



Cotswold Edge

June 2019

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



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Tormarton www.tormarton.org

West Littleton www.westlittleton.com

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

I went to see Keith the other day. He is a drug addict in recovery who has become a good friend. I first met him when he was introduced to me at the addiction drop-in I was managing. He was in quite a mess and could not stop crying. I introduced myself and asked him what he wanted me to do for him. Through his tears - which I discovered were of frustration - he told me that he desperately needed to tell people about Jesus. I was a bit taken aback as that was not exactly the response I normally get or was expecting!

Over the months and years that followed Keith made a good recovery but he was also able to talk to anyone in the drop-in who was willing to hear about Jesus. Since then I have taken Keith to tell his story to others. He has had little education and struggles with some mental health issues but the love of Jesus shines out from him as he speaks with passion, fluency and wisdom beyond his natural abilities. He has been and continues to be a blessing to me and many others.

This month we celebrate the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit filled the disciples in a rather spectacular and dramatic way. At the time, some spectators assumed the disciples were drunk, though why they thought drunkenness would enable men to speak fluently in foreign languages they did not know, I have no idea. I suppose they were just trying to explain the irrational by rational means.

Many still try to rationalise the Holy Spirit or even deny his presence and power, but He continues to work through people today, sometimes quietly and sometimes dramatically - people like Keith or indeed you or me.

Mike Strathdee

News from the Diocese, Deanery and Benefice

From the Benefice Registers:

To date there have been no Weddings, Baptisms or Funerals in May.

“Thy Kingdom Come”:

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses ...to the ends of the earth. When he had said this...he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight...Then they returned to Jerusalem ... and were constantly devoting themselves to prayer... When the day of Pentecost had come they were all together in one place... All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit... and that day about three thousand persons were added.” (Acts 1, 2)

“Thy Kingdom Come” is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. What started out as an invitation from the Archbishops' of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.

After the very first Ascension Day the disciples gathered with Mary, constantly devoting themselves to prayer while they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Like them, our reliance on the gift of the Holy Spirit is total - on our own we can do nothing.

During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, from Ascension Day to Pentecost, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will

- Deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ
- Pray for God's spirit to work in the lives of those they know
- Come to realise that every aspect of their life is the stuff of prayer

In the words of Archbishop Justin Welby: *"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities."*

In the Benefice, we will be taking part in "Thy Kingdom Come" 2019:-

- at a special service, 7.30 pm at St Mary's, Marshfield on 30th May, Mary's to mark Ascension Day and launch the novena (9 days) of prayer based on the Archbishop's call to pray the Lord's Prayer intentionally seeking His Kingdom in our local communities and for people we know and care about.
- at the Beacon Event, taking place on 2nd June from 7.00 pm- 8:30 pm at Bristol Cathedral. The heart of the night is to bring people to pray together for God's kingdom to come in communities across the Diocese. Bishop Viv and Esther Swaffield (Esther is head of International Justice Mission England) are the speakers.

"The Filling Station": This is a nationwide movement, using monthly mid-week evening 'celebration' meetings held in non-church venues. The Filling Station offers high quality speakers and teachers, contemporary sung worship and powerful, accessible prayer ministry.

The local Filling Station meets monthly on the 4th Wednesday evening, 7.30 pm at Doynton Village Hall. The speaker on June 26th will be Rev David Parr, Vicar of Swainswick and Woolley. David will be speaking on "Beautiful Feet".

Genesis "Leap of Faith": Do you fancy a challenge that will make a difference to the lives of disadvantaged people in Bath? Abseil from the Bath Abbey Tower on Saturday 15th June and raise money for Genesis Trust and the Abbey Footprint Project. It's £30 to register and we ask for £150 to be raised through sponsorship or other fundraising activities. Open to all (over 14). For information and to book a place visit the Genesis Trust website <http://genesistrust.org.uk/leap-of-faith/>

Deanery Synod: The next meeting is on Thursday 6th June, 7.00 pm at St Peter's, Chippenham and includes a speaker from the Bible Society. All are invited to attend.

Healing Ministry Deanery Training: at St Mary's, Marshfield, on 29th June, 9.30 am-1.30 pm. All are welcome to this training event.

Diary, News and Events for June

Marshfield

Mothers' Union: The local branch meets on **Tuesday 19th June, 2.30 pm** in **Marshfield Church Hall**.

Church Fete: is on **Saturday 22nd June @ 2.00 pm**. This will be held again in the beautiful grounds of the Old Vicarage by kind permission of Quentin & Carol Woodley. We are hoping that this year's Fete will raise a substantial amount so that repairs to the Church Clock can commence in September. There will be many stalls and sideshows awaiting customers together with delicious teas in a beautiful garden, listening to Marshfield Band. Can you help with any donations, please? Required are Cakes, Puddings and Pies (Frozen fruit), Antiques (no jumble please), Flowers, Plants, Toys, Lucky Dips (adults and children), Books, Unwanted unused gifts, Raffle Prizes and Bottles (all varieties). Donations can be left at Country Stores or Artingstall's Butchers (thanks to Sally F. and Rodney) both in High Street.

Family Boules Night: Marshfield Chapel invite you to a Family Boules Night on **Wednesday 12th June, 7.00 pm** at the **Chapel**. Hot dogs are provided, but please bring your own drinks.

