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a community centred on the living Jesus, growing serving
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January Staff Letter

Repondez S'il Vous Plait

I suspect that most of us enjoy watching Downton Abbey on a Sunday evening. I came upon an article by the appropriately named, Todd Dorman, who wrote, Is God absent from Downton Abbey?



‘For those who don’t watch it, the show is set in an old abbey. The family who own Downton, especially the older generations who have the most to lose by losing the house, are obsessed not only with the house itself, but also with its history. Also they employ a vicar’. So Dorman asks, How is it that God is a peripheral presence at best? He goes on to say, ‘To be fair, there have been a few mentions of God. During Season One there was a perfunctory scene set in a church, but it was basically about architecture. At the beginning of Season Two, the evil footman Thomas asked God's forgiveness for sticking his hand out of the trenches to be properly shot so he could return home with a medical discharge. To be fairer still, Season Two included two moments of devout prayer: Lady Mary praying at her bedside when her beloved Matthew goes missing at the front, and two servants interceding for Matthew and another missing footman during the same period.’

I then came across an alternative view from someone called, Rev Markham: ‘There’s very little explicit reference to God in the television series. Grace does not take place at meals, even though there’s a lot of eating. They rarely go to church, except for a wedding, and even then you don’t see much of the wedding service. So faith is strangely non-explicit, and yet simultaneously faith is very present. And what I think the series is doing is inviting us to think of faith in a new and different way. Faith is interpreting how we relate to each other. Faith is coping with the complexity of our past. Faith is carrying the baggage that shapes us all into the present and doing so in ways that are ameliorated and less damaging. Faith is hope even when you are in a predicament of hopelessness. All these themes bubble through countlessly.’

In the past there was a societal invitation to church - an expectation that people would go to church, children to Sunday School etc. - it was part of what being in society meant. The Church has never really had to invite in the past, so we've got no muscle for it. We need to become an **invitational church**.

Shane Warne bowled more balls of failure than any other Australian test bowler - yet he was the most successful. We need the power of the Holy Spirit to put our faith where our fear once was and risk inviting others. We are not hearing enough, "No's". Yet more "No's" will lead us to more "Yes's."

Paul

WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY

Saturday 7	8.00am	Ladies Breakfast in St Martin's Church
	10.00am	Sanctuary Morning at St Lawrence Church
	5.00pm	Family Beetle Drive in St Lawrence Village Hall
	7.00pm	St Martin's Quiz Night with Deserts in St Martin's Church
Tuesday 10	2.15pm	St Martin's Fellowship AGM in St Martin's Church
Saturday 21	5.15pm	St Martin's Free Film Night film showing "Shirley Valentine"
	11.30am	Coffee Morning at Mead Vale Community Hall
Monday 23	7.45pm	Parish Lent Course at Lawrence Road Hall

Advanced Notice:

Lent Course: All dates are on Mondays - 2 March St Martin's Church, 9 March Mead Vale, 16 March St Mark's Church and 23 March St Lawrence Church.

Service Times

St Martin's

Sunday: 8am Holy Communion
 Sunday: 10.00am Family Communion
 (1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th)
 Morning Praise (2nd)
 Sunday: 6pm Service of Healing (1st),
 Choral Evensong (3rd), Fifth Sunday
 Service (5th)

St Mark's

Sunday: 9.30am Prayer Meeting
 Sunday: 10.30am
 Service of the Word: 1st Sunday
 Holy Communion: 2nd, 4th and 5th
 Sundays
 All Age Worship 3rd Sunday

Mead Vale

Sunday: 10.30am There is a monthly
 pattern of two Holy Communion
 services,
 one Morning Worship service and one
 All Age Worship service
 2nd Sunday: 6.00pm Evening Prayer
 4th Sunday 6.00pm Pub Presence (The
 Nightjar)

St Lawrence

1st Sunday: 10.00am All Age Service
 2nd Sunday: 6.00pm Evening Worship
 3rd Sunday: 10.00 am Morning Praise
 with
 Sunday Club for children
 4th Sunday: 6.00 pm Holy Communion
 5th Sunday: 6.00 pm Songs of Praise

MIDWEEK SERVICES OF HOLY COMMUNION

Wednesdays *9.30am at St. Mark's **Thursdays** 10.00am at St. Martin's
 *First **Wednesday** in the month 10.00am Mead Vale Community Hall

From the Rector

Financial Administrator – Lent Course 2015 – Ladies Breakfast – Freeview TV

Financial Administrator - Neil Adams officially stepped down as the parish's Financial Administrator on 31 December 2014. At the Sunday service at St Martin's on 11th January, Neil was given some gifts and thanked for the many hundreds of hours of work he has put into this role.

