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Mission Statement:

a community centred on the living Jesus, growing serving
and reaching out in His name.

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A Christmas Letter from the Bishop of Bath and Wells

Dear Brothers and Sisters

Jane and I have recently become grandparents for the first time and there is something very precious and wonderful about new life. This year there is a new baby in our family. And as Christmas approaches, we all find ourselves thinking about the image of baby Jesus lying in the manger. Our mind's eye paints a picture of an infant asleep in a stable.



We might imagine his crying or laughter as he reacts to those around him; a tiny little figure in a fragile world. From the moment of his birth, Jesus is responding to those around him, longing to hear their voice.

In Jesus, God comes to us as an infant: approachable, pure, and eager for us to come close to him. As a child Jesus reaches out, arms outstretched eager for a response. Thirty three years later those same arms would reach out on the cross, outstretched and open to the world in love and forgiveness.

As we enjoy Christmas with our friends and family let's be reminded of this image. Let's pray for God's blessing and peace for all those in troubled parts of the world and pray they hear God's call and respond with love. Let us also pray for God's peace and blessing to fill our own lives and the lives of those around us.

Amidst all the noise and distraction of Christmas let's find a moment to be still and listen again to the call of Jesus. The Christmas message is as loud and clear today as any baby's cry: Jesus, the Saviour of the World, is here and he's yearning to hear our voice. May we respond by saying: 'O Come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel.'

With warm best wishes,

Peter Bath and Wells

Our Team Rector Revd Paul Larcombe continues on his extended ministerial leave (sabbatical). You can catch up with his news by following his blog to be found at <http://plarcombe2015.wordpress.com>

WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER

Saturday 5	10.00am	Sanctuary Morning at St Lawrence Church Wick St Lawrence
Tuesday 8	12 noon	St Martin's Fellowship Christmas Celebration with a meal at the Nut Tree
Saturday 12	10am	Carol singing in Mead Vale by the shops and coffee in the community centre
Saturday 19	11am	Carols on the High Street, gather outside the Co-op

Following the article about Children in Communion in November's magazine, in January 2016 there will be an introductory session, primarily for families and Children, but anyone is welcome to come along.

Wednesday 20 January, 3.45pm at St Martin's Church OR

Saturday 23 January, 10am at St Mark's Church

More about this and a letter from the Bishop next month.

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: 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

Freely you have received, freely give.....

Where would we be without volunteers? There is a deep and generous spirit in our community from people who freely give their time to help, support and encourage others. It's volunteers working in Weston's Foodbank who make sure food is given out to those in need. It's volunteers who work as Street Pastors in Weston helping those worse for wear, after a night out. It's volunteers, who after a full day's work, give up their time to lead Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownie groups, sports clubs and many other activities. In November there were thousands of volunteers around the country raising money for BBCs 'Children In Need' and operating the donation lines.

You'll find volunteers in hospitals, charity shops, working overseas, drop-in centres, residential homes, soup kitchens, on the streets collecting for charitable causes and many other places. Our churches in Worle flourish, because, as in countless other organisations, there are dozens of people who graciously give up their time to help and serve God, through the church. We are so grateful for them all.

You will also find volunteers in our Parish Office. Carol, Janice, José and Maureen have faithfully served and supported the ministry of our churches working alongside Liz, our Parish Administrator. Taking calls, word processing, welcoming visitors, booking baptisms, weddings and funerals, photocopying and making endless cups of coffee, they are vital. At the end of December, after many years volunteering, Carol and Janice will be retiring and we wish to express our huge gratitude for all they have given. They, like all our volunteers are, and have been, brilliant. As Winston Churchill famously said, "We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give."

We are always looking for help and support to further the gospel in Worle, often in very practical ways. From January we are looking for anyone with appropriate skills to volunteer in the Parish Office one morning a week, 9am-12noon. Being able to use a computer would be helpful, as is a cheerful personality. There will be more information on church news sheets. Even if you cannot physically help, your prayerful support would be much appreciated.

