



# Cotswold Edge

April 2019

The Church Newsletter for  
Marshfield, Cold Ashton,  
Tormarton and West Littleton



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To book Marshfield Church premises check bookings on website then contact Richard Shreeve.

**Tormarton** [www.tormarton.org](http://www.tormarton.org)

**West Littleton** [www.westlittleton.com](http://www.westlittleton.com)

**Bristol Diocese**  
**Church of England**  
**Information on Christian Faith**

[www.bristol.anglican.org/](http://www.bristol.anglican.org/)  
[www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org)  
[www.rejesus.co.uk/](http://www.rejesus.co.uk/)

## Letter from the Ministry Team

A few weeks ago, while in Brighton spending the day with two of my grandchildren, my six year old grandson, Rory, wanted to make cakes so while my two year old granddaughter, Cerys, was taking her afternoon nap, we made the cakes and decided to decorate them with his sister when she woke up. Coloured sprinkles at the ready, we made up some butter icing to top the cakes.

Later that afternoon, sat around the kitchen table, everything set to decorate, I spread some icing on the first cake and handed it to Cerys who dipped it into the sprinkles, she handed it back to me to put on a plate. I gave her a second cake, again she dipped it and handed it back. The third time, she looked at the cake, looked at the sprinkles, looked back at the cake - and yes, you've guessed it! Quite intentionally into her mouth it went to cries from Rory of, 'The baby's eating the cake!'. The temptation was too much! Laughter broke out as Cerys tucked in.

It was a hilarious family moment but also a powerful illustration of how we all succumb to temptation on occasions. During this season of Lent we are reminded of how Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness being tempted by the devil. Fully human, just like us he must have struggled too not to give in to temptation as he became hungry and weary. Jesus chose to trust his heavenly Father, remain faithful to him and, led by the Holy Spirit came safely out the other side.

We need to have that same trust in our Saviour Jesus Christ, remaining faithful to him in times of difficulty or temptation. He will see us safely through. When Easter Sunday arrives, we'll rejoice that through his death and resurrection, we can share in the promise and hope of new life that Jesus offers should we choose to accept.

Rev Lynne Godfrey

## News from across the Benefice

### From the Benefice Registers:

#### Wedding

Jeffrey Sharpe and Pamela Hodges 9<sup>th</sup> March at St. Mary Magdalene, Tormarton.

#### Baptisms & Funerals

None to date in the Benefice.

### Chippenham Deanery Synod, 7th March 2019

As usual, the meeting was an "open" one, with the theme of "A Journey of Invitation". After we had dealt with items of Synod business, Rev Alice Kemp (the Diocesan Disability Advisor) introduced us to LIGHT (Living In God's Heart Together). This is a wonderful fresh expression of church for people with special needs, held at St. Peter's Church, Chippenham on the third Sunday of the month. LIGHT members and helpers then led us in an act of worship.

"A Journey of Invitation" is a resource developed by to support parishes in "making disciples" - one of the 3 priorities underpinning the Diocesan vision of "Creating

Connections". Chris Priddy (Head of Parish & External Relations) outlined how it provides a guide to the significant opportunities in the year for focused prayer, inviting others, and exploring faith. It also offers free and accessible tools to support these.

Prior to Synod, PCC's had been asked to respond to 3 questions from the Leadership Team. These were:-

(1) What two priorities would you in your benefice/parish like to focus on over the coming year?

(2) What are significant changes or developments in your local communities that offer opportunities or threats during 2019?

(3) How might others across the deanery help you with these?:

The answers would be used to guide them in developing the role of the Deanery in helping and resourcing all parishes as they move forward into the new year.

The varied responses from parishes were shared in small groups and also with Chris.

## **Holy Week and Easter**

### ***Maundy Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> April***

7.00 pm "Experience Passover", St Mary's, Marshfield

### ***Good Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> April***

St Mary's, Marshfield

- 10.30 am-12 noon, All Age Workshop - the 'Journey to Easter' will be explored through activities, with hot cross buns and drinks to follow
- 2.00 pm, "Last Hour" Devotion
- 7.30 pm, "Before The Cross" - Choral & congregational music for Good Friday

Holy Trinity, Cold Ashton

12 noon "First Hour" Devotion

St. James', West Littleton:

10.30 am Good Friday Devotions

### ***Easter Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> April***

For details of Easter services in the Benefice, see the back page

**Pastoral Care:** Both at Church and within the benefice we are good at caring for each other, but sometimes people 'slip through the net'.

