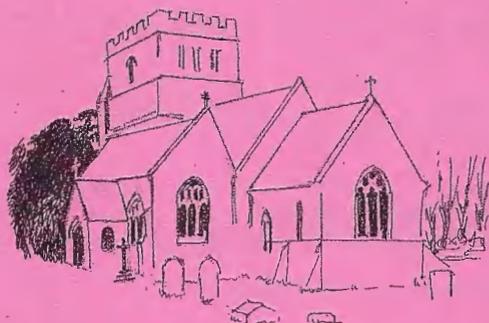


Cotswold Edge

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



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Marshfield and Cold Ashton are both on [Facebook](#)

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

October is the month we celebrate harvest with our thanksgiving services when we marvel at the fruitfulness of this extraordinary earth, and thank God for it.

Jesus spoke of harvest in another sense. As he travelled from place to place, he had compassion on the crowds he met, seeing them as sheep, scattered and weary without a shepherd. He compared them to a harvest for which there were too few labourers. So, he sent out his disciples, giving them the power and authority to do what he was doing – healing the sick and telling people about God's kingdom.

In last month's Cotswold Edge, Sally wrote about us becoming disciples today. She explained that of six recognised ways of becoming a disciple, prayer is foundational. I would like to add one of the other ways – the power of invitation.

When Jesus was taken into heaven he called to his followers to make disciples everywhere. That can really only happen by encouraging people to find out for themselves. One way to do that is to invite a friend or family member to church. It is quite rare for people spontaneously to go to church for the first time on their own. If you are a churchgoer think back to how you first came to church – probably with a parent or close friend who brought you with them. My own Christian journey for example was dependent on an invitation to an Alpha course which changed my life. What about inviting someone to the next Alpha which will be running here in Marshfield from next January?

We may not all have the confidence to tell people about the good news of Jesus but we do have the power to invite people to hear about it for themselves. To disciple is to invite – it has the power to change lives.

Mike Strathdee

News for the Benefice

From the Benefice Registers:

Weddings

Victoria Shaw and Edward Woodmore, 1st September at St. Mary's, Marshfield

Victoria Owen and William Crawshaw, 1st September at St. Mary's, Marshfield

Caroline Wakefield and Andrew Westall, 15th September at St. Mary's, Marshfield

Baptisms

Kelly Smith, Brooklyn, Clay, Jonny and Riley Ayres, 2nd September at St. Mary Magdalene, Tormarton

Albert 'Bertie' Twist, 16th September at St. Mary's, Marshfield

Funerals

Irene Cook 24th August at St Mary's Marshfield

Bill Russell, 6th September at Chippenham Cemetery Chapel

William Earle, Memorial and burial of ashes on 8th September at Beanacre

Enthronment Service for Right Reverend Vivienne Faull as Bishop of Bristol will take place on 20th October in Bristol Cathedral. Please hold Bishop Viv and her husband Michael in your prayers.

Time for a Change: As we enter a new season, Revd Dr Emma Ineson, Principal of Trinity College Bristol and Bishop Designate of Penrith, thinks about life's many changes.

"Change is in the air. We feel it particularly keenly at this time of year. After the long, hot summer, trees are beginning to turn, and daylight hours are shortening. Children are going back to school, and young people heading off to universities, colleges and new places of work. At Trinity College where I am currently Principal, we will shortly welcome a new cohort of students, ready to start their training for ordained and lay ministries. And in this Diocese, we look forward to welcoming our new Bishop, Viv, very soon.

Someone once said: "Constant change is here to stay".

I am one of those who loves change; all things new and different. I enjoy seeing the possibilities change brings. Others find change less appealing and prefer to stick with the known solidity of past certainties. But we need both. To embrace change fully, to know where we're heading, we need to know where we've come from, and what remains the same. CS Lewis said: "*Mere change is not growth. Growth is the synthesis of change and continuity, and where there is no continuity there is no growth*".