Since the retirement of Chris Swatton, our Parish Gift Aid Co-ordinator, mentioned in last month's Worle Wide Express, we are looking for someone to prayerfully consider taking on this role. Do you enjoy working with figures? Are you good with financial systems? Are you computer literate? Probably needing five hours input a week, do you feel called to take on this role? The Diocese of Bath and Wells offers support and advice. Can you help?

With love and thanks,
Revd Anne

St Lawrence Church, Wick St Lawrence



In this season of Advent, we invite you to prepare for Christmas by taking time out on **Saturday 5 December at our Sanctuary Morning**. We continue to hear encouraging stories from people whose lives have been enriched from hearing God speak in the peace and quiet of church. God so wants to offer His blessing, fulfilment, love and promise. Drop in any time to experience God's peace between 10am and 12.30pm where nothing will be asked or expected of you, refreshments provided.

'Journey in to Christmas,' a concert of Seasonal Christmas Songs will be performed in Wick church by Lyrica Singers, on **Friday 11 December at 7.30pm**. Entry is free, with refreshments, donations accepted. We are very grateful to Elizabeth Glen for organising this with her, 'ladies in red' which is heralded as a great start to Christmas. www.lyrica.co.uk

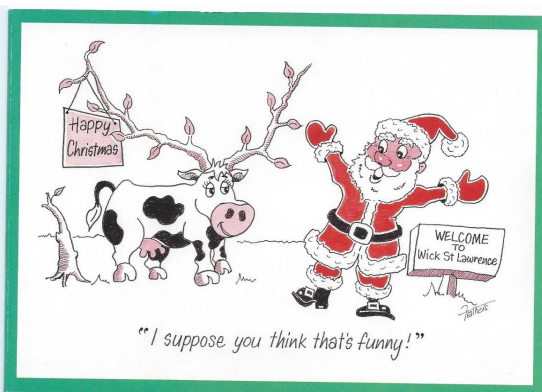
We look forward to hosting two community carol services this month. On Wednesday 2 December at 2.30pm the ladies of the WI will be joining us for their annual group carol service, this year hosted by Hewish WI. On Tuesday 8 December Wick St Lawrence Group Scouts, Cubs and Beavers will be having their Christmas celebration from 6-7pm, accompanied by members of Worle Wind Band. We greatly look forward to both.

Our resident artist John, in Wick St Lawrence, has come up with some great designs for Christmas, an Everlasting Calendar and two Christmas cards, (one featured at the top of the page.) Cards are £3.50 per pack (10 cards per pack) or three packs for £10,

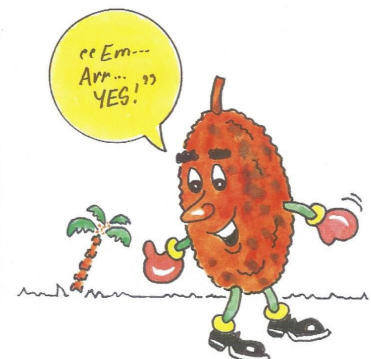
calendars are £5 including an envelope to give the calendar as a gift.

To order call Sandra Redman on 515716

Christmas Blessings, Anne



An
EVERLASTING CALENDAR
for all occasions



... never forget
another important date !

St. Mark's Church



Christmas Fun

Have you bought most of your presents yet, or do you like to leave it till the last minute? What about Christmas cards? Have you written and sent them yet? Perhaps you prefer to give a personal greeting instead.

As the buildup gathers momentum, our favourite seasonal activities appear on the horizon and approach rapidly! The warm house, the dark evenings drawing in, the smell of winter spices in the home, the excitement of meeting friends and family, of giving and receiving presents. Of course, it's easy to forget the real purpose for all this – a celebration of someone very special coming to earth.

I think one of the best gifts we could offer somebody is to put aside any awkwardness and offer them a warm personal invite to a Christmas service. They will hopefully hear the good news about forgiveness of sins and experience the warm loving grace of God. Why not pray and ask God to show you someone you could invite?

