



# Cotswold Edge

February 2018

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



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#### Benefice website

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

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Tormarton & West Littleton

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

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

**‘This little light of mine, I’m going to let it shine!’**

It is always good to see the evenings getting lighter – our spirits start to lift. The church calendar in February however, encourages us to enter into sober reflection as we approach Ash Wednesday and the following weeks of Lent but on 2<sup>nd</sup> February before Lent begins, we have a celebration: the festival of Candlemass.

In Marshfield we mark Candlemass with a special service for all who have been baptised, and their families. Not surprisingly, candles play a big part in this service - as they do at a baptism. Candles are used as a sign of the new life in Jesus that is ours when we put our trust in him.

I like candles – especially in the gloomy days of winter and I have often been given them as presents – colourful ones, shaped ones and scented ones (my favourite is called ‘Log Fire’ and actually smells like one!) Last year I was given one in the shape of a fir cone and for ages I kept it in the cupboard because I didn’t want to spoil it by lighting it. But that was a waste – however cleverly designed it may be, an unlit candle is not as beautiful as one that is alight and glowing.

There is a simple message there for us too – the presence of Jesus is like a flame that lights up everything for us. Truth and love are revealed in His light, and when Jesus is invited into our lives, we are lit up and shine in a way we may not realise ourselves, but which others will notice. Just like the candle, our life starts to ‘glow’ and helps bring His Light to others.

We have a special baptism event this month when three members of one family will invite Christ’s light into their lives and we will have the privilege of saying to them the words of the baptism service: ‘Shine as a light in the world, to the glory of God the Father’.

Do remember to pray for those being baptised: this month they are: Amelia Eyre, Felicity Pryor and Rosie Pryor.

Rev Sally Wheeler

## News for the Benefice

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

There were no Weddings, Baptisms or Funerals in January

**Bristol Cathedral Social Justice Forums: Politics and the Church after Brexit and Trump:** Canon Martin Gainsborough will reflect on the insights of Martyn Percy and Giles Fraser. January 30th at 6.30pm Bristol Cathedral.

<https://bristol-cathedral.co.uk/whats-on/politics-and-the-church-after-brexit-and-trump-reflections-on-martyn-percy->

## Lent in the Benefice:



**Ash Wednesday:** Falls on 14<sup>th</sup> February and there will be 2 opportunities to meet for worship and mark the start of Lent. Services of Ashing will be 10.30 am at Cold Ashton and 8.00 pm at St. Mary's, Marshfield.

### Lent Courses:

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February, 8.00pm at 86 High Street (Richard & Sue Shreeve, 891169)

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 10.30am at Willow House, W. Littleton Rd (Aurea and Christopher Hart, 891453).

The course is called 'Eat, Pray, Share' and is a 5 session dvd-led exploration of key aspects of Communion with accompanying readings looking at the Jewish Passover and putting the Lord's Supper in the context of the traditions of Jesus' time on earth.

Five key aspects of Communion will be explored:

Week 1 - Community

Week 2 - Commemoration

Week 3 - Covenant

Week 4 - Celebration

Week 5 – Commitment



**Lent Lunches:** will be held on the following Saturdays:-

24<sup>th</sup> February - St. Mary's

3<sup>rd</sup> March - Marshfield Chapel

10<sup>th</sup> March - St. Mary's

17<sup>th</sup> March - Marshfield Chapel and

24<sup>th</sup> March - St. Mary's

All are welcome to share in a lunch of home-made soup, bread and cheese.

The proceeds of the lunches will be given to Tearfund.

**“Count Your Blessings”:** Each Lent, Christian Aid invites us to “count our blessings”. Their leaflet offers daily reflections to help us recall how we are blessed and an opportunity to share those blessings with others by prayer and giving.

Copies of the leaflet will be available in each of our churches. You can also download a copy at [www.caid.org.uk/lent](http://www.caid.org.uk/lent).

