



Cotswold Edge

July 2018

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



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Church of England

www.churchofengland.org

Information on Christian Faith

www.rejesus.co.uk/

Letter from the Ministry Team

This is what the Sovereign Lord says: "I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches ... I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken, and I will do it." Ezekiel 17: 22-24

I wonder if you feel as I do that Spring came very rapidly this year. One moment we were battling with cold and endless rain and the next moment all the trees and hedgerows shone with fresh green growth and the flowers in our garden were producing a wonderful display, particularly the roses. Now we are at mid-summer and enjoying some warm sunshine at last - though as I write this the country is being battered by storm Hector. We marvel at God's creation and enjoy the changing seasons but acknowledge that what's happening to our weather brings home to us the damage we are doing to our wonderful world as we see signs of climate change. But are we willing to take responsibility for protecting God's world, for protecting those that suffer most from the results of climate change, with rising sea levels, drought and floods?

The passage I've quoted from Ezekiel spoke to me this week of how our spiritual life too shows signs of seasonal change - and sometimes we feel battered by storms, or that we are dried up and have nothing to offer. At these times we can turn to God's promises and know that even the dry tree will flourish. This passage reminds us that God provides for all our needs and will continue to do so with our help. For those who wait on the Lord, there will be tender green shoots that will grow and bear fruit - in our own lives and in the Church communities to which we belong.

I do hope that you will enjoy the long summer days while continuing to pray for those who need protection from changes in the weather.

Aurea Hart

News for the Benefice

From the Benefice Registers:

Weddings

Sarah Wheeler and Timothy Argyle, 2nd June at St. Mary's, Marshfield

Harriet Turner and Adam Voyle, 16th June at St. Mary's, Marshfield

Funerals

June Rose Haynes (funeral & burial), 19th June at Holy Trinity, Cold Ashton

Baptisms

Li Xian Eliana Wheeler, 3rd June at St. Mary's, Marshfield

Sienna Ella Isabel Bush, 17th June at St. James, West Littleton

Thank you to everyone who helped with West Littleton Open Gardens and Marshfield Church fete last month!

Deanery Synod, June 2018- “Mission and Money”:

The focus of the Synod meeting on 21st June was on two key aspects of the strategy for the future life and growth of the church in the Bristol Diocese.

Money – Giving to God: Diocesan Advisor Clare Fussell introduced a workshop that replaces the Parish Share seminars that have been offered in recent years. The aim is to explore what it means to give to God both as churches and individuals, as well as discovering new initiatives to support Christian generosity in our churches.

We began by hearing a reflection from Eryl Spencer, Licensed Lay Minister for Chippenham with Tytherton Lucas, before taking part in a group Bible study reflecting on our response to God’s generosity. Three parishes then shared their experiences of leading various initiatives to encourage generosity as part of discipleship. These included the Parish Giving Scheme, a new way to give to church through Direct Debit; the Journey of Generosity, a resource for churches to explore Christian generosity; and Giving in Grace, a holistic stewardship programme.

If you’d like to explore your church’s stewardship practices further, please contact Clare Fussell, Giving and Resources Advisor, at clare.fussell@bristoldiocese.org or on 0117 906 0100.

Mission – Six Key Practices: This growing set of resources exists to support parishes to create connections and make disciples. It highlights six ways which this can be done and supports the sharing of ideas and good practice in each of the key areas. Chris Priddy, Head of Parish and External Relations, outlined each one for us:-

- A foundation of prayer - *underpinning all discipleship, evangelism and service*
- A culture of invitation - *encouraging people to invite others to experience Christian community*
- Creative, family-focused expressions of church - *engaging with families through relevant, accessible worship and discipleship*
- Opportunities to explore the Christian faith - *enabling people to ask questions and respond to the Good News*
- Small groups for whole life discipleship - *encouraging people to live out their faith in their whole lives*
- Developing the gifts of God’s people - *supporting people to discover, develop and use their God-given gifts*

For more information, Chris can be contacted at chris.priddy@bristoldiocese.org.

Diary, Notices and Events for July

Marshfield

Mother's Union: The local branch meets on Tuesday 17th July at 2.30 pm, in Marshfield Church Hall.

Church Hall breakfasts: will be back in August. More details to follow in next month's issue..

"Parenting Teenagers": A course will be starting on 17th September for 5 weeks. If you are interested please contact Janet Spence at janetfspence@btinternet.com

Teambuilders Holiday Club: Trevor Ranger will be running a Holiday Club for 5 - 11 year olds at Marshfield Primary School from **Tuesday August 21st to Friday August 24th from 10.00am to 12 noon** each day, with a final session on Sunday morning, August 26th at 10.30 am for all the family. The Club is entitled "TEAMBUILDERS". The Holiday Club is organized by Marshfield Churches. Application forms will be circulated via the school during Term 6 and further information and application forms are available from Molly Williams Tel: 891302 or from Artingstall's. Put the dates in your diaries now.

Children's Society: Jean Purnell & Elizabeth Redman wish to thank all box holders who held boxes in aid of The Children's Society. The total collected over the past year amounted to £349.40. The Society continues to raise around £1.6 million towards their work with disadvantaged children and young people.

