



Cotswold Edge

August 2019

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



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Benefice website

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Tormarton www.tormarton.org

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Bristol Diocese

www.bristol.anglican.org/

Church of England

www.churchofengland.org

Information on Christian Faith

www.rejesus.co.uk/

Letter from the Ministry Team

For some of us, August will contain some time for rest. For others, a full household may be far from it! Either way, Jesus' phrase may at some point come to mind: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

We live in a culture that prizes leisure, where an ultimate goal can be to make enough to retire as soon as possible. Rest is naturally something we all need, enshrined in that 1-in-7 rhythm of Sundays, but is it really such an ultimate goal? We could ask ourselves whether we live to work or work to live, or perhaps whether our weekends are to recover from one week or to refresh for the next.

When Jesus' followers heard him talk about rest, I wonder if they were surprised at where he went next: "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, and you will find rest for your souls". "What? I thought you said rest, but here you go straight back to work, just this time doing it with you!".

It must have seemed odd - it certainly does to us now - to talk of giving rest, then to lay out a plan for some hard labour with a plough. It seems that this rest he is talking about is not just time off, but time with him. Augustine famously said to God "our heart is restless until it rests in You". Maybe true rest is not putting our feet up, but putting them in the right place.

So how can we better use our time to be more useful for others, putting our feet in the right place, next to his? Or how can we find this sort of rest - partnered work with God - in the middle of a chaotic family summer? How can we use this time to prepare us for better service, or to come into a closer partnership with Jesus? There are no easy or universal answers here, but it is something we can perhaps encourage each other in thinking through this holiday season.

Andrew Gammie

News from the Diocese, Deanery and Benefice

From the Benefice Registers:

Baptisms

Raife Kench 7th July at St James, West Littleton

Rosie Cox 14th July at St Mary's, Marshfield

Funerals

Zena Burrows 8th July at St Mary's, Marshfield

Marshfield Church Clock: Thank you to all who are donating to the church clock fund. Work is planned to start in September, and we should see the hands moving and hear the chimes again by the end of that month!

The Compassion Experience...at Yatton Keynall: On Sunday 29th September there is an opportunity to go on board 'The Compassion Bus' at Bybrook School in Yatton Keynall and enter into a 'virtual experience' of a child's life in a developing country. You can visit the bus from 10am-3pm that Sunday - it is an eye-opening and instructive experience for young and old and brings home how much we have, as well as how we can personally be involved in helping others.

To understand more about the life-transforming work of Compassion, and the Bus Experience visit <https://experience.compassionuk.org/>.

Holiday Club: Trevor Ranger will be running a Holiday Club for 5 - 11 year olds at Marshfield Primary School from Tuesday 20th August to Friday 23rd August from 10.00 am to 12 noon each day, with a final session for all the family on Sunday morning, 25th August at 10.30 am. The Club is entitled "Space Academy". The Holiday Club is organized jointly by St Mary's, Marshfield and Marshfield Chapel.

Over the past few years, Trevor's Holiday Clubs have been greatly enjoyed by all who have come. Application forms will be circulated through Marshfield Primary School during Term 6 and are available at the back of St Mary's and in Artingstalls in the High Street, Marshfield. Further information is available from Molly Williams (01454 218115).

Ordinations 2019: Over the last weekend in June, the Diocese celebrated the Ordination of 23 people to serve across our Diocese in a variety of contexts.

On Saturday 29th June, 10 candidates were ordained priest in Bristol Cathedral, with 13 candidates being ordained deacon on Sunday 30th June.

New Archdeacon of Malmesbury: when he was appointed last November Christopher Bryan said this: "I'm hugely looking forward to serving as Archdeacon of Malmesbury. I've ministered in this Diocese for eight years and it's great to see what God is doing here. When you step out into something new, you have to rely on the Holy Spirit, and that's very healthy! I long to see churches become healthy, Christ-centred communities which can reach people for Christ and transform our society."

He was installed as Archdeacon and an Honorary Canon of Bristol Cathedral at the beginning of May. Since then he has begun his public ministry with a series of Visitations to all four deaneries in the Archdeaconry of Malmesbury, meeting the churchwardens and their incumbents. Christopher has also shared in worship in our benefice, preaching at St Mary's, Marshfield on 21st July.

Diocesan Synod, June 2019: With a Synod that is increasingly engaging enthusiastically and passionately with difficult topics of mission and ministry, members considered how the Church could relate well together, combining unity and diversity. The main topics of discussion were the Annual Report of the Diocesan Board of Finance, Safeguarding and the Pastoral Principles for Living Well Together. The full report of the meeting is available on the Diocesan website.

Diary, News and Events for August

Marshfield

Praise and Worship Evenings: will be held fortnightly in August as follows:-

1st August - at the Church Hall

15th August - at Marshfield Chapel

29th August - at Marshfield Chapel

These evenings start at 7.45 pm and are open-ended for worship and prayer. All are welcome, and you are free to leave when you wish.

Marshfield Educational Foundation: The charity invites residents of the parish of Marshfield to apply for a bursary for the forthcoming academic year. Applicants must be 24 years of age or under, have lived in the parish for at least 2 years, and must be involved in full time education, vocational training or an apprenticeship. Previously successful applicants may apply, but there is no guarantee that a bursary will be given.

All applications, giving a full description of the courses being undertaken and the venue where they are to be studied, must be submitted by **MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2019** at the latest, to the Secretary of the Foundation:-
Rev S Wheeler, The Vicarage, Church Lane, Marshfield, Chippenham SN14 8NT.

PLEASE NOTE: The charity trustees ask that all successful applicants acknowledge their award by forwarding a letter or card to the Secretary.

