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December Staff Letter

As Christians, we sometimes feel a bit 'out of step' with some aspects of secular life. It feels particularly true at this time of year. During November, in common with all sorts of others, we remembered people we've loved or who have given things up for us. Then we go into the season of Advent, when we start looking forward, and preparing ourselves to welcome Jesus anew into our lives. And the start of Advent, as November gave way to December, our church's New Year began- so suddenly we're a month out of step with the rest of the world in that way too!

It gets even more confusing. One way to prepare ourselves for Christmas is with a spiritual 'Spring Clean.' So **inside** ourselves, we're trying to make more room in our lives for Jesus. We may try to let go of hurts that have held us back, or ideas about our faith which we have outgrown. We know that if we hang onto too many things we don't need, they can encumber us. (And that's as true spiritually as it is in our homes.)

Externally though, at this time of year we feel the pressure to get more and do more (shopping, and wrapping and cooking and the like.) We feel we must be ready for Christmas. We feel all but duty-bound to come up with an approximation of the lavish festivities we see in the ads on TV. But we never can, and it's never needed. We already know, deep down that an immaculately organised and lavish Christmas isn't a guarantee of happiness or easy family relationships.

All we really need to **do** is to prepare ourselves to be as loving as we can: to those we care for and care about. Then we can truly **be**: present; open to them, and open to the Christ Child too. We remember again that in Christ, things don't fit together the way we had always thought, and certainly not in the way the media tell us. And we respond; we look forward in hope and joy to hearing **and** to re-telling the story of Christ's birth. We know that we, in our turn, are commissioned to tell 'of his birth in Bethlehem.'

So at this time of year, our heads spin as we find ourselves Spring cleaning as Autumn turns into Winter. But as Advent starts and we go into our new church year, may we hear, tell and live the story of the first Christmas anew and vibrantly. May it bring new life, with the energy of Spring, to us and all we love and pray for.

Gilly

WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER

Saturday 6	10.00am	Sanctuary Morning at St Lawrence Church Wick
Saturday 6	3.30pm	Messy Church at Mead Vale Community Centre
Tuesday 9	2.15pm	St Martin's Fellowship "A Christmas Celebration" at The Nut Tree
Wednesday 10	2.00pm	St Martin's Church Open Afternoon
Saturday 13	11.00am	Carol Singing outside the Co-op on Worle High Street
Saturday 20	10.00am	Coffee Morning Mead Vale Community Centre

**Parish Office is closed from
Tuesday 23 December re-opening Monday 5 January 2015**

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

There will be no Services on 24, 25, 31 December and 1 January

From the Rector

PCC – Confirmation – Diocesan Synod – 2015 Budget

PCC - The Worle Parochial Church Council met on 18 November. One of the topics under discussion was finding a way forward with work amongst children and youth. The PCC discussed a proposal to appoint a 'Children's Work Coordinator' and a 'Youth Development Worker.' There has been a feeling on the staff team, and amongst members of the WPCC and Parish, that we have a fresh opportunity in terms of employing some workers to develop our children and youth ministry. Members of the parish appear to be keen to see this area of ministry grow and thrive. There is also a sense that the challenges of four churches sharing some paid children and youth workers can be overcome. In discussion, the PCC were concerned about appointing more employees for a church with a relatively small membership and has asked the Staff Team to assess the level of support across the Parish. If this is an area that you would like to see the Parish move forward in, please let one of the clergy know.

Confirmation – A Diocesan-wide Confirmation took place at Wells Cathedral on Saturday 1 November. Two candidates were confirmed from Wick St Lawrence and two from St Mark's Church. Revd Anne Farmer was asked to be one of the Bishop's Chaplains for the service. Over 115 candidates were confirmed during the service.