The book-keeping and reporting aspects of the role have been handed to the new Financial Administrator, Abbe Hayward. Abbe is only employed part time so the role has necessarily been slightly truncated. The next three months are perhaps the busiest of the year in financial terms as in addition to the usual transactions and reports, the end of year accounts have to be prepared, examined and annual official submissions written. Neil will still be on hand to assist Abbe through this process but in all day-to-day matters Abbe is the first point of contact (via finance@worlepo.co.uk or leave message at the Parish Office).

Lent Course 2015 - Being Christian: Back to Basics....

What do Christians DO which makes us different?

Four things: Baptism * Bible * Eucharist * Prayer

What do they mean? Why are they the core of Christian life? What sort of people might we become in such a community?

Five sessions, five weeks, five places: All dates are on Mondays - 23

February, 2 March, 9 March, 16 March and 23 March. Come and re-discover these aspects of our life together!

The book, which underpins the course, is 'Being Christian' by Rowan Williams. If you'd like us to get you a copy, please indicate on the signup sheet in your church. We will try to have them ready for the first session. If you order a copy, you can pay for it and collect it then.

Worle Parish Ladies Breakfast - takes place in St Martin's Church on Saturday 7 February from 8am – 9am with guest speaker Lois Radcliffe, a church pastor, born and raised in Weston who will share her story. Why not come with a friend? Please sign up on posters in the four churches or call the Parish Office to give us an idea for catering purposes. Further information from Rev Anne 515610.

TBN UK – There's a new Christian TV channel, which is available on Freeview Channel 65. If you look closely and look at the website, you may recognise a certain Team Rector from The Parish of Worle, who was interviewed. At the moment much of the content is American, but there are a lot of UK programmes being made, including J John and Canon Andrew White. Let's pray for God to use this to lead people to Jesus.

With love
Revd Paul Larcombe

St Lawrence Church, Wick St Lawrence

We enjoyed a memorable Christmas season at Wick particularly at our Candlelight Carol Service. The main power circuit failed shortly before the service was due to begin leaving the body of the church in darkness with just the lights in the bell tower and chancel. It was truly carols by candlelight, with a few torches and mobile phone lights. It also meant bringing the old organ into use as our newer organ is powered on the main circuit. John Greaves worked miracles to get everything in place and to play what is affectionately called, 'The Old Squeeze Box,' great atmosphere and great worship.

Our celebrations continued into the New Year with our Annual Thanksgiving Service at which we were delighted to be joined by Rt Rev Peter Maurice, Bishop of Taunton. During the service Bishop Peter dedicated our new kneelers which are being sewn by members of the church and wider community. The pictures show the Bishop surrounded by our children and young people as they share their activities at the end of the service, and with Sandra and Gill our Church Wardens. Bishop Peter retires in April so we gave him an early retirement gift of produce grown or reared in Wick St Lawrence. Cider, eggs, honey, salami, jam, pickles, leaks and a Wick St Lawrence tea towel



As usual February begins with the chance for peace and quiet at our **Sanctuary Morning on Saturday 7th from 10am – 12.30pm**. An opportunity for quiet prayer, reflection, and to give God space to bless you in the busyness of life.

Family Beetle Drive
in Wick St Lawrence Village Hall
Saturday 7 February 5pm
Cost £2.50 adults, £2.00 children to include a hot dog

Blessings, Anne

St. Mark's Church



Baptisms

This month saw the baptism of Aaron & Freya Smith at St Mark's church. Please continue to pray for them and for their parents Michaela and Daniel.

We also have some more baptisms in the pipeline for the coming months – perhaps a sign that, as a congregation, we are crafting a loving welcome for parents and their children. Long may this continue!

