



Cotswold Edge

March 2018

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



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Tormarton www.tormarton.org

Bristol Diocese

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Information on Christian Faith

www.marshfieldchurch.org

West Littleton www.westlittleton.com

www.bristol.anglican.org/

www.churchofengland.org

www.rejesus.co.uk/

Letter from the Ministry Team

In the Christian calendar we'll still be in Lent for most of March, a turning point not just in our weather, but in our spiritual lives too. We are in the Christian season of self-reflection and a focus on the 'inward disciplines' that, in turn, gives way to the glorious celebration of Easter Day.

In between that period of penitence and Easter we have several important markers: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday. We re-enact Jesus being heralded by shouts of 'Allelujah' and palm branches being waved as he travels into Jerusalem, yet this jubilation is soon followed by a dramatic sea change - and it's just a matter of days before those same crowds are shouting 'crucify'. The Passion narratives lead us through the final hours of Jesus' earthly ministry: He hosts His 'Last Supper', Peter and Judas betray their loyalty, and Jesus journeys on towards the cross. From 25th to 30th March all are welcome to St Mary's to immerse yourselves in those last events of Holy Week.

Lent – is it a time to give things up – or to take things on? What things can you and I take on? The opening words of Morning Prayer from Common Worship might give us a clue:-

"We have come together in the name of Christ, to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God"

These words outline a personal "rhythm of life", not just for Sunday or for Lent, but for each day, that includes:

- Prayer – talking to God **and** listening to him
- Reading **and** reflecting on what he says to us through the Bible
- Allowing the Holy Spirit to guide and empower us
- Serving God by serving others

They also call us to "come together" – to join others in a shared journey of faith.

Paul Sawyer, on behalf of the Ministry Team

News for the Benefice

From the Benefice Registers:

Baptisms

Amelia Pryor 11th February at St Mary's Marshfield

Felicity Pryor 11th February at St Mary's Marshfield

Rosie Pryor 11th February at St Mary's Marshfield

Funerals

Jane Tomkinson 9th February at St Mary's Marshfield

Frederick Hobbs 23rd February at St Mary's Marshfield

Lent and Holy Week in the Benefice:

Lent Courses: The groups continue to meet as follows:-

Wednesdays, 7th, 14th and 21st March, 8.00pm at 86 High Street (Richard & Sue Shreeve, 891169)

Thursdays, 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd March, 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:-

3rd March - Marshfield Chapel, 12.30pm

10th March - St. Mary's, 12.30pm

17th March - Marshfield Chapel, 12.30pm

24th March - St. Mary's, 12.30pm

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 and the "Toilet Twinning" programme (to twin Marshfield toilets with new ones in Uganda)

"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 are available in each of our churches. You can also download a copy at www.caid.org.uk/lent.

Maundy Thursday: There will be a service of Communion & Stripping of the Altar at 8.00pm at St Mary's, Marshfield.

Good Friday: There will be devotional services for Good Friday as follows:-

10.30 am at St James, West Littleton; 12 noon at Holy Trinity, Cold Ashton

1.00 - 2.00pm Silent Vigil followed by Reflection with hymns at St Mary's, Marshfield

There will be a 'Colours of the Cross' All-Age Good Friday Workshop St Mary's Marshfield at 10.30am (see over for details).

There will also be a performance of Stainer's "Crucifixion" at 7.30pm in St Mary's, Marshfield

Good Friday Workshop - Colours of the Cross: We are planning a Good Friday interactive activity for children and adults with crafts, from 10.30 am at St Mary's. If there is anyone who would like to help with this, please could you let either Rev. Lynne Godfrey or Sally Wheeler know. Lynne can be contacted by email at lynne.rev@sky.com or by phone 01249 446734. We need you to make this happen!

Diary, Notices and Events for March

Marshfield

Mothers' Union: the local branch meets on Tuesday 20th March, 2.30pm, at Marshfield Church Hall.

Skittles for Men: The alley will next be open on Wednesday 21st March, 8.00 pm at Marshfield Church Hall.

Tormarton

Tormarton Church's Christmas Crib Set: (ceramic) has been used in church services since the 1930s and not surprisingly has taken a bit of a battering over the decades. There are bits paint missing on most of the figures. Could anyone help restore them to their former glory? Please speak to Sally if you could help 01225 892180.