St Mark's Link Team update

Year 3 St Mark's school children came to visit the church on the afternoon of November 3rd, with their teachers and support staff. They listened intently as Rev Chris talked to them about St Mark's church, showing them various items linking to the Christian life. There followed a question and answer session with many well thought out queries. The children were then free to explore the church, looking around with Rev Chris and Link team members and asking questions. It was a very successful visit. We look forward to welcoming Year 4 on the afternoon of December 17th.

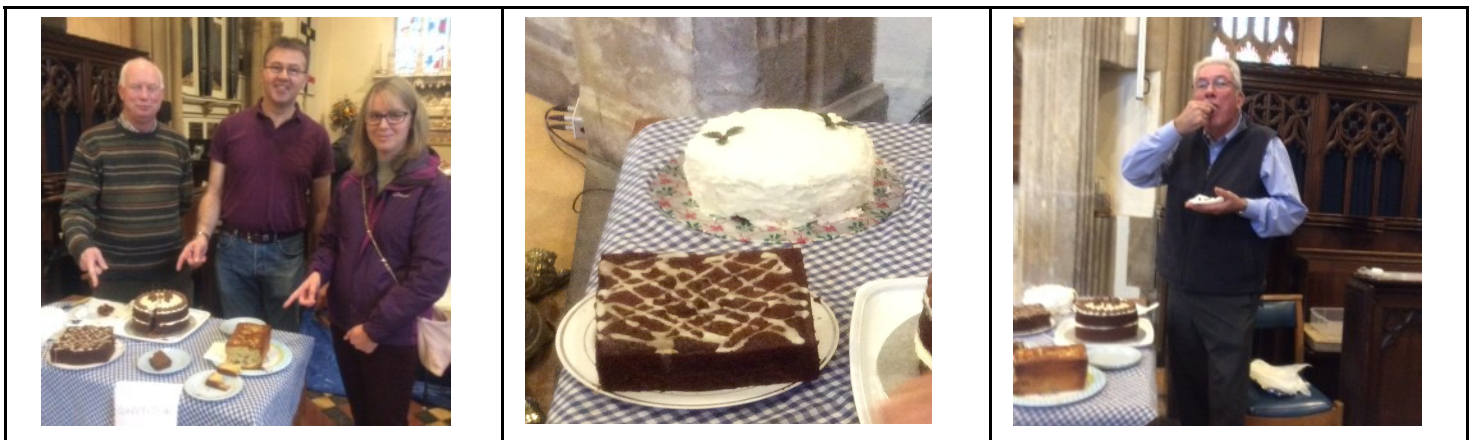
Written by Gill Walcot

With love, Chris

St Martin's Church



In November we celebrated **St Martin's Day** which was an important colourful autumn feast in medieval times. Although Martin was born in Hungary, he eventually moved to France, becoming Bishop of Tours. Our approach to the celebrations is very French and reminds us of Marie Antoinette. **Let them eat cake!** There were worthy winners of the Gentlemen's Cake Competition, and much well-deserved enjoyment and feasting... Despite terrible weather, around £400 was raised and this will go towards the upkeep of the church. We are very grateful to all who contributed in any way.



Sat 10th December 2.30pm

Carol Concert at St Martin's for residents, their carers and family members of local Nursing Homes in Weston. (St. Martins Handbells group used to visit them in the past, but sadly this is no longer possible.)

Tues 15th December at 6.00pm

'Weston Hospice Carol and Remembrance' service will again be hosted this year by St. Martin's, at which the choir and the bell ringers will take part.

Schools' Christmas Celebrations

7th and 8th December 6pm:

Mendip Green's Christingle Services

14th December 9.30am:

St. Martin's School Reception classes hear the Nativity Story round the Crib

14th and 16th December 6pm:

Worle Village Primary School's Carol Services

There will be no Film Night in December.

2016 dates for your diaries.

