saying, "Although we are separated by many thousands of miles we are together today in the gift of the Spirit and in the light of the Gospel. We celebrate your ministry and that of all God's people in Lusaka Diocese."

Beach baptism for Jacob

On a sunny Sunday in the summer, the community of St. Peter's, Portishead gathered for the baptism of youth member Jacob.

Jacob explained his choice of the beach by saying, "I wanted to do it like they did in the Bible. Someone else did it and I thought it sounded really cool, also being on the beach is really cool."

The open setting led to conversations with some members of the public, providing an opportunity to share their beliefs with others in the community.

What is your “Ministry”?

Sally King: St Mary’s

A bit about me

I was born and went to school in Clevedon and lived here until moving away in 1971. I have two children and four grandchildren. I am married to William having met at St Mary’s where we married 24 years ago.



What brought me to the benefice?

In writing this piece it makes me realise how interwoven the benefice has been in my life. I was first in the choir as a child having been encouraged by Grace Goldsworthy, and it was at St Mary’s that Fr Sells prepared me for confirmation. Then for a while in my teens I worshipped at All Saints with my best friend at school, Mary Martin. Having married and moved away it was not until 1987 that I returned to St Mary’s, Mum and I joining together in the congregation. Before long I was back in the choir stalls. After living away again for five years I returned and choir stalls again. Will and I married and, as he was a Reader at the time, I joined him when I could as he led services in the valley churches. We moved away for four years but again the lure of family, Clevedon and St Mary’s brought us back. Hopefully no more wandering!

My role in the benefice

Whilst I really feel at home in the choir, I think the role that I would miss most is being sacristan. I love the opportunity to be in the church when it’s quiet, to lay up for the service and to look after the linen, candles, brass etc. There is something timeless about this role which appeals to my sense of peace and continuity. I am also on the PCC and, with others, have a role in the management of the churchyard. I represent St Mary’s on the Churches Together in Clevedon Council, a great opportunity to see the gospel at work in the town.

then we were hoping that volunteers might come forward to complete some of this work. Obviously, this is something that we are not all able to do, but how about sponsoring a job instead – by giving the cost of the materials – then all we will need to do is to get someone to carry out the work. Look out for the list at the back of the church, and here in the magazine in the coming months.

Also, in a similar vein the Church Committee is looking for a Treasurer. Are you any good at figures, the job isn’t too taxing (I’m sure there’s a pun in there somewhere). The church has three accounts, the General, Church yard and Maintenance, and each month there is money to be paid into the bank, and then at times like the Christmas Fayre money has to be withdrawn for the float for each of the stalls. There are quite a few signatories for the cheque book, so there is always someone around to sign any cheques. It’s not a huge job but if someone were to volunteer, and by the way you don’t need to be a regular church goer, then it would be one less job for Sue to do.

Another idea that surfaced over the Flower Festival weekend, and then was discussed again at September’s Parish Conversation, was the forming, or perhaps I should say the re-forming, of a United Benefice social group, Sue has already got a name – ‘The Get Together Group’. The aim would be to put on, and to promote, events where all members of the Benefice could come together to enjoy each other’s company as in the days before the pandemic. So, if you have any fun ideas, if you would like to come along to any of the events, or if you would like to be part of the small committee that is coming together, then please contact Sue. Some suggestions already put forward – an evening at Clevedon Bowls Club and singing in the Clevedon precinct.

A QR code is coming soon for us here at St. Paul’s, Sue is waiting for help from one of the other churches. Although, due to the poor internet connection, it may very well not work inside the church, you can always use it to make donations to our church funds when you are back at home.

Before we go just a very quick look ahead to December, and yes, you know what I’m going to say – Christmas! It’s just a few dates:

Sunday 3rd December – Advent Carol Service at 11.15am, with a collection of Christmas Chocolate Selection Boxes to go to the Clevedon Food Bank, and then the Christmas Fayre following at 12.30pm, both in the church

Sunday 10th December – Morning Gathering 11.15am

Sunday 17th December – 12 mid-day Christmas Lunch in Village Hall, and then at 3pm Carol Service in the church

Sunday 24th December – no service

Monday 25th December – Christmas Day Service, time yet to be decided
Sunday 31st December - no service



And finally, our Mouse Musings: October, harvest has already come and gone, and what delicious crumbs, particularly the crumbly crumble crumbs. It's still a month to Bonfire Night, though we mice don't like the fireworks we love to collect any little potatoes that

have been left behind by you in your gardens and then bake them on the embers of the bonfires. Baked potatoes, with cheese of course – yum! So, it's off to go gathering up little potatoes, watch out for us as we stand around the bonfires on

November 5th

Love Miss CM

HARVEST GIFTS

At our Harvest Festivals across the benefice this list of food items might help you as you think of what to give:

Tuna, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Custard, Long Life Juice, Coffee, Biscuits, Shower Gel, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Pasta, Rice, Tinned Tomatoes, Baked Beans, Tinned Sweetcorn.

Thank you



Coffee at The Court 2023

By kind permission of the Elton Family



Saturday 14th October

10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon

Clevedon Court, Tickenham Road BS21 6QU

Stalls include

Grand Draw

Cakes, Tombola, Scarves & Bags, Preserves,
Cards, Toys

Admission £3.00 (to include refreshments)
accompanied children free

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