Question Time in St Mary's Marshfield?:...Not quite, but exploring questions is one way in which healthy faith grows. On third Sundays of the month we would like to have a different approach to our worship at 10.30 am with 'Questions of Faith' being the theme rather than the usual 'sermon'. The Ministry Team would like to know what questions you have that you would like explored? We're not promising easy answers, but healthy grappling with the issues of faith and life. You can Email Rev. Sally your questions (marshfield.benefice@gmail.com), phone 01225 892180, or put them at the back of church in the tray marked: 'Exploring Questions of Faith'.

The first of these services will be in the **10.30 am** service on **15th September** following Breakfast Church.

Church Hall Full English Breakfasts: are an established and popular event in Marshfield's calendar. This year these are taking place on **SUNDAY'S 11th and 18th** August from **8.00 am —10.00 am**. The cost remains at £6 for adults and £4 for children 10-14 yrs. Donations towards the raffle would be welcome. We look forward to welcoming you to this great community event

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

Home Groups: will NOT be meeting during August, and will resume at the beginning of September.

“Tormarton Faith Matters”: An informal Discussion Group open to all. For more information on future meetings please contact Rev. Sally Wheeler (892180) or Bruce Fynamore (01454 218236).

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:

- **Bunch** - for 8-11 yrs and **Thrive** - for 12-14 yrs will NOT meet in August. They will next meet on 1st September
- **“Space Academy” Holiday Club** - for 5-11 yrs meets Tuesday 20th-Friday 23rd and Sunday 25th August (*for more details see p3*)

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 Blessing Prayer - meets weekly. If you would like more details, please contact Sue Shreeve (891169) or Mike & Celia Strathdee (891001).

Chapel Programme for August

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| Sun 4th | 9.30 am | Prayer at Chapel |
| | 10.30 am | Family Service at St Mary's |
| | 6.00 pm | Rich Newman (Acts 9:1-19)) |
| Sun 11th | 10.30 am | Family Service at the Chapel |
| | 6.00 pm | Robert Simpkins (Acts 9:32 - 43) |
| Tues 13th | 10.00 am | Village Communion at the Chapel |
| Sun 18th | 10.30 am | Family Service at St Mary's |
| | 6.00 pm | tbc* (Acts 10:1 - 23) |
| Sun 25th | 10.30 am | Holiday Club Family Service at Marshfield Primary School |
| | 6.00 pm | No Evening Service |
| Sat 31st | 10.30 am | Morning Coffee at Chapel |

(* Communion service - the offerings will go to Operation Mobilisation)

Benefice Prayer Diary
Marshfield with Cold Ashton and Tormarton with West Littleton
AUGUST 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. Amen

Week 1: 1st-3rd August During the week, please pray:-

- for other Christians who live in our communities but are not part of our parish churches

Week 2: 4th-10th August During the week, please pray:-

- for the people of the parish of Marshfield, its PCC, and churchwardens
- that all the gifts God gives us - time, talents and money - are put to good use as we work to build His kingdom here
- for parents as they face the challenges and dilemmas of bringing up their children

Week 3: 11th-17th August During the week, please pray :-

- for the people of the parish of Tormarton, its PCC, and churchwarden
- that we may have the humility to respect and learn from people of all generations. May the enthusiasm of the young inform us and the wisdom of the old guide us in our journey through life
- for all those who feel "trapped" - by illness, addictions, poverty, broken relationships or in other ways

Week 4: 18th-24th August During the week, please pray:-

- for the people of the parish of West Littleton, for its PCC and for their churchwarden
- for our linked CMS mission partners Jimmy and Katia Rocks as they continue to develop their ministry of outreach in Brazil
- for all who seek to show God's saving love in action to those in need

Week 5: 25th-31st August During the week, please pray:-

- for the clergy and people of our link Diocese of Mukono, Uganda
- 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. - for the people of the parish of Cold Ashton, its PCC and churchwarden
- for all those looking forward to new beginnings - whether the birth of a baby, a wedding, starting school, a new job or something else

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 August 2019

All services are from Common Worship unless otherwise stated.

Sunday 4th August (7th Sunday after Trinity)

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| 9.00 am | Holy Communion BCP | Holy Trinity, Cold Ashton | Rev A Kemp |
| 10.30 am | All Age Worship | St Mary's, Marshfield | A Gammie |
| 10.30 am | Holy Communion | St Mary Magdalene, Tormarton | Rev A Kemp |
| 6.00 pm | Evensong BCP | St Mary's, Marshfield | A Hart |

Sunday 11th August (8th Sunday after Trinity)

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| 9.00 am | Holy Communion BCP | St James West Littleton | Rev J Atwell |
| 10.30 am | All Age Worship | Marshfield Chapel | |
| 6.00 pm | Evensong BCP | St Mary's, Marshfield | C Keen |

Tuesday 13th August

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| 10.00 am | Village Communion | Marshfield Chapel | |
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Sunday 18th August (9th Sunday after Trinity)

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| 9.00 am | Holy Communion | Holy Trinity, Cold Ashton | Rev S Wheeler |
| 10.30 am | All Age Worship | St Mary's, Marshfield | A Gammie |
| 10.30 am | Family Service | St Mary Magdalene, Tormarton | Rev S Wheeler |
| 6.00 pm | Holy Communion BCP | St Mary's, Marshfield | Rev S Wheeler |

Sunday 25th August (10th Sunday after Trinity)

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| 9.00 am | Mattins | St James, West Littleton | Rev S Wheeler |
| 10.30 am | Holiday Club Service | Marshfield Primary School | Rev S Wheeler |
| 6.00 pm | Evensong BCP | St Mary's, Marshfield | Congregation |