Sat 23 January 5.15 for 5.45pm:

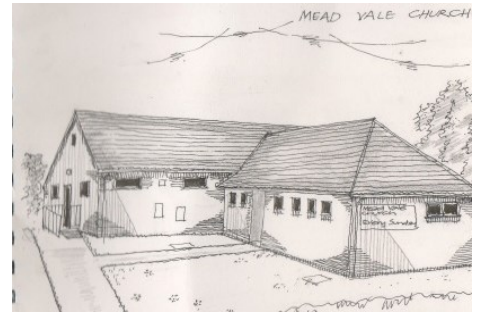
Film Night: Mr Turner

Sat 6 February 7pm:

Quiz Night with Fish & Chip Supper

Gilly

Mead Vale Church



As I write this we have just celebrated Remembrance Day in the Nightjar Pub. It was a very special time of worship with the children taking part in the readings and prayers and making beautiful poppies which they handed to people. We remembered all those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom, which we enjoy today, and we talked about the importance of “remembering” a common theme in our Christian lives as we “remember” all that God has done for us. Not least sending his son to be born amongst us

During November, a missionary couple, David and Janet Brown, who are working in the poorest country in Europe, Moldova, came and shared with us about their work there with OMF. David and Janet are both in their 60's and it's wonderful to see them respond to God's call on their lives and reach out to others with His love. They gave our church children cards to write and colour for them to take back to all the children they are in contact with. Our children were so keen to write to them! We were all moved by what David and Janet shared about the people of Moldova having so little and leading such difficult lives, again we were reminded of how much we have to thank God for!

On **Saturday 12th December from 10am – 12noon** we will have our next “Quadrangle Outreach” when we will be Carol Singing outside the church, to get people in the Christmas spirit and to take the Good News of Jesus out of the Church and into the community. We will also be having our monthly **Coffee Morning at the same time in the centre.** We can then invite people to join us for a hot cuppa, a mince pie and some fellowship. All the family are welcome please do join us.

Details of Christmas Services at Mead Vale Church are given on another page in this magazine.

Emma

From the Registers



Baptisms in St Martin's

22 November

Evie May Falloon
Matilda Violet Povey



Funerals in October

Neil Aldridge	aged 46
Phyllis Hardwell	aged 94

Funerals in November

Stuart Leyshon	aged 68
Irene Norman	aged 83
Douglas Wiltshire	aged 93
Samuel Thompson	aged 77
Susan Harding	aged 60
Beryl Hart	aged 72
George Barcham	aged 90



Prayer for December

Pierce our hearts, O Lord, with your love,
and fill them with the sweetness of your
presence, that we may seek you and find
you, think on you and speak with you,
may we never be separated from you, and
may we rest in you, in time and in eternity.





St. Martin's

13 December 10.00am
20 December 8.00am
10.00am
6.00pm

Christmas Eve:

24 December 4.00pm
11.30pm

Christmas Day:

25 December 8.00am
10.00am

Christingle Service
Holy Communion
Nativity and All-Together Communion
with sherry and mincepies
Carols by Candlelight followed by wine
and mince pies



St. Mark's

20 December 10.30am
6.30pm

Christmas Eve:

24 December 4.00pm
9.30pm

Christmas Day:

25 December 10.30am

Nativity with All Age Worship
Carol Service

Crib Service
Holy Communion

Christmas Service



Mead Vale

20 December 10.30am
6.00pm

Christmas Eve:

24 December 4.00pm

Christmas Day:

25 December 10.30am

Holy Communion
Carols at the Night Jar Pub

Crib Service

Christmas Celebration with Holy
Communion

Wick St. Lawrence

13 December 10.00am
20 December 6.00pm

Christmas Eve:

24 December 4.00pm
9.30pm

Christmas Day:

25 December 10.00am
10.45am

Christingle Service
Carols by Candlelight followed by
mulled wine and warmed mince pies

Crib Service
First Communion of Christmas

Christmas Morning Praise
Said Holy Communion



WORLE PARISH - ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

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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

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