Diocesan Synod - the Synod took place at Taunton Academy on 18 October. The enticement to attend was bacon rolls - it worked for me! Bishop Peter Hancock set the tone by saying that during his recent tour of the Diocese, a young person had encouraged him to be raw, real and radical - words which he was taking forward. The Bishop has asked churches to be proactive in listening to young people. There were also reports on Fairtrade and on the Flooding. The Diocesan budget for 2015 was approved. The biggest factor in the budget figures is a 1.9% decrease per annum in membership across the Diocese. Overall it was a very informative and interactive Synod.

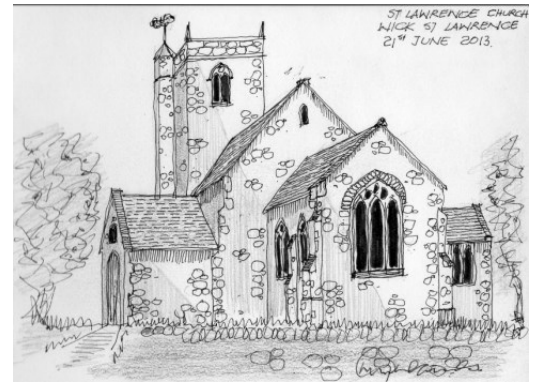
2015 Budget – Our finance teams are busy preparing budgets for next year. The 2015 Diocesan budget has been increased by 1.5%, which will translate to higher figures in parishes. It works out as an increase of 3.9% per average Diocesan church member because Diocesan membership has fallen again. We have always asked people to ensure that their giving is proportional, planned and a priority and we are very grateful for all who give sacrificially to the work of our churches. Please once again take time to review your giving as we start a new calendar year and prepare for the mission activities to which God is calling us.

Christmas Services and Events – Please take a look at all the Christmas services, carol singing and events that are listed in this magazine. I pray that you are able to draw on this special time of Advent and Christmas and that God will reveal His Son to you in a raw, real and radical way.

With love

Revd Paul Larcombe

St Lawrence Church, Wick St Lawrence



Ladies Night. The ladies of the community, and a few men, enjoyed a night of shopping and sharing in the Ebdon Arms in Wick St Lawrence. There were some beautiful displays of quilting, card craft, decorations, mini art works, a demonstration of gift wrapping and the chance of a bit of face and nail pampering. Huge thanks to Sandra Redman for organising this enjoyable event and the Ebdon Arms for their generous hospitality. A donation from the event has been made to The Children's Society.

Remembrance. 120 adults and children packed into church on Remembrance Sunday as we were joined by Wick St Lawrence Scouts, Cubs and Beavers. During the service there was an opportunity for personal remembrance as people came to the front to place a lighted candle on the altar, we also remembered corporately those fallen in all wars and conflicts with the placing of a poppy wreath and the two minutes silence which the children held beautifully.

Sanctuary. There will be a time of quiet in church at our Sanctuary Morning on Saturday 6 December. Drop in any time between 10 and 12.30pm, and give yourself space to reflect on all that has been and all that will be. When else will you give yourself the chance to be still with God in December?

The Great Gingerbread Bake Off takes place in the afternoon of the 6 December in Wick St Lawrence Village Hall. There are four entry categories from young children making ginger biscuits to adults creating a gingerbread construction. Details will be on the website www.wick-st-lawrence.com or call Rev Anne for more information.

Christingle. All the Christmas services in the parish are detailed in this month's magazine. However, at our Christingle service on Sunday 14 December we have a special collection of gifts (wrapped, with a tag indicating boy/girl and their age) for underprivileged children in Weston and 'Comfort at Christmas' for adults. Last year there seemed to be double what is normally offered in church, which were then delivered to the group in Bournville. It turned out they had been very short of gifts prior to the weekend and had been praying about how to meet the need. It was deeply encouraging to be part of that answer to prayer. If anyone in the parish would also like to contribute please let us know. Christingle coin collection candles are also available in the church for the Children's Society.

Carol Singing – is at the Ebdon Arms on Thursday 18 December 7pm as part of the outdoor Christmas market behind the pub. Please join us if you can.

Many blessings, Anne

St. Mark's Church



Do They Know It's Christmas?