Tormarton

Big Tea: on **Saturday 8th June** at the **Village Hall** from **2 pm**. The Village Hall and Pond Committees have joined forces to organise what promises to be a fun filled fundraising event suitable for everyone. Lots of activities including a penalty shoot-out, quiz, nature trail, raffle and children's craft table plus a family rounders match and live entertainment. Entry is free (cash bar and refreshments for sale).

West Littleton

Open Gardens: The gardens in West Littleton will be open on **Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th June, 2.00 pm to 5.30 pm**. Entry will be £5 (children free). Teas and homemade cakes will be available, as well as a plant sale. Proceeds to the church. On Sunday there will be a Choral evensong at 6pm to close the weekend event.

Cold Ashton

Cold Ashton PCC: meets on **Monday 3rd June, 8.00 pm** in the **Parish Hall**.

Bible Study group: meets on **Thursday 13th June at 10.30 am**.

Strawberry Cream Tea: Please join us for a at Cold Ashton Church on **Sunday 16th June, 2.30-4.30 pm**.

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

Home Groups: during June they will meet as follows:-

- 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 8.00 pm at 86 High St (contact Richard & Sue Shreeve, 891169)
- Thursdays 6th & 27th, 10.30 am at Willow House, W Littleton Rd (contact Aurea & Christopher Hart, 891453). They we will continue to follow the Bible Society course "Jesus the Jew".

"Tormarton Faith Matters": An informal Discussion Group open to all. For more information on the June meeting 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 meets on Sunday 2nd June, 5.30-6.30 pm in the Church Hall.
- **Thrive** - for 12-14 yrs meets on Sunday 2nd June, 7.30-8.30 pm in the Church Hall.

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 June

Sun 2nd	9.30 am	Prayer at Chapel
	10.30 am	Rich Newman* (Ascension)
	6.00 pm	David Spence (Acts1:15-26)
Sun 9th	10.30 am	Joint Pentecost Service at St Mary's
	6.00 pm	Andrew Gammie (Acts 2:1-21)
Tues 11th	10.00 am	Village Communion at St Mary's
Sun 16th	10.30 am	Peter Foster (Come and Share)
	6.00 pm	Rev Sally Wheeler* (Own choice)
Sun 23rd	10.30 am	Rich Newman(Acts 3:1 - 16)
	6.00 pm	Trevor Brain (Acts 3:17-4:4)
Sat 29th	10.30 am	Morning Coffee at Chapel
Sun 30th	10.30 am	Rich Newman (Acts 4:5-22)
	6.00 pm	Rich Newman (Acts 4:23-37)

(* Communion services- the offerings will go to "4H")

Benefice Prayer Diary
Marshfield with Cold Ashton and Tormarton with West Littleton
JUNE 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-8th June During the week, please pray:-

- Pray for other Christians who live in our community but are not part of our parish churches
- for the people of the parish of Marshfield, its PCC and churchwardens
- on World Environment Day (*Wednesday*), asking for God's forgiveness for any harm we have done to His creation
- for family and friends who need a kindling of faith and to know the love of Christ in their lives

Week 2: 9th-15th June During the week, please pray:-

- for the people of the parish of Tormarton, its PCC and churchwarden
- that all the gifts God gives us - time, talents and money - are put to good use as we work to build His kingdom here
- or our linked CMS mission partners, the Rocks family, as they continue to develop their ministry of outreach in one of the areas of Brazil that is most in need
- giving thanks for those who give so willingly, caring for others in our communities
- "*A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed*" (*Proverbs 11:25*).

Week 3: 16th-22nd June During the week, please pray :-

- for the people of the parish of West Littleton, its PCC and churchwarden
- for all new fathers as they take on a shared responsibility for a new life. May they seek God's help in bringing up their children to be good citizens and to follow him
- for the work of "chaplains" - in the Services, in hospitals and prisons and in places where people work
- for the Benefice Ministry Team members and their ministry to us

Week 4: 23rd-30th June During the week, please pray:-

- for the people of the parish of Cold Ashton, its PCC and churchwarden
- for those whose lives have been ravaged by drug abuse and for those helping them to salvage hope and a future
- for Bishops Vivienne Faull, 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 June 2019

All services are from Common Worship unless otherwise stated.

Sunday 2nd June (7th Sunday of Easter)

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

Sunday 9th June (PENTECOST)

9.00 am	Holy Communion BCP	St Mary's Marshfield	Rev S Wheeler
10.30 am	Morning Worship*	St Mary's, Marshfield	Rev L Godfrey
6.00 pm	Benefice Choral Evensong	St James, West Littleton	Rev S Wheeler

Tuesday 11th June

10.30 am	Village Communion	St Mary's, Marshfield	
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Sunday 16th June (TRINITY SUNDAY)

8.30 am	Breakfast Church	St Mary's, Marshfield	A Gammie
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	M Strathdee
6.00 pm	Holy Communion BCP	St Mary's, Marshfield	Rev S Wheeler

Sunday 23rd June (1st Sunday after Easter)

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
5.00 pm	Teatime Church	Holy Trinity, Cold Ashton	Rev S Wheeler
6.00 pm	Evensong BCP	St Mary's, Marshfield	C Keen

Sunday 30th June (2nd Sunday after Trinity)

10.30 am	Benefice Family Communion & Baptism	St Mary's, Marshfield	Rev S Wheeler
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**Kids Club at St Mary's, Marshfield*