Even if you are someone, like me, who embraces change eagerly, it is important to remember that as we look forward to new things, we're always building on the past, familiar ways. In all of life's changes, this Autumn and beyond, may we know the secure continuity of our God who does not change (*James 1.17*), and yet whose mercies are new every morning (*Lamentations 3.23*)".

MaintenanceBooker: is a new website set up to help keep historic churches safe for the future. Set up by the National Churches Trust and 2buy2, MaintenanceBooker (www.maintenancebooker.org.uk) helps churches to prevent problems such as leaking roofs and crumbling stonework.

Churches can use the website to get professional help for essential maintenance tasks, thereby preventing the need for expensive repairs. They can book gutter clearance and repairs, lightning protection inspection, tree surveys and maintenance as well as asbestos surveys and removal. More services will be added later in the year, such as stonework and lime mortaring with bat surveys, and grounds and graveyard maintenance in the pipeline.

For many churches the cost of maintenance can be a major barrier to keeping their building in good repair, so users of MaintenanceBooker can obtain **Preventative Maintenance Micro-Grants** to help pay for the cost of gutter clearance. The service will be available throughout England and Wales from Monday 3 September 2018.

(These 2 items appear on the Diocesan website)

Diary, Notices and Events for October

Marshfield

Mothers' Union: The local branch meets on Tuesday 16th October at 2.30 pm in Marshfield Church Hall.

Gift Day: On **Saturday October 20th** we will be holding our annual Gift Day from **10am until 3.0pm** in **St Mary's, Marshfield** . We are hoping that we will have the new audio visual screen working so that its potential can be seen. There will be tea and coffee available throughout the day. Letters will be going out to every household in Marshfield to invite them to come along.

What? you may say, yet more appeals for money! There is a constant demand on our resources and we estimate that we will need about £40,000 in the near future to cover the structural issues raised by our recent 5-yearly inspection. So everything, large or small, helps.

Men's Skittles: Skittlers meet monthly on Wednesday evenings from October to March at Marshfield Church Hall. The 2018-9 season starts on **Wednesday 17th October** and new players are very welcome to join in the fun.

M.Y.Space (Marshfield Youth): A new group for those in years 10 or above (14yr+) met in September and dates will be announced for later on in the year. Please contact Rev Sally Wheeler (892180) for more information.

West Littleton

Harvest Festival and Supper: The Harvest Festival Service will be held at **6.00 pm** on **Sunday 14th October**. This will be a full Choral Evensong. Any fruit and vegetables or tinned items which are brought to the church for Harvest will be taken to the Sisters of the Church in Bristol for distribution. After the service the Harvest Supper will be hosted by David and Elizabeth Sandeman at Harcombe Farm Barn.

Tormarton

Harvest Festival and Lunch: The Harvest Festival Service will be held at **10.30 am** on **Sunday 7th October**. There will be a collection of fresh, tinned and dried foods for the Sisters of the Church who are providing weekly food parcels for the needy in Bristol. The Harvest Lunch follows on at 12 noon in the Parish Hall (tickets - adults £8; children (under 10) £4; young children free).

Cold Ashton

Harvest Festival and Supper: The Harvest Festival Service will be held at **9.00 am** on **Sunday 7th October**. The Harvest Supper will take place on **Friday 12th October** in the Parish Hall.

Tea Time Celebration: on **28th October** we have a new **5 pm** service. We are looking at Messy parables and enjoying cake and drinks afterwards. All-Ages welcome!

Bible Study Group: For details of the October meeting, contact Jean Purnell (891274)

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

Home Groups: In October they 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).

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

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

Edward Bear Toddler Time: This meets on **each 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 yr olds meets on Sunday, 7th October, 5.30-6.30 pm in Marshfield Church Hall. **Thrive** - for those in school years 7-9 (8yr+) will be meeting on Sunday, 7th October, 7.30-8.30 pm at the Church Hall.

