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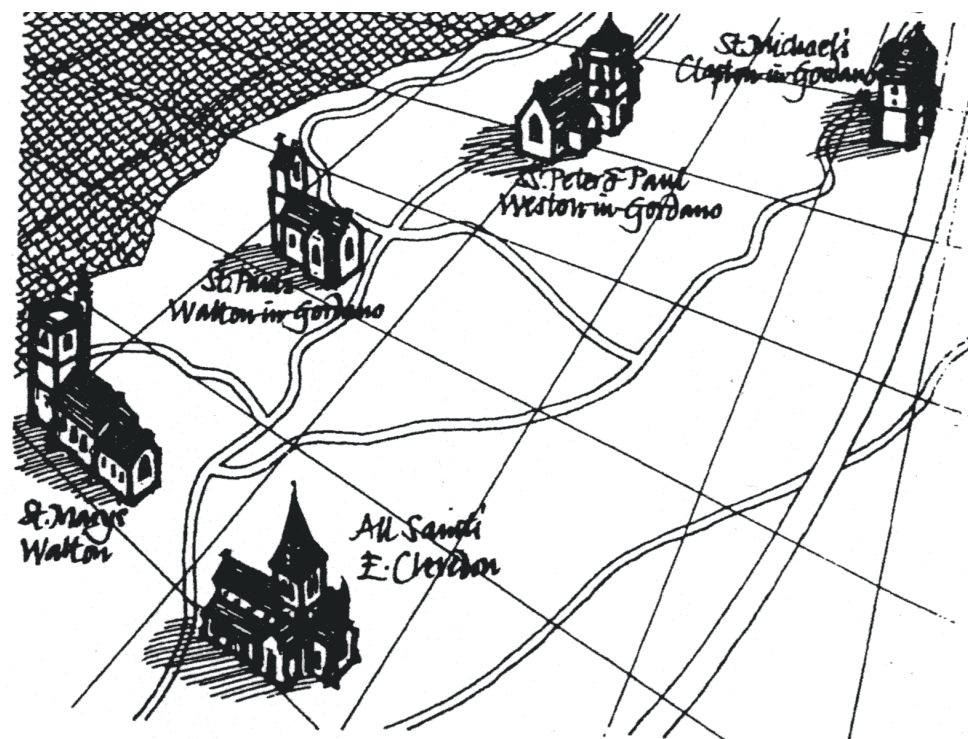
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St Paul's, Walton	Sundays	11.15 am Sunday Worship
St Peter & St Paul, Weston in Gordano	Services to be held in Village Hall until further notice	
	Sundays	10.00 am Holy Communion (1st) 6.00 pm Evensong (2nd & 4th) 10.00 am Sunday Worship (3rd)
	Wednesdays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

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Please contact the parish office if you would like to receive a weekly email with Readings and Prayers for the week and links to the YouTube Reflection and Monday Zoom at 10am

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FIRST WORD from The Rev'd Tim Daplyn

“We don’t do God” - Should the Church be involved in State Affairs?

As we read this we will be undergoing a change in Prime Minister who, no doubt, will be appointing new cabinet ministers and a host of other advisors in order to further their plans and policies for Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Our ‘ship of state’ appears to be in very stormy waters, both domestically and internationally, and the new personalities deserve, at the least, our prayers as they assume the responsibilities of their office.

An Indian theologian, D T Niles, said that if we want to speak with God we had better find out something about the world because this is the only subject in which God is interested. This statement simply affirms the fact that God created the world and loved it enough to die for its renewal after humankind had tried to exploit it for their own selfish ends.

The Psalmist reminds us: ‘The Earth is the Lord’s and the fulness thereof; The world and those who dwell therein...’ (Psalm 24).

The fundamental task given to all of us is to care responsibly for the world, to give it meaning and significance. It is a world of human decisions and dependencies: a world of human beings who cannot get along without each other. And, as the Bible makes clear, it is a world in which God reveals himself as the God who works through political events to get things done. The prime example of this is the Old Testament story of the Exodus through which God liberated his people from economic serfdom and political slavery in Egypt. God continued to show his concern for the ordering of society through a succession of prophets and ultimately Jesus himself.