Giving Review

We will be holding our annual Giving Review on February 8th. There is much to celebrate as we look back over 2014. We are very grateful for the generosity and the hard work of so many people as they give back to God for the mission he has called us to here at St Mark's.

Times are challenging in terms of our finance but God has been faithful and we continue to step out in faith, trusting that he will meet our needs so that we can meet the needs of others.

Bible Reading

During a January sermon I encouraged us all to read the Bible as often as we could. How are you doing with this? Are you managing to slot in a few minutes every day? Perhaps you've got stuck into it and have started a reading plan.

Let me encourage you to keep going with it! Don't give up, you're doing well!

With love, Chris

St Martin's Church



**Saturday 7th February
7pm**

**February Quiz Night with Desserts at St Martin's
£6 per person**

Do you have all the answers, or do you know someone who does?
Come and enjoy the sweet taste of success, or get your just desserts!
Why not put this date in your diary, stimulate the little grey cells, and join your fellow quizzers in support of St Martin's running costs?

**Tuesday 10th February
2.15pm**

St Martin's Fellowship AGM

This meeting is not just for members, but also for people who might like to think about joining. You will get a 'flavour' from the AGM of the range of subjects, speakers and panels who contributed to the meetings throughout the past year. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month in St Martin's church so please feel very welcome to come to the AGM, where there will also be refreshments.

**Wednesday 18th February
Ash Wednesday**

7:30pm join us for a service of Blessing and Imposition of Ashes with Holy Communion at St Martin's Church.

**Saturday 21st February
5.15pm for 5.45pm start.
Film night
'Shirley Valentine'**

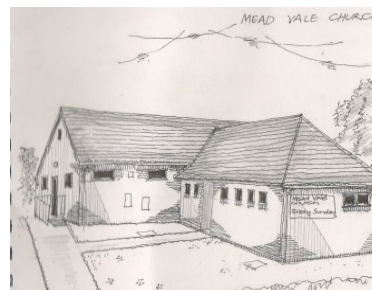
A week after Valentine's Day, and we'll be watching one northern woman's robust and wry take on life when the romance has worn off. As she says, 'I've allowed myself to lead this little life, when inside me there was so much more...why do we get all these feelings and dreams and hopes if we don't ever allow ourselves to use them?' And while she works it out, we can yearn for warm weather and blue seas too....

**Tuesdays in term-time 9.30 - 11am
St Martin's Baby and Toddler Group meets in church.**

Gilly

Mead Vale Church

The year has started quietly for us as a Church and we are enjoying a bit of a rest, after the busyness at the end of last year!



Our older children have now all reached their 10th birthdays and are playing a bigger part in our children's work and getting so much more out of it. They ask the most amazing questions of the COSMIC staff, keeping them on their toes and making us all think about our faith and what it means to each of us! It is refreshing to hear them and we are very blessed to have them as part of

our Church family. Even the younger children play an active part in COSMIC and can't wait to tell the rest of the Church about what they have learned. All the children are confident using the microphone to talk to the congregation and those that choose to, also do the Bible readings at All Age Worship.



We hold a Coffee morning on the 3rd Saturday of every month between 10 and 11.30 am at Mead Vale Community Hall. Everyone is welcome to join us, we would love to see you! We also meet for coffee and fellowship every Wednesday morning at 10.30 am at the Nightjar pub on Mead Vale.

Jose Record

From the Registers



Baptisms in St Martin's

4 January

Izaak Jakob Hogan

Esmee White

25 January

Jacob Peter Albert Bancroft



Funerals in January

Shirley Ann Jones

aged 81

Charles Harper

aged 89

Prayer for February



Lord

As the days begin to lengthen,
may the light of your presence
shine in our hearts and lives,
reminding us that
even the light of one small candle
is able to dispel darkness.