Rev Lynne Godfrey is willing to oversee our caring for one another as co-ordinator. If you or anyone you know is ill, in hospital or would simply appreciate a visit please let Lynne know either by email (lynne.rev@sky.com) or by phone (01249 446734). This will also offer an opportunity to support people and families through prayer. Confidentiality will be respected in all circumstances and information will only be shared within the Ministry Team with permission of the individual concerned.

## Diary, News and Events for April

### Marshfield

'Experience Easter': for pupils of Marshfield Primary School on **1<sup>st</sup> April**. All are welcome to see the displays at St Mary's after 3.30pm.

**Marshfield School Easter Service:** is on **5<sup>th</sup> April, 1.30 pm** at **St Mary's**.

**Open Gardens:** a fundraising event in aid of the Church Clock Restoration Fund. The gardens at **Weir Cottage, Weir Lane** will be open, **11.30 am-3.00 pm** on **Saturday/ Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> April**. Enjoy the display of Spring flowers, followed by coffee and cake.

**Mothers' Union:** Congratulations to Aurea Hart commissioned in Bristol Cathedral on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March as the MU President for Bristol Diocese. Our local branch meets **Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2.00 pm** in the **Church Hall** for a Communion service.



6<sup>th</sup> April at Marshfield Chapel & 13<sup>th</sup> April, at St.Mary's Church, Marshfield from 12.30 pm. Donations to support the work of Tearfund.

**Children's Society Boxes:** Jean Purnell and Elizabeth Redman will be taking up the boxes during April. Please contact one of them if you wish yours to be collected or transfer when convenient.

**CMS Mission Partners - the Rocks' Family:** It was wonderful to see Jimmy, Katya, Joanna and Davi in church at the end of February before they headed back to Florianopolis. They were able to share all that God has been doing through their first three years there in mission. They value our support and prayers. Please pray for them as they settle back in after three months with family and friends in the UK.

### Cold Ashton

**The Annual Parochial Church Meeting:** takes place on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30 pm** in **Cold Ashton Parish Hall**.

### West Littleton

**The Annual Parochial Church Meeting:** takes place on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 7.30 pm** at **St James Grange, Dunsdown Lane**.

### Tormarton

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting:** takes place on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April, 6.45 pm** at **St Mary Magdalene**, following the 6.00 pm Communion Service.

**Concert with Gillian Wells and the MMVC:** Gillian Wells is guest soloist in Marshfield Male Voice Choir's Spring Concert, **7.30 pm** on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April** at **St Mary Magdalene Tormarton**. Admission is free, with a retiring collection in aid of church improvements.

## Growing in Faith and Prayer - Home, Youth and Prayer Groups

**Home Groups:** during April they will meet as follows:-

- Tuesdays on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 8.00 pm at 86 High St (contact Richard & Sue Shreeve, 891169)
- Thursdays on 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 10.30 am at Willow House, W Littleton Rd (contact Aurea & Christopher Hart, 891453).
- Thursdays on 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 7.30 pm at Marshfield Vicarage (contact Rev Sally Wheeler (892180)

**Alpha Plus:** - following on from the recent Alpha course. For details of dates & venues for April, contact Mike & Celia Strathdee (891001).

**“Tormarton Faith Matters”:** An informal Discussion Group open to all. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm at Tormarton Court. For more information please contact Rev. Sally Wheeler (892180) or Bruce Finnamore.

**Edward Bear Toddler Time:** This meets **every Friday** 10.30 -11.30 am at Marshfield Chapel. All pre-school children with their parents /carers are welcome.

**Youth Groups:** “The Bunch” and “Thrive” will NOT be meeting in April, due to the Easter holidays.

**Prayer Groups:** These meet as follows:-

- Village Prayers - weekly on Tuesday, 10.00 am at Marshfield Chapel - except on the 2nd Tuesday when we join in the Village Communion.
- Local House of Prayer - meets weekly. If you would like more details, please contact Sue Shreeve (891169) or Mike & Celia Strathdee (891001).

### Chapel Programme for April

<b>Sun 7<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30 am	Prayer at Chapel
	10.30 am	David Spence* (Mark 9:2-13)
	6.00 pm	Rich Newman (Mark 10:17-31)
<b>Tues 9<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00 am	Village Communion at Marshfield Almshouses
<b>Sun 14<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30 am	Mike Strathdee (Palm Sunday)
	6.00 pm	Trevor Brain (Mark 11:15 -19)
<b>Fri 19<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30 am	Good Friday Service
<b>Sun 24<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30 am	Easter Day Service at St Mary's
	6.00 pm	Rich Newman (Own choice)
<b>Sat 27<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30 am	Morning Coffee at Chapel
<b>Sun 28<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30 am	Cafe Church with Innovista
	6.00 pm	Rich Newman (John 20:19-29)

