



# Cotswold Edge

September 2018

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



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[www.marshfieldchurch.org](http://www.marshfieldchurch.org)

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

[www.bristol.anglican.org/](http://www.bristol.anglican.org/)

Church of England

[www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org)

Information on Christian Faith

[www.rejesus.co.uk/](http://www.rejesus.co.uk/)

**Letter from the Ministry Team**  
**“Creating Connections with God, Each other and our Community**  
**in Christ’s Name”**

One of the three Priorities for Bristol Diocese is ‘**making disciples**’.

Maybe you find that term hard to apply to yourself in an English village in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century; after all wasn’t ‘disciple’ the word used in the New Testament for the first followers of Jesus, especially the Twelve Disciples? Does it apply to us today in our church life?

Well, yes it does, as anyone who commits his or her life to Jesus becomes His ‘disciple’, someone embarking on a lifetime of learning to find out what it means to follow Jesus: how to trust in Him, to listen for His guidance, to obey His teachings, to love as He loves, forgive as He forgives, to pray in His Name, and to experience His Presence and power through the work of the Holy Spirit.

Being a disciple is about adopting an attitude of learning that is then worked out in daily life. Being Jesus’ disciple is about taking time to learn about Him, learn from Him - through His life and teaching, and learn with Him, through prayer and practical steps of faith.

There are six recognised ways in which Christians become disciples and see their faith in Jesus impact all areas of their life. The first and most important of these is prayer: As Church, and as individuals, prayer should be the foundation of our faith, underpinning all we do. It is an amazing gift which strengthens our relationship with God and each other.

It is so good to see that as well as intercessions being offered in church, people are also taking time at the end of our services to pray with one another about difficulties being faced, decisions to be made, or personal situations they long to see God move in. This happens in our small groups too, and we need to feel more confident about praying for and with others as well as by ourselves.

Most importantly, we need to model for our children and grandchildren the power of prayer and the importance of bringing their needs to God, in the knowledge that He cares for them and us, in issues big and small.

So, step one of both being and helping others become disciples, is to build up our prayer life, and partner with God in a life-changing way.

Let us pray!

Rev. Sally Wheeler

## **News for the Benefice**

### **From the Benefice Registers:**

There were no Weddings in August

### **Funerals**

Sally Burgess, 15<sup>th</sup> August at Holy Trinity, Cold Ashton

Margaret Snelgrove, burial of ashes on 21<sup>st</sup> August at St. Mary Magdalene, Tormarton

Irene Cook, 24<sup>th</sup> August at St. Mary’s, Marshfield with burial at Marshfield Cemetery

### **Baptisms**

Ella Jones, 19<sup>th</sup> August at St. Mary Magdalene, Tormarton

**Things I have learnt:** Chris Priddy took up the post of Head of Parish and External Relations at the Diocese of Bristol on 1st September 2015. Recently he has shared some of the things he has learnt during the last three years:-

- The six practices of 'Making disciples in your parish' are a strong foundation to build upon.
- It's not a competition - God is not calling you to replicate the church down the road, He is calling you to be the church He is calling you to be.
- A poster on a church noticeboard is not as effective as an invitation offered from one person to another.
- First impressions - signage, entrance-way, information board and general tidiness matter.
- Websites are often peoples first connection to the church - having up to date information, photos and helpful visitor information on them is essential.
- We must seek to equip disciples to live their everyday lives as followers of Christ and flee from being an exclusive club that people attend once a week
- Often the best ideas are the simplest - look for the easy wins.
- We all have something to offer, a good idea, a story, or some helpful advice to encourage our Brothers and Sisters in Christ

*(the full list can be found on the Diocesan website)*

## **Benefice Harvest Celebrations:**

### **Marshfield**

- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September, Bring & Share Harvest Supper, 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm - 9.30 pm at Marshfield Community Centre
- Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September, 10.30 am Harvest All Age Worship
- Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September, 6.00 pm Harvest Evensong

### **Tormarton**

- Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October, 10.30 am Harvest Festival, followed by Harvest Lunch

### **West Littleton**

- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 6.00 pm Harvest Festival, followed by the Harvest Supper.

### **Cold Ashton**

- 7<sup>th</sup> October, 9.00 am Harvest Festival
- 12<sup>th</sup> October, Harvest Supper in the Parish Hall *(details to be confirmed)*



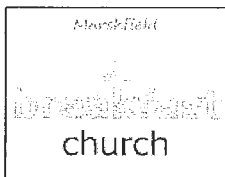
# Diary, Notices and Events for September

## Marshfield

**Mothers' Union:** The local branch meets on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30 pm in Marshfield Church Hall.

**Full Choral Evensong at St Mary's:** Do come along to St Mary's at 6.00 pm on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September for a special Choral Evensong. The service will include anthems by Thomas Tallis and Orlando Gibbons performed by an enlarged choir. Your prayers and support would be really valued as we build this 'occasional choir' to support worship in the Benefice. If you would like to sing with us, please get in touch with Peter Woodward Tel: 07973 157587 or peterwoodward@questnet.co.uk.