Affairs of State are concerned with the ordering of society and as such are political. Today we are constantly told that the Church should not meddle in politics but confine itself to the spiritual welfare of its members. I agree wholeheartedly with the first part: the Church shouldn’t meddle; it should be completely and responsibly involved in the power structures where decisions are taken affecting the lives of everyone. Both through its individual members and through its appointed leaders the Church, if it is to be true to the Lord of life, must be involved because this is where God is at work.

“We don’t do God” was famously pronounced by a recent Prime Minister’s spokesperson. The separation of State affairs from ‘religion’ is a modern heresy which politicians in particular like to foster unless, of course, ‘religion’ is used to support the State’s decisions! But to turn one’s back on the world in order to indulge in ‘spiritual’ affairs is to turn one’s back on God. The world is the arena of God’s liberating and renewing activity and the Church participates in this activity



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only in so far as it participates in the world of human decisions and dependencies. Jesus was crucified because, among other things, he dared to criticise the power structures of his day. The Church is called to follow her Master even to the point of crucifixion by being involved in the structures of society. Reconciliation between individuals, between nations, and between God and humanity above all, does not come about through repeating pious platitudes. It comes through our being involved in places of tension, conflict and crippling discrimination: where people are involved in the struggle to be human; where people are the victims of bureaucratic machines; where oppression through the policies of governments cause casualties in voiceless and vote-less members of society.

“We don’t do God” - Really? Well, we do and must! It is no part of our Christian faith to teach people to be so heavenly-minded that they are no earthly use.

Tim

ALL SAINTS COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

10am - 12 noon in All Saints Vestry

Second Wednesday in the month—next meetings

14th September and 12th October

Just turn up or contact Sandra Sallis on 878848/07443905634

FROM THE REGISTERS....

WEDDINGS

20th August – Sheena Chapman and Robert Jacobs, St Mary’s

BAPTISMS

6th August - Alfie Smith, St Peter and St Paul’s (outside)

FUNERALS

3rd August – Myra Dowling, All Saints

19th August – Burial of ashes of Kathleen McGhee, St Mary’s

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Pause for Thought

In this poem, the priest-poet Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844-1889) lets go a seasonal paean of exultation, praise and thanksgiving in the harvest field. Always sensitive to the 'inscape' of people and things he discerns in natural objects the mystical presence of the God of the Harvest.

Hurrahing in Harvest by Gerard Manley Hopkins

Summer ends now; now, barbarous in beauty, the stooks rise
Around; up above, what wind-walks! What lovely behaviour
Of silk-slack clouds! has wilder, wilful-wavier
Meal-drift moulded ever and melted across skies?

I walk, I lift up, I lift up heart, eyes,
Down all that glory in the heavens to glean our Saviour;
And, eyes, heart, what looks, what lips yet gave you a
Rapturous love's greeting of realer, of rounder replies?

And the azurous hung hills are his world-wielding shoulder
Majestic – as a stallion stalwart, very-violet-sweet! –
These things, these things were here and but the beholder
Wanting; which two when they once meet,
The heart rears wings bold and bolder
And, hurls for him, O half hurls earth for him off under his feet.

LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

The Wonder of Harvest

In a simple sense harvest is about receiving – receiving the gifts provided from the fruits of the Earth on which our lives depend for survival. Harvest is also about giving – giving thanks for such wonderful and vital resources to provide us with what we need to live day by day.

But, of course, what we receive through the wonder of harvest does not just happen! Human beings who benefit from harvest have to contribute significantly to growing, pruning, fertilising, collecting and distributing the produce. We share in the creation as well as in the fruits.

This deep truth should remind us of a number of important factors around receiving and giving:

each human life is received from the miracle of Creation, and is called to play a part in enabling this creation to produce the fruits that sustain us all – food, fellowship, dreams and hopes.

We receive guidance in how to fulfil this primary purpose in our lives through the teaching and example of Jesus Christ.

the key is partnership and participation - we are part of one body, with one Head.

This is my body: do this in remembrance of me.

The fact of sin and selfishness means that millions of God's children don't receive a fair share of God's harvest and are left hungry and struggling.

Harvest is the time for giving:

giving thanks to God for our creation, and for our calling to play a part in the whole of the creation being fruitful.

giving careful consideration to our failings to work harder for the inclusion of the excluded.

giving priority to crafting actions which will enable a fairer sharing of the miracle of the harvest.