The single Band Aid 30 single was released on 16 November, an updated version of the original song written by Bob Geldof and Midge Ure in 1984. Some of the lyrics were changed this time round, particularly a line sang by Bono. Instead of singing, "Well tonight thank God it's them instead of you" he sang 'Well tonight we're reaching out and touching you". For me, this is a better line – it's more outward looking, less selfish.

This echoes the attitude that Jesus wants us to have as his followers. We know that our heavenly Father and his angels are very concerned about our personal well-being. However, we also know that they are more concerned and focussed on reaching the lost – those not yet welcomed into the kingdom of God (see Luke 15:10 for example). We are commissioned to tell people about Jesus and to baptise them (Matthew 28.16-20).

God wants us to reach out and touch those around us with the love and the truth of Jesus. We have an open door presented to us this Christmas – just invite a friend to a carol service. Our job is to invite a person - God's job is to move them by his Spirit to come along.

Christmas at St Mark's

Please check out our website. It is regularly updated, and it also has a calendar showing our services and special Christmas events. Here are some key dates:

Sun Dec 7	District Carol Service for uniformed groups - 4.30pm
Wed Dec 10	Carol Singing starting at church & moving around the parish - 6.30pm
Sun Dec 21	All Age service including nativity – 10.30am
Sun Dec 21	Carol Service, including Worle Chorale - 6.30pm (Mince pies and mulled wine after the service)
Wed Dec 24	Crib Service, 4pm
Wed Dec 24	Holy Communion, 9.30pm
Thurs Dec 25	Short service of the Word – 10.30am

With love, Chris

St Martin's Church



St Martin's Day was celebrated with a coffee morning in church on Saturday 8 November. There was a brilliant display from Worle History Society with a scrolling PowerPoint of pictures from the past and present. Thanks also to so many who made the morning enjoyable with stalls and refreshments and also to the men who entered the 'Men's Cake Baking' competition. There were no soggy bottoms, just delicious light sponges and fruit cakes. Ralph Devereux won the prize for best looking cake and Phil Proctor for best taste, although there was very little in it between all ten cakes entered. For some this was a first time bake, well done the men.

Remembrance Sunday - The service was led by Rev Paul Larcombe, at the Memorial Gate, Worle High St on behalf of The Royal British Legion. This seemed to be the biggest gathering for some years and everyone was very grateful that the Police were able to divert the traffic enabling the Silence and service to be heard. At St Martin's the 10am Communion service was in two parts, enabling those who wished to join in with the service in the High Street to do so, while others remained in church.

Farewells - In keeping with remembrance we were very sad to lose our Reader Emeritus Joan Bealey who died the day after her 95th birthday on 11 October at Lyndhurst in Weston. Joan has been an inspiration to many during her Reader ministry at St Martin's, she was a lady who had time for everybody and placed no demands on anyone. Even when failing physically, Joan remained alert and interested in what was going on in the parish for which she prayed daily. She will be greatly missed. We also said farewell to Pat Morgan, always seen in company with her sister Jean, who died on 17 October a quiet, kind lady who helped at our Baby and Toddler group. Both ladies will be remembered fondly.

Children at Christmas - The Baby and Toddler group will be marking Advent on the last three Tuesdays leading up to the end of their term, building up a woollen crib scene week by week as they learn about the Christmas story. Little Martins our Sunday group are practising for the Nativity which will take place during the service on 21 December at 10am and will involve the whole congregation.

Carol Singing - takes place at the Golf Club Friday 5th December 7pm for 7.30pm, and The Maltings Friday 19th December 7pm for 7.30pm.

Christmas Services - There will be plenty of opportunities to celebrate Christmas this year - from carols to crib and advent to angels. Please see the dates in this magazine and come and join us.