Please Note: any teenagers and young adults are invited to **“Movement”**, **6.30 - 8.00 pm** on **4th November** at **St. Paul's Church, Chippenham SN15 1PS** (Rev Sally is happy to organise transport). Details can be found on wearemovement.net.

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 October

Sun 7th	9.30am	Prayer at Chapel
	10.30am	David Spence* (Ephesians 4:1-5:2)
	6.00pm	John Schofield (Own choice)
Tues 9th	10.00am	Village Communion at Marshfield Chapel
Sun 14th	10.30am	Cafe Church with Trevor Ranger
	6.00pm	Jim Davis (Ephesians 5:2-20)
Sun 21st	10.30am	James Alsop (Ephesians 5:21-6:9)
	6.00pm	Mike Strathdee* (Ephesians 6:10-24)
Sat 27th	10.30 am	TearFund Coffee Morning at Chapel
Sun 28th	10.30 am	Tim Lewis (Colossians 1:1-29)
	6.00 pm	Ray Avent (Colossians 2:1 - 23)

(* Communion services- the offerings will go to Open Air Mission)

Benefice Prayer Diary
Marshfield with Cold Ashton and Tormarton with West Littleton
OCTOBER 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-6th October During the week, please pray:-

- for the people of the parish of Marshfield, its PCC and churchwardens
- for all those who are parenting, caring for and nurturing the children in our communities
- that Christian teachers and pupils would know God's presence with them at school

Week 2: 7th-13th October During the week, please pray:-

- for the people of the parish of Tormarton, its PCC and churchwarden
- for other Christians who live in our community but are not part of our parish churches
- that we all may find time each day to "*be still and know that I am God*".
- for the work of the youth organisations in our communities

Week 3: 14th-20th October During the week, please pray :-

- for the people of the parish of West Littleton, its PCC and churchwardens
- for Chippenham Deanery Synod and its oversight and support of local parishes
- for the worlds needy people and for those working to "make poverty history"
(Wednesday is The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty)
- for those facing long-term or life-threatening illness, and those who care for them in a hospital, hospice or at home

Week 4: 21st-27th October During the week, please pray:-

- for the people of the parish of Cold Ashton, its PCC and churchwarden
- for all those who feel "trapped" - by illness, addictions, poverty, broken relationships or in other ways
- for the Benefice Ministry Team members - Rev Sally Wheeler, Rev Lynne Godfrey, Andrew Gammie, Aurea Hart, Charles Keen and Mike Strathdee

Week 5: 28th-31st October 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 October 2018

All services are from Common Worship unless otherwise stated.

Sunday 7th October (Trinity 19)

9.00 am	Holy Communion BCP (Harvest)	Holy Trinity, Cold Ashton	Rev S Wheeler
10.30 am	Morning Worship	St Mary's, Marshfield	A Gammie
10.30 am	Harvest Festival	St Mary Magdalene, Tormarton	Rev L Godfrey
6.00 pm	Evensong BCP	St Mary's, Marshfield	Congregation

Tuesday 9th October

10.00 am	Village Communion	Almshouses, Marshfield
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Sunday 14th October (Trinity 20)

9.00 am	Holy Communion BCP	St Mary's, Marshfield	Rev S Wheeler
10.30 am	Morning Worship*	St Mary's, Marshfield	M Strathdee
6.00 pm	Harvest Festival Evensong BCP	St James, West Littleton	Rev S Wheeler

Sunday 21st October (Trinity 21)

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	Rev S Wheeler
10.30 am	Family Service	St Mary Magdalene, Tormarton	A Hart
6.00 pm	Holy Communion BCP	St Mary's, Marshfield	Rev L Godfrey

Sunday 28rd October (Bible Sunday)

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	Tea Time Celebration	Holy Trinity, Cold Ashton	Rev S Wheeler
6.00 pm	Choral Evensong BCP	St Mary's, Marshfield	A Hart

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

Connecting with God, Each other and our Community
In the Name of Christ