USEFUL LOCAL DETAILS

Citizens Advice Bureau, Badger Centre, 3-6 Wadham Street.....836200
Opening: Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri 10.00am - 3pm

CVS—W-s-M Council for Voluntary Services,
Room 6, Roselawn, 28 Walliscote Grove Road,..... 631169

Community Association Contacts in Worle:

Lawrence Road Community Centre: Mrs. J.C.M. Thompson.....515681
Mead Vale Community Centre, Redwing Drive,: Paddy Payne.....239186
Preatnes Green Resource Centre 9.30am-1.30pm529733

Doctors Surgeries

Dr R J B Bowering & Partners:

Riverbank Medical Centre, Walford Avenue, North Worle,
Weston-super-Mare BS22 7YZ.....521133

Dr M H Pimm & Partner:

The Cedars Surgery, 87 New Bristol Road, Worle.
Weston-super-Mare BS22 6AJ.....515878

Dr N D Patel

The Village Surgery, Hill Road East, Worle
Weston-super-Mare BS22 9HF..... 516671

Worle Medical Practice, High Street, Worle BS22 6HB..... 516789

Pharmacies:

See local chemists rota for late night opening but Milton Pharmacy,
260 Milton Road is open Monday 8am till Friday 8pm ,
Saturday 8am to 2pm and Sunday closed. 413100

Samaritans call any time.....632555

Waste Disposal Tip, Herluin Way.....419447

Sat 9.00am—4.00pm; Mon—Fri 8.00am—4.30pm Sunday 9.00am - 4.00pm

North Somerset Town Hall WSM.....888888

Worle Library, High Street.....426090

Open: Mon, Tues 9.30am—5.30pm

Wed Closed

Thurs. 9.30—5.30

Friday 9.30—7.00pm,

Saturday 9.30am—1.00pm and 2.00pm—4.00pm

Mobile Library Service.....426020

Guide contact numbers

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Milton District: Liz Griffiths 624366

Priory District: Andrea Drury..... 515208

Sue Cox..... 515913

Scout & Cub contact numbers for Worle and Wick St Lawrence

1st North Worle - Carol Pepper..... 511459

2nd Worle - Marion Hillcok..... 521021

District Secretary- Ann Coombes..... 513699

1st Wick St Lawrence Beavers, Cubs and Scouts..... 620719

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Tel: 515922

Baptisms & Weddings - Come to The Parish Office between 9-12noon Monday to Friday or Wednesday Evening 7-8pm (by appointment only)

Church Schools St. Mark's Primary (V.A.) School..... Tel: 513008
St. Martin's Primary (V.C.) School.....Tel: 628651
St. Georges Primary (V.A) School..... Tel: 426901

WHAT'S ON AT ST MARKS

Home Groups Midweek adult fellowship and study....
Enid Wills 512677 Colin Guichard 521792 Alan & Lesley Faulkner 526689

Sunday Morning Teaching Groups for ages 0-13

Young People during the week....Rainbows: Weds 4.30pm-5.30pm (Julia Watt 420422)

Brownies Mondays and Wednesdays (Sue Cox 515913)

Daily Pre-school (515922)

Guides on Wednesday (Nicky Parker-Hall 518406)

Thursday Parents & Toddlers (Rosemary Burden 514415)

Lettings..... The Parish Office 515922 (Liz Winter)

WHATS ON AT ST MARTIN'S

Choir..... Richard Lennox 07710788911

Church Cleaning Guild. Friday Morning

Flowers..... Diane Swatton 513111

Handbells.....

Social Events..... Diane Swatton 513111

Bellringers..... Jim Lambard 514004

Sacristy..... Communion, Servers, Vestments Joan Elliott 513968

St Martin's Fellowship..... Iris Elsbury 519497

Baby & Toddler Group..... Revd Anne Farmer 515610

Little Martin's Children's Group Every Sunday during 10.00am Service

WHAT'S ON AT MEAD VALE

Life Groups.... Penny Devereux 511140

Coffee Morning.... Wednesdays 10.30am in the Nightjar / 3rd Saturday in every month
Mead Vale Community Centre 10.00am

Messy Church TBA

COSMIC.... Sunday morning groups for children

Lettings Contact for hall Paddy Payne 239186

WHAT'S ON AT ST. LAWRENCE

Open Church During daylight hours the church is open for anyone seeking a sanctuary of peace and quiet

Bellringers Paul Tomlinson 515853

Choir Elizabeth Glen 832283 (Youth) Jaqueline Hockley 520956 (Adult)

Sunday Club & Sunday Youth Gang Sunday morning groups for children and young people. Contact Revd. Anne Farmer 515610