## Diocese Issues Statement of Needs

The Diocese of Bristol has now published its Statement of Needs, which sets out the desired profile of the next Bishop of Bristol. This document is the fruit of prayer, reflection, consultation, and hard work by members of the Vacancy in See Committee and sets out the desired profile of our new bishop, informed by our own consultation across the Diocese.

Bishop Lee said: "This is a document which honestly reflects who we are as a Diocese – the realities of our identity and context – and our desire to build on the foundations laid in recent years in going deeper, wider and further in our holiness and mission. I want to encourage our congregations to read it and to use it as we move forward in exploring the diocesan vision and priorities within our own contexts."

Printed copies of the Statement of Needs are available on request. To download a copy, visit:- [www.bristol.anglican.org/news/2018/01/11/statement-needs-published/](http://www.bristol.anglican.org/news/2018/01/11/statement-needs-published/)

In terms of the next steps in the appointment process, the Crown Nominations Committee will meet to discuss the appointment and shortlist on 1 February 2018, and meet with candidates on 12 and 13 March 2018. Assuming an appointment is made, we expect an announcement in May 2018.

## **Diary, Notices and Events for February**

### **Marshfield**

**Mothers' Union:** The local branch holds its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30 pm in Marshfield Church Hall.

**My Science, My Faith:** Have you ever wondered "How can a scientist be a Christian?" ? Know someone who has wondered that? Invite them to come with you and hear the personal answer of four Marshfield Christians (Rowan Hardy, Andrew Gammie, Janet Spence, Sam Chilcott) who work in different scientific areas, and will tell the story of 'My Science, My Faith'. This is a chance to hear their story and put your questions.

We will gather on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at the Lord Nelson Inn, Marshfield. There will be buffet snacks and a cash bar from 7.30pm for an 8.00pm - 9.00pm programme. Tickets at £5 for two to cover catering are available from any of the above, or contact Andrew (892392 or [agammie@gmail.com](mailto:agammie@gmail.com)).

**Please Note:** As Marshfield Chapel is being decorated during February, Tuesday Village Prayer/ Village Communion and the Friday Edward Bear Toddler Church will be held at Kuchana, 11 St Martin's Lane (Janet & David Spence)

### **West Littleton**

**Madrigal Concert:** The annual Madrigal Concert by the Bristol University Madrigal Ensemble will be held at St James's Church, West Littleton on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm. Tickets not required – there will be a retiring collection after the concert. Supper following the concert at Cadwell Hill Barn (£10 at the door). For further information please contact David Adams on 01225 891100.

### **Cold Ashton**

**Bible Study Group:** The group meets on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 10.30 am. For details of the venue, please contact Jean Purnell (891274)

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

**Home Groups:** Home Groups normally meet as follows:-

- 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 8.00pm at 86 High St. (Richard & Sue Shreeve, 891169)
- 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 10.00am at Willow House, W Littleton Rd (Aurea & Christopher Hart, 891453).

Starting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday/Thursday in February, both groups will be following the Lent course (see "News for the Benefice" for details)

**"Faith Matters":** An informal Discussion Group open to all, meeting at 7.30pm at Tormarton Court. The group will NOT be meeting in February. For more information, and details of the March date, please contact Rev. Sally Wheeler (892180)

**Edward Bear Toddler Time:** In February, this meets on **each** Friday, 10.30 -11.30 am at **11, St Martin's Lane** (due to the Chapel decorating). 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. **Note change of venue.**

**Youth Groups: Bunch** is 5.00pm on February 4<sup>th</sup> in the Church Hall for 8-12yr olds. **Thrive** is 7.00pm on February 18<sup>th</sup> at the Vicarage for teenagers. Richard Shreeve is going to take the group on a virtual journey of faith exploration.

**Teenagers and Young Adults:**The next "Movement" event is in St Paul's Chippenham, 7.00pm on 4<sup>th</sup> February. Lifts are available with Sally from the Church Hall at 6.35pm; please let Rev Sally know if you'd like to come (892180).