Mothering Sunday, 11th March: The Mothering Sunday service will be held at 4.00 pm on 11th March. We would like to welcome as many families (with a particular emphasis on mothers!) to come to the service and stay for tea and cakes. Please can you spread the word and invite everyone to this service. Everyone will, of course, be very welcome.

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, 9th 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

PCC: Cold Ashton PCC meets on Monday 19th March, 8.00 pm at Cold Ashton Parish Hall.

Bible Study Group: For details of the March meeting, 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).

In March, both groups will be following the Lent course (see "News for the Benefice" for details). Note that the "Tuesday" group will be meeting on Wednesdays.

"Faith Matters": An informal Discussion Group open to all, meeting at 7.30pm at Tormarton Court. The group will be meeting on 7th March. For more information, 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 is 5.00 pm on March 4th in the Church Hall for 8-12yr olds.

Thrive is 7.00 pm on March 25th at the Vicarage for teenagers.

Prayer Groups: These meet as follows:-

- Village Prayers - weekly on Tuesday, 10 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 March

Sun 4th	9.30am	Prayer at Chapel
	10.30am	Peter Foster* (Own Choice))
	6.00pm	John Eaton (Matthew 26:36 - 56)
Sun 11th	10.30am	Joint Mothering Sunday Service at St Mary's
	6.00pm	Rev Sally Wheeler (Matthew 26:57-75)
Tues 13th	10.00 am	Village Communion at St Mary's
Sun 18th	10.30 am	David Spence (John 9:1 - 41)
	6.00pm	Paul Sawyer* (Matthew 27:11 - 31)
Sun 25th	10.30am	Rev Victor Howlett (Palm Sunday)
	6.00pm	Peter Misselbrook (Matthew 27:32 - 66)
Sat 31st	10.30 am	Morning Coffee at Chapel

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

Benefice Prayer Diary
Marshfield with Cold Ashton and Tormarton with West Littleton
MARCH 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-3rd March: During the week, please pray:-

- for Chippenham Deanery Synod's task of oversight and support to local parishes, and pray also for our own parish representatives who attend the meetings

Week 2: 4th-10th March: During the week, please pray:-

- for the people of the parish of Marshfield, its PCC and churchwardens
- for other Christians who live in our community but are not part of our parish churches
- for the United Nations Organisation and all those seeking to bring peace and reconciliation where there is conflict

Week 3: 11th-17th March: During the week, please pray :-

- for the people of the parish of Tormarton, its PCC, and churchwarden
- for wisdom for those who govern, that they may seek to trade fairly and justly with vulnerable nations and those in poverty
- for 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 4: 18th-24th March: During the week, please pray:-

- for the people of the parish of West Littleton, its PCC and churchwardens
- 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 linked CMS mission partners Jimmy and Katia Rocks and their family Joanna and Davi as they continue to develop their ministry of outreach in one of the areas of Brazil that is most in need

Week 5: 25th-31st March: 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
- 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

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 March 2018

All services are from Common Worship unless otherwise stated.

Sunday 4th March (3rd Sunday of Lent)

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

Sunday 11th March (Mothering Sunday)

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 BCP	St James, West Littleton	Rev C Mulholland
4.00 pm	Mothering Sunday Service	St Mary Magdalene, Tormarton	Rev S Wheeler
6.00 pm	Evensong BCP	St Mary's, Marshfield	C Keen

Tuesday 13th March

10.00 am	Village Communion	St Mary's, Marshfield	Rev S Wheeler
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Sunday 18th March (Passion Sunday)

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity, Cold Ashton	Rev S Wheeler
10.30 am	Morning Worship* & Thanksgiving	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 25th March (Palm 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
6.00 pm	Evensong BCP	St Mary's, Marshfield	A Hart
6.00 pm	Evening Praise	Holy Trinity, Cold Ashton	A Gammie

Thursday 29th March (Maundy Thursday)

8.00 pm	Communion & Stripping of the Altar	St Mary's, Marshfield	Rev S Wheeler
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Friday 30th March (Good Friday)

10.30 am	Devotional Service	St James, West Littleton	Rev C Mulholland
12 noon	Devotional Service	Holy Trinity, Cold Ashton	A Hart
1.00 pm	Silent Vigil	St Mary's, Marshfield	
2.00 pm	Devotional Service	St Mary's, Marshfield	M Strathdee

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