Harvest is a good time to go to church – let us join others in giving thanks, confessing our failings, and being joined in a universal body that seeks to include all God's children in the sharing of the fruits of the Earth. Give thanks, confess, commit to making a difference – and be part of our public witness for Harvest and Giving.

Every blessing

Bishop Alistair

Honorary Assistant Bishop, Diocese of Bath and Wells

READINGS AND PRAYERS

Sunday, 4th September – Trinity 12

Deut 30 v 15 – end Luke 14 v 25-33

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday, 11th September – Trinity 13

Exodus 32 v 7-14 Luke 15 v 1-10

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday, 18th September – Trinity 14

Amos 8 v 4-7 Luke 16 v 1-13

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday, 25th September – Trinity 15

Amos 6 v 1a, 4-7 Luke 16 v 19-end

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.

ALL SAINTS FLOODLIGHTING

17th September - Dear Andrew sending all of my love you are always with me, and I miss you so very much. Sally xxx



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

4th 6.00 pm Holy Communion - The Rector

11th 6.00 pm Evensong - The Rev'd Tim Daplyn

18th 6.00 pm Evensong - The Rector

25th 6.00pm Evensong - The Rev'd Nicholas Maddock

Every Wednesday 11.00 am Holy Communion - check for venue

Walton St Mary, Clevedon

4th 10.00 am Holy Communion - The Rector

11th 10.00 am Morning Prayer - The Rev'd Ian Hubbard

18th 10.00 am Holy Communion - The Rector

25th 10.00 am Morning Prayer - The Rev'd Nicholas Maddock

Every Wednesday 10.00 am Holy Communion at St Mary's

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

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	10.30am	Holy Communion - The Rev'd Nicholas Maddock
25th	8.00am	Holy Communion - The Rector
	10.30 am	Holy Communion - The Rector

St Paul's, Walton in Gordano

4th	11.15 am	Morning Prayer - Sue Betts
11th	11.15 am	No service today
18th	11.15 am	Morning Prayer - Mr Joshua Fowler
25th	11.15 am	Morning Prayer - The Rev'd Nicholas Maddock

ALL SAINTS THEN AND NOW

from the archives

OUR SCOUT TROOP'S SUMMER CAMP

We all enjoyed this year's big camp, and this was mainly due to the 20th Taunton (Holy Trinity) Scout Troup who invited us to camp with them at a little place called Croyde, near Braunton in North Devon. Skipper Adams, the S.M. of the 20th Taunton Troop, was the Camp Chief for the first ten days, and there were twenty eight of us in camp, all told. The camp was well organised; there were five Patrols in all, including ourselves as one Patrol, and a Patrol of Senior Scouts...The cooking was, on the whole good, even if meals were not always on time, and it got better as the camp went on. We built a magnificent trench fire in the kitchen, complete with two biscuit tin overs at the chimney end. This produced some magnificent roast beef on one occasion. At certain states of the tide there was some grand bathing on the beach, and we had great fun in the rollers...One afternoon we had a Wide game in which all the local notables, from the Squire to the Rector, seemed to have become involved in smuggling! It was good fun and we learnt quite a lot about the country around the camp while carrying out coded instructions or finding map references...We explored a lighthouse (unfortunately from outside only), imagined we were in the Sahara when we were in the Dunes, and saw an army tank in action...Thanks to Taunton and all those who worked to make the camp such a success, it was a jolly good camp. Where do we go next year?. "A SCOUT" writing in the Parish Magazine, September 1957.

Julia Elton



ALL SAINTS, East Clevedon

All Saints PCC meet on Wednesday 14th September in the vestry. If there are any items you would like to be added to the agenda please let me know.

There was a small select few at the August Coffee Morning and we had a lovely time chatting as usual. The next Coffee Morning is on 14th September.

We send our sincere condolences to Mary Anderson on the death of her dear mum Myra Dowling, whose funeral took place at All Saints on 3rd August. Remembering all Myra's family in our prayers. Some members of the congregation have Covid as I write and we wish them a full recovery. Thank you to Mark Craddy who played the organ on 7th August, stepping in for the music group as they were missing David Frayne - due to have a cataract operation. Hope all's well David and we look forward to you soon being back in action.

You will have read in the August magazine that the first Sunday in the month All Age services will begin again in October with Harvest Festival. More details nearer the time.