**Prayer Groups:** These meet as follows:-

- Village Prayers - weekly on Tuesday, 10 am - except on the 2nd Tuesday when we join in the Village Communion. In February, we will be meeting at 11, St Martin's Lane (Janet & David Spence)
- 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 February

<b>Sun 4<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am	Prayer at Chapel
	10.30am	John McNicol* (John 5:1-15)
	6.00pm	Mike Strathdee (Matthew 25:31-40)
<b>Sun 11<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am	Joint Service at St Mary's
	6.00pm	Steve Whitaker (Matthew 26:1-13)
<b>Tues 13<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00 am	Village Communion ( 11, St Martins Lane)
<b>Sun 18<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30 am	David Spence (John 6:1-15)
	6.00pm	Peter Foster* (Come and Share)
<b>Sat 24<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30 am	Morning Coffee at Chapel
<b>Sun 25<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am	Jim Davis (John 6:16-24)
	6.00pm	John McNicol (Matthew 26:17-35)

(\* Communion services- the offerings will go to the Pappa Fund)



**Benefice Prayer Diary**  
**Marshfield with Cold Ashton and Tormarton with West Littleton**  
**FEBRUARY 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>-3<sup>rd</sup> February** During the week, please pray:-

- for other Christians who live in our community but are not part of our parish churches
- that all the gifts God gives us - time, talents and money - are put to good use as we work to build His kingdom here

**Week 2: 4<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> February** During the week, please pray:-

- for the people of the parish of Marshfield, its PCC, and churchwardens
- for all families facing adversity at this time. May they know that they are never alone as Jesus is with them always
- giving thanks for all those individuals, organisations and businesses that maintain and support the life of our local communities

**Week 3: 11<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> February** During the week, please pray :-

- for the people of the parish of Tormarton, its PCC, and churchwarden
- that, during the season of Lent, you may especially committed to prayer and study - following Christ's journey to the cross and beyond
- that the Holy Spirit may enable the worldwide Church to fulfil Jesus' call to make disciples.

**Week 4: 18<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> February** During the week, please pray:-

- for the people of the parish of West Littleton, its PCC and churchwardens
- for Bishop Lee Rayfield and the Diocesan staff during the time of the vacancy and for all involved in the process of appointing a successor to Bishop Mike Hill
- that this season of Lent will be a time of spiritual renewal and refreshment - a time we use to God's praise and glory and to be symbols of his joy and love
- for the Benefice Ministry Team members and their ministry to us. Pray also for the other clergy and lay people who help maintain this ministry.

**Week 5: 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> February** During the week, please pray:-

- for the people of the parish of Cold Ashton, its PCC, and churchwardens
- 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 February 2018

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

### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February** (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent)

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

### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February** (Sunday next before Lent)

9.00 am	Holy Communion BCP	St Mary's Marshfield	Rev L Godfrey
10.30 am	All-age Worship & Baptism	St Mary's, Marshfield	Rev S Wheeler
10.30 am	Mattins BCP	St James, West Littleton	Rev C Mulholland
6.00 pm	Evensong BCP	St Mary's, Marshfield	A Gammie

### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February**

10.00 am	Village Communion	11, St Martin's Lane	
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### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February (Ash Wednesday)**

10.30 am	Morning Worship	Holy Trinity, Cold Ashton	A Hart
8.00 pm	Service of Ashing	St Mary's, Marshfield	Rev L Godfrey

### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February**(1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent))

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity, Cold Ashton	Rev I Tomkins
10.30 am	Morning Worship*	St Mary's, Marshfield	A Gammie
10.30 am	Family Service	St Mary Magdalene, Tormarton	Rev I Tomkins
6.00 pm	Holy Communion BCP	St Mary's Marshfield	Rev L Godfrey

### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February** (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent)

9.00 am	Holy Communion BCP	St James, West Littleton	Rev B Pettifer
10.30 am	Holy Communion*	St Mary's, Marshfield	Rev L. Godfrey
6.00 pm	Evensong BCP	St Mary's, Marshfield	C Keen
6.00 pm	Evening Praise	Holy Trinity, Cold Ashton	A Hart

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