(\* Communion services- the offerings will go to Tear Fund)



**Benefice Prayer Diary**  
**Marshfield with Cold Ashton and Tormarton with West Littleton**  
**APRIL 2019**

**A Benefice Prayer**

*Lord, let us not labour for you in vain. Teach us to pray, deepen our fellowship, enable our ministry, strengthen our benefice, and nurture our children. That, united in Christ, we might indeed become a holy temple in which you dwell by your Spirit.*

**Week 1: 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> April** During the week, please pray:-

- for the people of the parish of Marshfield, its PCC, and churchwardens
- for parents whose children are grown up - for wisdom as they continue to parent, encourage, counsel and love their children as adults
- for other Christians who live in our community but are not part of our parish churches

**Week 2: 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> April** During the week, please pray:-

- for the people of the parish of Tormarton, its PCC, and churchwarden
- for all those preparing to lead worship in churches - locally, nationally and worldwide, that God may inspire them to explore "different ways of worshipping
- giving thanks for the local GP practice and the services that it provides. Pray for all involved in caring for others in our communities and for those needing care
- that the Holy Spirit will enable you to live as God requests - "And what does the Lord require of you?. To act justly, love mercy and to walk humbly with your God" (*Micah 6:8*).

**Week 3: 14<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> April** During the week, please pray :-

- for the people of the parish of West Littleton, its PCC and churchwarden
- for the Benefice Ministry Team members - Rev Sally Wheeler, Rev Lynne Godfrey, Andrew Gammie, Aurea Hart, Charles Keen and Mike Strathdee - and their ministry to us. Pray also for the other clergy and lay people who help maintain this ministry.
- for the events of Holy Week, that they make clear the real message of Easter

**Week 4: 21<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> April** During the week, please pray:-

- for the people of the parish of Cold Ashton, its PCC and churchwarden
- for those who have not, as yet, experienced Jesus' saving love and do not know the "fullness of life" that he promises
- for diocesan Bishop, Vivienne Faull, suffragan Bishop Lee Rayfield, and staff

**Week 5: 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> April** During the week, please pray:-

- for the clergy and people of our link Diocese of Mukono, Uganda
- for all who suffer under regimes where the values of God's kingdom are replaced by those of oppression and injustice

**Please Note:** If you would like a prayer to be included in the prayers at our Tuesday prayer group or in this Prayer Diary, please contact Paul Sawyer, 16 Fairfield Close, Marshfield (891436)

## Services for April 2019

*All services are from Common Worship unless otherwise stated.*

### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent)**

9.00 am	Holy Communion BCP	Holy Trinity, Cold Ashton	Rev L Godfrey
10.30 am	Morning Worship* & Baptism	St Mary's, Marshfield	Rev S Wheeler
10.30 am	Family Service	St Mary Magdalene, Tormarton	M Strathdee
6.00 pm	Evensong BCP	St Mary's, Marshfield	A Hart

### **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

10.30 am	Village Communion	Marshfield Almshouses	
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### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April (Palm Sunday)**

9.00 am	Holy Communion BCP	St Mary's Marshfield	Rev S Wheeler
10.30 am	Morning Worship*	St Mary's, Marshfield	Rev S Wheeler
10.30 am	Mattins	St James, West Littleton	Rev L Godfrey
6.00 pm	Evensong BCP	St Mary's, Marshfield	C Keen
6.00 pm	Holy Communion BCP	St Mary Magdalene, Tormarton	Rev S Wheeler

### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April (Maundy Thursday)**

7.00 pm	"Experience Passover"	St Mary's, Marshfield	Rev S Wheeler
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### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April (Good Friday)**

10.30 am	Good Friday Devotions	St James, West Littleton	A Hart
12 noon	"First Hour" Devotion	Holy Trinity, Cold Ashton	A Gammie
2.00 pm	"Last Hour" Devotion	St Mary's, Marshfield	M Strathdee

### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April (EASTER SUNDAY)**

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity, Cold Ashton	Rev S Wheeler
10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Marshfield	Rev S Wheeler
10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Mary Magdalene, Tormarton	Rev L Godfrey
10.30 am	Holy Communion BCP	St James, West Littleton	Rev B Pettifer
6.00 pm	Benefice Evensong	St Mary's, Marshfield	A Hart

### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter)**

10.30 am	Holy Communion*	St Mary's, Marshfield	Rev S Wheeler
5.00 pm	Teatime Church	Holy Trinity, Cold Ashton	Rev S Wheeler
6.00 pm	Evensong BCP	St Mary's, Marshfield	Congregation

*\*Kids Club at St Mary's, Marshfield*