Many blessings, Anne

Mead Vale Church



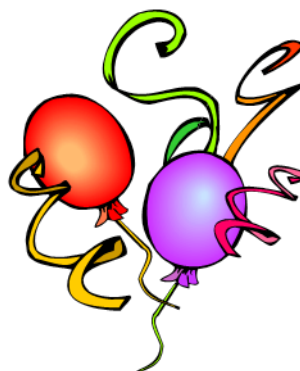
Remembrance Sunday



Once again, we held our Remembrance Sunday service at the Night Jar Pub, in Mead Vale. It was a very moving service. The children all read beautifully and were all very respectful throughout. Thank you to Di for her hospitality.

35th Anniversary celebrations

We had an amazing time at our anniversary celebrations. It was really good to see so many faces from the past and what a treat to be able to meet Revd Sue Berry, the first Vicar of our Church and to hear of her experiences. The children led the intercessions for us; they are a blessing to us all. Bishop Peter gave a thought provoking sermon, as always. He will be missed when he retires next year. Everyone enjoyed the buffet lunch afterwards.



We would like to say a big 'thank you' to the planning team who put in a lot of time to organise the event and to Hilde and Lesley for the lovely flower arrangements

Messy Church



The next Messy Church session is on 6 December at 3.30pm the theme, surprisingly, is Christmas! There will be a number of crafts around this theme, so why not come along and join us! Children must be accompanied by an adult, adults must be accompanied by a child! There will be a soup supper to follow.

From the Registers



Baptisms in St Martin's

26 October	James William Samuel Cole
2 November	Gracie Shears
23 November	Lilly Dawn Donald
	Kyla Anne Jansen



Baptisms in St Lawrence

5 October	Hollie Libby Wann)
	Chloe Charlotte Gough) Cousins
	James Mark Tomlinson)
2 November	Grace Evalyn Mist	
16 November	Biba Brown	
16 November	Beau Brown	

Confirmations at Wells Cathedral

Mrs Lyndsey Kellow (St Mark's)
 Mrs Sam Hemmens (St Mark's)
 Mrs Karen Salvage (St Lawrence)
 Mrs Kathlyn Read (St Lawrence)

Funeral in October

Joan Bealey	aged 95
Patricia Margaret Morgan	aged 84
Lilian West	aged 95
Elizabeth Johnston-Keay	aged 90



Funerals in November

Joyce Harris	aged 79
Susan Scott	aged 53
Pauline Nash	aged 64

Prayer for December

Holy Child of Bethlehem,
 Who found no room at the inn,
 We pray for all who are homeless
 We pray for all who live with danger
 We pray for all refugees
 Holy child of Bethlehem
 Help us, we pray to see the
 Divine image in people everywhere
Amen





Christmas Services in The Parish of Worle



St. Martin's

14 December	10.00am	Christingle Service
21 December	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Nativity with All-Together Communion with sherry and mince Pies
	6.00pm	Carols by Candlelight followed by wine and mince pies

Christmas Eve:

24 December	4.00pm	Crib Service
	11.30pm	Christmas Midnight Eucharist

Christmas Day:

25 December	8.00am	Christmas Holy Communion
	10.00am	Christmas Family Communion and Carols

St. Mark's

21 December	10.30am	Nativity with All Age Worship
	6.30pm	Carol Service

Christmas Eve:

24 December	4.00pm	Crib Service
	9.30pm	Holy Communion

Christmas Day:

25 December	10.30am	Christmas Service
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Mead Vale

21 December	10.30am	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Carols at the Night Jar Pub

Christmas Eve:

24 December	4.00pm	Crib Service
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Christmas Day:

25 December	10.30am	Christmas Celebration with Holy Communion
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Wick St. Lawrence

14 December	10.00am	Christingle Service
21 December	6.00pm	Carols and Readings by Candlelight followed by mulled wine and warmed mince pies

Christmas Eve:

24 December	4.00pm	Crib Service
	9.30pm	First Communion of Christmas

Christmas Day:

25 December	10.00am	Christmas Morning Praise
	11.00am	Said Holy Communion



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Parish Administrator Liz Winter

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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 Saturday 6 December 3.30 to 5.30pm

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