I'm sure you will already have put your name down for the united benefice bring and share lunch for Caroline and Bob Sackley on 11th September. We will miss them very much when they leave and it has been a bonus on our part that they have had to stay longer than planned! But we send our very best wishes to them both for the future.

Coffee at The Court will take place on 15th October and there's more details elsewhere in this magazine. All help and support will be much appreciated. It is with sadness we heard that Bob Smisson has died and his funeral will be at All Saints on 7th September at 12 noon. Bob was a member of the choir for many years. He was a great supporter of the junior choir and took them on many outings. He was also very generous to the church. A genuine gentleman. We send our condolences to wife Marion and family.

Sandra Sallis



ST MICHAEL'S, Clapton in Gordano

St Michaels church will continue to be opened up each Sunday for visitors during the coming months. On the evening of July 28th, the building was used by Clapton Parish Council as a venue

for one of their meetings. This was normally a single event during the summer months, but the covid restrictions over the previous 2 years, prevented any such gathering. Our thanks go to all volunteers, who beforehand helped to clean and prepare the church. It was good to welcome the Council members and interested villagers back into the church.

The recent extremely hot weather although drying out our own individual gardens plots, however, in the centre of the village, the Black Horse has maintained a stunningly varied and colourful display of flowers. Please note. The public house has a copy of the key to the church, for anyone wishing to pay a visit during the week. Parking for 3 cars can be accommodated on the lane side of the lower gate. Also, in the central village area, a 'library' located in the old red B. T. phone box, has an extensive range of reading material from murder most foul, dastardly villains, classics to cookery books. Fresh copies of the local Times newspaper arrive mid week, to enable folk to catch up on local issues.

And finally..... discussions with the Friends are continuing for current and future projects, and I will report on these once any decisions are agreed. May I hope that all keep safe from the new variants of covid, well hydrated and sheltered during any prolonged periods of heat.

Derek Roberts



WALTON ST MARY

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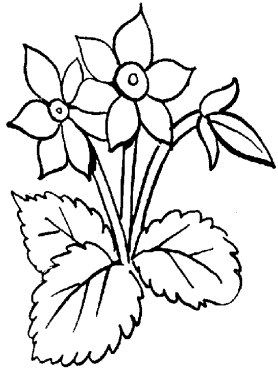
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Garden Talk

Be it dry or be it wet

The weather will always pay its debt.

It is early August and we are currently experiencing one of the worst droughts in recent years. The grass is like hay, the flower beds like a desert and some of our plants are suffering badly. However, by the time you read this things may look very different. Sooner or later the

weather will 'pay its debt' and the rain will come. But we do seem to be moving to a more Mediterranean type of climate with mild, wet winters and hot, dry summers. If this is the case it makes sense to select plants which come from the Mediterranean or South Africa, which has a similar climate.

In our garden these are the plants which have survived the dry conditions and even flourished. We have lots of lavenders, which love it warm and dry, and one each of their relatives, Santolina (cotton lavender) and Helichrysum (curry plant). Other plants which have fared well are pinks, osteospermums (South African daisies), euphorbias and evening primrose. As a general rule, it seems that plants with silver or grey leaves are drought tolerant or 'xerophilous', to use the technical term. In the rockery, the star is Cerastium (snow in summer).

One positive of the dry weather is the absence of slugs and snails and our hollyhocks, which normally get badly eaten, are doing well. They do not seem to mind the drought. The hardy geraniums (cranesbills) and pelargoniums are also coping with the conditions. Pelargoniums, which we used to call geraniums, are natives of South Africa and most cranesbills also come from countries which get little rain. So with selective watering we hope to keep most of our plants alive.

Roses will cope with drought but will not flourish if it is very dry, so they get a weekly gallon of water to keep the flowers coming. The seemingly endless sunny days have suited them well. I have a Rosa rugosa in the front garden which I grew from a cutting and these shrub roses flourish in dry conditions. Their pink flowers have a strong fragrance and keep coming throughout the summer. I recently bought a second rugosa for the back garden with the rather grand name of 'Rosaie de l'Hay' which I am hoping will do as well. But more than anything, we are hoping for rain. Send for Elijah!