Advance Notice - Marshfield Church August services: With many away during the month of August, Sunday morning services are shared between Marshfield Chapel and St. Mary's Church, Marshfield, alternating between the two. More details to follow in next month's issue of "Cotswold Edge"



Marshfield Breakfast Church

Join us monthly for café-style family worship

Starting this Autumn!

8.30am - 9.15am in church

16th September, 21st October, 18th November



Start your Sunday off on the right note!
Worship, bacon butties and real coffee...
Sports players come in your kit - match ready!



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

Home Groups: Home Groups will continue their normal meeting patterns as follows:-

- 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 8.00 pm at 86 High St. (Richard & Sue Shreeve, 891169). **Please Note:** change of day
- 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 10.00 am at Willow House, W Littleton Rd (Aurea & Christopher Hart, 891453).

“Faith Matters”: An informal Discussion Group open to all, meeting at 7.30 pm at Tormarton Court. For more information on the meeting in July, please contact Rev. Sally Wheeler (892180)

Edward Bear Toddler Time: This meets on **each** Friday, 10.30 -11.30 am at Marshfield Chapel. There is playtime, a messy craft table and snacks from 10.30 am. On alternate weeks we start with a short Bible story and songs. All pre-school children with their parents /carers are welcome.

Youth Groups: Bunch - for 8-12 yr olds meets on Sunday 1st July, 5.00 pm in Marshfield Church Hall. **Thrive** - for teenagers meets on Sunday 15th July, 7.15 pm in the Vicarage.

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 July

Sun 1st	9.30am	Prayer at Chapel
	10.30am	Tim Lewis* (Galatians 3:1 - 29)
	6.00pm	James Alsop (Galatians 4:1 - 31)
Sun 8th	10.30am	Joint Service with St Mary's
	6.00pm	Paul Donovan (Own choice)
Tues 10th	10.00am	Village Communion at Marshfield Almshouses
Sun 15th	10.30am	Café Church with '4H' (Eric and Rosemary Barrett)
	6.00pm	Peter Misselbrook* (Galatians 5:1 - 26)
Sun 22nd	10.30am	David Spence (Galatians 6:1 - 18)
	6.00pm	Peter Foster (Own choice)
Sat 28th	10.30am	Morning Coffee at Chapel
Sun 29th	10.30 am	Martyn & Sheila Wheeler
	6.00pm	Martyn & Sheila Wheeler

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

Benefice Prayer Diary
Marshfield with Cold Ashton and Tormarton with West Littleton
JULY 2018

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-7th July During the week, please pray:-

- for the people of the parish of Marshfield, its PCC, and churchwardens
- for those who feel alone and lost to be shown the way to faith
- for other Christians who live in our community but are not part of our parish churches

Week 2: 8th-14th July During the week, please pray:-

- for the people of the parish of Tormarton, its PCC, and churchwarden
- for the growth of our faith and fellowship, through the occasions when we meet during the week as well as when we share in worship on Sunday
- that, in a season of fruitfulness in nature, you too may reflect the fruits of the Holy Spirit - love, peace, faithfulness, joy, goodness, gentleness, patience, self-control and kindness
- in the words of the Bible Reading Fellowship Prayer, that "all who prayerfully read your word will deepen their fellowship with each other through your love".

Week 3: 15th-21st July During the week, please pray :-

- for the people of the parish of West Littleton, its PCC and churchwardens
- that our churches will be welcoming and accessible to all in their communities
- for our local branch of the Mothers' Union and for the world-wide work of MU in providing Christian care and support for family life

Week 4: 22nd-28th July During the week, please pray:-

- for the people of the parish of Cold Ashton, its PCC and churchwarden
- for the children and parents you know - that, whatever the challenges of circumstances facing them, they will be able to enjoy a stable family life
- for the Benefice Ministry Team members - Rev Sally Wheeler, Rev Lynne Godfrey, Andrew Gammie, Aurea Hart, Charles Keene and Mike Strathdee.

Week 5: 29th-31st July During the week, please pray:-

- for our newly appointed diocesan Bishop, Vivienne Faull , our suffragan Bishop Lee Rayfield, and for the staff that support them in leading this diocese
- for the clergy and people of our link Diocese of Mukono, Uganda

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 July 2018

All services are from Common Worship unless otherwise stated.

Sunday 1st July (Trinity 5)

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

Sunday 8th July (Trinity 6)

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

Tuesday 10th July

10.00 am	Village Communion	Marshfield Almshouses	
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Sunday 15th July (Trinity 7)

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity, Cold Ashton	Rev S Wheeler
10.30 am	Morning Worship*	St Mary's, Marshfield	M Strathdee
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 22nd July (Trinity 8)

9.00 am	Holy Communion BCP	St James, West Littleton	Rev S Wheeler
10.30 am	Holy Communion*	St Mary's, Marshfield	Rev S Wheeler
6.00 pm	Evensong BCP	St Mary's, Marshfield	Rev S Wheeler & C Keen
6.00 pm	Evening Praise	Holy Trinity, Cold Ashton	A Hart

Sunday 29th July (Trinity 9)

9.00 am	Ben. Communion BCP	Holy Trinity, Cold Ashton	Rev L Godfrey
10.30 am	Ben. Family Worship	St Mary's, Marshfield	A Gammie

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