**Audio Visual upgrade:** Good news - the large TV screen to use in some services and for small groups can now be bought, thanks to the generosity of donations from church members. A huge thank you!



## **Marshfield Breakfast Church**

Join us monthly for café-style family worship

**Starting this Autumn!**

**8.30am - 9.15am in church**

**16<sup>th</sup> September, 21<sup>st</sup> October, 18<sup>th</sup> November**



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



**An Evening of English Song:** Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September: with Luana Godwin and Jules Addison, 7.30 pm at St Mary's, Marshfield. Admission on the door £12 (with refreshments).

**Marshfield's Big Harvest Supper!** Please come and join us on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 6 for 6.30pm-9.30pm** at **Marshfield Community Centre**. There will be music from Uke Can't Be Serious and Marshfield Male Voice Choir as well as a Table Picture Quiz. Tickets will be available from Artingstalls' Butchers. For more information please contact Melanie Hardy (891962)

## Cold Ashton

**PCC:** meets on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 8.00 pm in Cold Ashton Parish Hall.

**Bible Study Group:** meets on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30 am; contact Jean Purnell on 891274 for details.

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

**Home Groups:** In September 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:** The group meets in September on Wednesdays 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. For details of venues, 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. 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 8-11 yr olds meets on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 5.30-6.30 pm in Marshfield Church Hall.

**Thrive** - for teenagers will relaunch in September

**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 September

<b>Sun 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	9.30am	Prayer at Chapel
	10.30am	David Spence* (Philippians 1:1 - 30)
	6.00pm	Robert Simpkins (Philippians 2:1 - 30)
<b>Sun 9<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am	Join with St Mary's
	6.00pm	Steve Whitaker (Philippians 3:1- 4:2)
<b>Tues 11<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	Village Communion at St Mary's
<b>Sun 16<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am	Songs of Praise (Peter Foster)
	6.00pm	Aurea Hart* (Philippians 4:3 - 23)
<b>Sun 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	10.30 am	Michael Paton (Ephesians 1:! - 23)
	6.00 pm	John McNicol (Ephesians 2:1 - 22)
<b>Sat 29<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30 am	Morning Coffee at Chapel
<b>Sun 30<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30 am	Harvest Service (at St Mary's) & Harvest Lunch
	6.00pm	Trevor Brain (Ephesians 3:1 - 21)

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

**Benefice Prayer Diary**  
**Marshfield with Cold Ashton and Tormarton with West Littleton**  
**SEPTEMBER 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: 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> September** During the week, please 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
- or all those who earn their living within the Benefice. Pray also for those seeking work, changing jobs or starting work for the first time.

**Week 2: 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> September** During the week, please pray:-

- for the unity of God's people worldwide, and that we may show respect and understanding in our relationships with those of other faiths
- for the people of the parish of Tormarton, its PCC, and churchwarden
- giving thanks to the Holy Spirit, who opens our eyes to the truth of God's Word and reveals to us the person of Jesus
- for Christian Aid, Tearfund and other Christian organisations that have long sought to share God's love through aid work. Pray in particular for their part in the fight against global poverty, injustice and disease

**Week 3: 16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> September** During the week, please pray :-

- for the people of the parish of West Littleton, its PCC and churchwardens
- that these words from Psalm 100 may be true of the times when we gather for worship - "Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth! Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy" (*Psalm 100, v1-2*)
- for our CMS mission partners Jimmy and Katia Rocks and their family as they continue to develop their ministry in one of the areas of Brazil that is most in need

**Week 4: 23<sup>rd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> September** During the week, please pray:-

- for the people of the parish of Cold Ashton, its PCC and churchwarden
- for the Benefice Ministry Team members - Rev Sally Wheeler, Rev Lynne Godfrey, Andrew Gammie, Aurea Hart, Charles Keene and Mike Strathdee Pray also for the other clergy and lay people who help maintain this ministry.
- 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 September 2018

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

### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September (Trinity 14)**

9.00 am	Holy Communion BCP	Holy Trinity, Cold Ashton	Rev S Wheeler
10.30 am	Morning Worship*	St Mary's, Marshfield	Rev L Godfrey
10.30 am	Morning Communion	St Mary Magdalene, Tormarton	Rev S Wheeler
6.00 pm	Choral Evensong BCP	St Mary's, Marshfield	P. Brunyate

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September (Trinity 15)**

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

### **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September**

10.00 am	Village Communion	St Mary's, Marshfield	
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### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September (Trinity 16)**

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

### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September (Trinity 17)**

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	C Keen
6.00 pm	Evening Praise	Holy Trinity, Cold Ashton	M Strathdee

### **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September (Trinity 18 - Harvest)**

9.00 am	Benefice Holy Communion (BCP said)	St Mary Magdalene, Tormarton	Rev S Wheeler
10.30 am	Harvest All Age Worship	St Mary's, Marshfield	A Gammie
6.00 pm	Harvest Evensong BCP	St Mary's, Marshfield	Rev S Wheeler

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