William King

Summer days for me
When every leaf is on its tree;
When Robin's not a beggar,
And Jenny Wren's a bride,
And larks hang singing, singing, singing,
Over the wheat-fields wide.
And blue-black beetles transact business,
And gnats fly in a host,
And moths grow fat and thrive,
And ladybirds arrive,
Before green apples blush,
Before green nuts embrown.

(An extract from a delightful poem by Christina Rossetti 1830 – 1894)

As mentioned in the August magazine, during these financially challenging times we have reinstated our food collection boxes so please give generously, every little helps. All contributions go to those most in need in the Bristol-based Loaves and Fishes Project.

We are eagerly looking forward to a number of forthcoming events, especially our Patronal Festival on 14th August when altar servers and choir will process again (suspended during the pandemic) and also the wedding of two Weston-in-Gordano residents, Robert Jacobs and Sheena Chapman on the 20th August.

Finally and on a personal note, by the time you read this magazine I will have celebrated my diamond wedding anniversary. Sadly my wife will be unable to be actively involved but, nevertheless we will mark 60 long years of happiness and good times with a pedestal in the church, cards and flowers.

Paul Middleton

St. Mary's flowers

31st July - In loving memory of husband Peter, family and friends, requested by Sandra Robinson.

20th August - For the wedding of Robert Jacobs and Sheena Chapman.

21st August - To mark the Diamond Wedding Anniversary of Paul and Jill Middleton, requested by Paul.



ST PETER & ST PAUL, Weston in Gordano

August holds the wonderful Feast of the Transfiguration of Jesus. It's followed by the lesser known but also wonderful Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus. More usually kept in January, from the

Middle Ages it has also been kept on August 7th - the day after the Transfiguration. (August 6th being also the anniversary of the disfiguration of the world by the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima in 1945.) As I am a

member of the Community of the Holy Name I was with my community in Hessel (Hull) for about ten days over this time for both these festivals. This is a way of telling you that I have not been in the village much so cannot report much!

I can report, however, with her permission- that Robb Robinson is continuing to recover from what she now knows to be a mild stroke which took her to hospital in late July. She would wish me to convey thanks to well wishers and prayers; for the general concern there has been. Though she must continue to go slow and is coping with tiredness she is also grateful to have come through this as well as she has. We continue to remember her before God.

Margaret Jacobs reports on another joyful baptism which was celebrated whilst I was away. John Bridges tells me that work is due to start on the Church building on September the 12th. If this work takes the two months specified, it should mean that we really are back into the Church for Christmas, which is a very good time to rejoice. I am afraid the dry rot saga and all it has entailed has exacted rather a cost on those who have had primarily to deal with it one way or another. It will be a relief for them and us all to have this vital work completed for the future use of the church.

I send this after attending Evening Prayer in the church hall. Sixteen of us braved the heat to be present for worship, with all the preparation that still requires with chairs, altar table etc etc. As Tim Daplyn addressed the rather difficult Gospel reading for the day (August 14th) I was left pondering on the giving of the Peace of Christ in Eucharistic settings in the context of a very divided world. It is an extraordinary thing that we do perhaps without thinking about its importance. It is a liturgical practise dating back at least to the 4th century. Something for us to take a bit more seriously maybe, in troubled times.

Sister Carol

The Baptism of our youngest great grandchild Alfie held in the Churchyard and Chapel as our beautiful Church is still closed. The Lord provided us with perfect weather.

Caroline and Tim conducted the service. The blessing of water took place in the Chapel with parents, Godparents, oldies and children relayed outside with a microphone and speakers. Alfie protested at the cold water but otherwise smiled at everyone throughout. As we were about to go outside for the remainder of the service young Oscar ran out of the door shouting to everyone, "That was Amazing!" What an accolade for Caroline and our Church. We resumed the Service outside in awe seen through a child's eyes, what a memorable day. We all enjoyed afternoon tea in the Church field.

Reminding us all that the people are our Church.

Many thanks to Caroline, Tim, Norma, John and Ian for making it all possible.

Margaret Jacobs.

Why do they do that? A monthly look at what the church does and why.

This month: Why do we use the "For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen" at the end of the Lord's Prayer but the Catholics don't?

The Lord's Prayer comes from the texts in Matthew 6:9-13 and the shorter form in Luke 11:2-4. It is the Matthew version that forms the basis of our liturgy. It has held a particular and sacred place in the Christian tradition since earliest times and is thought to be based from the teaching of Christ himself. You will note that it begins with "the address" to God ("Our Father, who art in heaven...") and then contains 3 glorifications of God – "hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done" and then 4 requests forming some of the basic needs of humanity bread, forgiveness, avoiding temptation, protection from evil.

The "doxology" (for thine is the glory...) does not appear in scripture but was added by the early church and is recorded in some of the earliest manuscripts of our tradition – dating even to about AD 70 or so.

But in the Western church the doxology wasn't used – and in the Roman Catholic tradition still isn't – until as late as 1637 when it appeared in the Scottish Book of Common Prayer. It was incorporated into the more famous Book of Common Prayer (BCP) at its revision in 1662. As the BCP and Hymns Ancient and Modern were ubiquitously used by the English church in the Empire it spread more generally.

Many attempts have been made to adapt the Lord's Prayer, not least as the form we use is not that which appears in the bible, but you will note that 2 versions of it appear in our benefice "blue book". The third and fourth versions, as it appears in the BCP, we use at St Peter and St Paul, Weston in Gordano, at Evensong twice a month. One has the doxology and one doesn't – a result of Thomas Cranmer evolving Evensong from two pre-existing monastic offices.

The diocese favours the modern version in all contemporary liturgies fearing that the "the and thou" of the old versions will condemn the much loved and sacred Lord's Prayer to a historical backwater. We tend to use the traditional form in the benefice for public worship simply because it is so well known and loved – doxology and all.

Noel



Coffee at the Court - A Date for your Diary

Saturday 15th October 2019 10.00am – 12noon

Coffee at the Court

Clevedon Court, Tickenham Road, Clevedon

With all the usual stalls, entrance fee includes refreshments

Watch out for Draw tickets enclosed in September's magazine

Help in any way with this event whether it is on the day, the day before or providing items etc for the stalls is appreciated.

More details to follow in October Magazine.

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Farewell lunch for Caroline and Bob Sackley

Our farewell lunch for Caroline and Bob will take place at St Mary's on Sunday 11th Sept at 12.30. This is a "Bring and Share" and please sign the attendance sheet in your church and note down what you can bring. We had a collection last year but this occasion will allow us to say our goodbyes and thank yous before they head off to Burnham on Sea.



ST PAUL'S, Walton in Gordano

On an apple ripe September morning
Through the mist-chill fields I went
With pitchfork on my shoulder
Less for use than for devilment.

The threshing mill was set up, I know,
In Cassidy's haggard last night.
And we owed them a day of threshing
Since last year. O it was delight
To be paying bill of laughter

Patrick Kavanagh

September, and if all the fruit hasn't fallen off the trees due to the heat, then it's definitely the month for picking apples. Yes, September and autumn is upon us – well it is if you chime in with the weather scientists and start autumn on September 1st going on to 30th November, with the year neatly packaged into quarters. However, if you concur with the astronomical or standard way of defining the seasons you will have to wait until Friday 23rd September and the autumn equinox, to celebrate the arrival of autumn. Whenever you feel the season changing let's hope it heralds a significant decrease in temperature and increase in rainfall (once again this month I'm writing this as the temperature sources, this time for our second heatwave).

Just before we take a look at what's going on this month, I'd like to add a note of congratulations to the Lionesses on their triumph at the end of July, what a glorious victory, the first major trophy for an English football team in 56 years. It's rare indeed that we find positive role models in life, but sport throws up some amazing stories of personal determination and the overcoming of almost insurmountable obstacles, and this is true of women's sport in particular. Let's hope that this tournament with all its joy and tears, friendship and inclusivity serves as a lasting example to young girls and boys of what can be achieved in life, and let's hope that those with the power to do so allow them to follow their dreams.

We start this month with our 'Welcome In' coffee morning on Saturday 3rd September, at 10.30am in the Church, why not come along and catch up with all the news (surely not gossip) from the Flower Festival the previous weekend (a full report on the Flower Festival will be in next month's magazine – at the time of writing we were still eagerly anticipating the event). I don't know if you remember but some time ago when we were first discussing the changes to our pattern of worship, it was mentioned that the 'Welcome In' would be the perfect chance for anyone who would like the congregation to pray for someone for them – maybe a family member, or a friend – or maybe to pray for some thing – possibly peace in Ukraine, then you could leave your prayers in the Church for

the following day's service. So, if you feel in need of prayer for a loved one then please leave your prayers in the box provided at the back of the Church – just a name, or you can write a bit more if you feel you would like to.

Then as mentioned on the Sunday we have our congregation led service at 11.15am – a service of morning prayer with some well-known hymns. After the service why not join in a simple 'bring and share' lunch and our Parish Conversation, the opportunity for you to raise any issues, or ideas you have, pertaining to our Church.

Then on the next day we get to know who is going to be our new Prime Minister – what a herculean task – so let's pray for whichever one gets to pick up the keys to Number 10 on that Monday morning, that they will at least have some of the answers to the mounting numbers of problems they will find in their in-tray, and that they will be guided by and lead with compassion and understanding.

On Sunday 11th September there will not be a service here at St. Paul's but come with us to St. Mary's for a service and 'bring and share' lunch as we bid a very fond farewell to Caroline and Bob as they prepare to start their new life in Burnham-on-Sea, and we hope none of this will be delayed by Caroline's fall – we hope you are on the mend Caroline.

Sometime this month we are hoping to be able to have a flower arranging demonstration in the Church – no date has been confirmed as yet but keep a look out for further information in the Chronicle. It's lovely to be able to be thinking about bringing activities like this back to the Church – if you have any ideas about future activities or events please contact Sue.

And now for October, the 'Welcome In' coffee morning will be back again on Saturday 1st, usual time and usual place – and don't forget it's a brilliant way to get to know your neighbours or to meet up with those you haven't seen for a while.

On Sunday 2nd our Morning Prayer service at 11.15am - this month there will be no lunch or Parish Conversation as on the following weekend we will be having our Harvest Festival.

And so, to our Harvest Festival on Sunday 9th October at 11.15am, come and join us for this lovely traditional rural service, the Church full of the scent and colour of autumn and all our most favourite Harvest hymns. Afterwards there will be a Harvest Lunch, bring along what you can and add to the meal we will share with our Church family as we push the tables together to make one long table for us to gather around.

Looking further ahead to – and a warning here I'm about to use that dreaded word – Christmas. On the first Sunday of December – Sunday 4th – we will have our Advent Carol Service, always a popular way to start the build up to the festive season, and then straight away after – also in the Church – we will have our Christmas Fayre. There will be plenty of stalls, including handicrafts and preserves, and lashings of delicious refreshments, and of course a Grand Christmas Raffle. And back this year to run alongside the Fayre a 'Christmas at Home' – think back to the height of the pandemic and the 'Christmas at Home' with deliveries of Christmas cakes, festive table decorations and pots of spring bulbs, and a scrumptious

Christmas tea on a plate, brought a bit of cheer on those dark days. So back this year a chance to order from a list of selected items which will be ready for you to collect from the Christmas Fayre and enjoy at home (more details in the Chronicle and next month's magazine). Definitely one for your diary.

And thinking along Christmassy lines – how about bringing back the Village Christmas Lunch on the same day as the Carol Service, what do you think?

Finances are always a tricky subject, and for the Church it's no different. It's always difficult to ask for money, more so now than ever, but if you have loved ones here with us at St. Paul's safely settled in our churchyard then if you could possibly spare a little to help with the wonderful maintenance carried out by Kevin it would be very gratefully received - our churchyard is also our parish cemetery, and its upkeep is very important for the whole village. Have a think and if you can help contact Sue – as a supporter of our churchyard you will become an Angel Mouse and one of Miss CM little cousin will be on its way to you.

It was good to hear recently that Robb is out of hospital, we send her our love and prayers on her path to recovery.

And finally, we remember in our prayers all those who are setting out on a new stage of their life's journey. Whether you are just starting school, or moving on to big school, or maybe finding your way in further education, or moving house – or whatever you maybe embarking on you are in our thoughts.



Our Mouse Musings: We are standing out in the churchyard waving 'goodbye' to our little feathered friends – the swifts, swallows and house martins – 'see you next year!' And now it's time to go and pick some blackberries from the hedgerow – apple and black-berry crumble for tea, delicious! Love Miss CM

Christmas Crib Festival meeting

Thursday 6 October at 10:45am in the vestry at All Saints Church.

Everyone who might be able to help at all is welcome to attend.