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

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A New Start for a New Year

Are you someone who makes New Year Resolutions every year, without fail? (and resolve to give things up in Lent too!) Or do you make Resolutions only if there's something you haven't quite got round to, and this might be your chance?

January is a traditional time to take stock, to look backwards and forwards and to decide on a change of behaviour. But it's by no means always successful. The word itself may give us some clues. Are we trying to **re-solve** a problem, or are we **resolving** to do things differently? One takes an intellectual approach, the other an effort of will. But neither necessarily involves a change of heart, and maybe that's why we struggle so much.

An interesting approach is to resolve to stop a particular behaviour, and see what else changes in consequence. One priest resolved to stop grumbling. He realised that to have any chance of success, he had to practice thinking and feeling differently, or the grumbles would pop out of his mouth anyway. That involved an awful lot of trying to understand other people's thoughts and feelings which he might not have prioritised otherwise. He discovered that if he could empathise with someone, he couldn't moan about them. (This is not just true for priests, by the way!) He encouraged others to try it too. The atmosphere lightened, and there was a more positive energy and attitude to achieve what they'd hoped and planned.

It's almost the opposite of the commercial spirit of the festive season and the subsequent sales, which encourages us to think that we can only be truly happy or fulfilled if we have the next object of desire, (the sofa or TV;) that more of the same will satisfy and gratify us. It won't. We **can** be truly content with what we have; physically and spiritually. But as our priest found, it may take a change of attitude, a shift away from ourselves.

The real gift of the Christmas season, which we can carry into the New Year and beyond, is to know deep down that we truly do have all we need, and to delight in that. So, doing the best we can with what we have, becomes exciting, not just a challenge to be overcome! We are aware in a new way, that what we can be and do together for God's kingdom is infinite at this moment. If we see the possibilities, enable and encourage each other, and pray and act together in love, who knows what could happen?!

With love as ever, Gilly B

WHAT'S ON IN JANUARY

Saturday 2	10.00am	Sanctuary Morning, Wick St Lawrence Church
Tuesday 12	2.15pm	St Martin's Fellowship at St Martin's
Saturday 16	5.00pm	Family Beetle Drive at St Lawrence Tickets £2.50 to include a Hot Dog
Wednesday 20	3.45pm	Parish introduction to Children in Communion St Martin's
Saturday 23	10.00am	Parish introduction to Children in Communion St Mark's
Saturday 23	5.15 pm	Film Night at St Martin's 'Mr Turner.'
Saturday 23	6.30pm	Maggie Down Quiz at St Mark's
Wednesday 27	7.15pm	Wedding Couples evening, St Martin's

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

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Children in Communion

In October we received permission from Peter, Bishop of Bath and Wells, to introduce our children to the practise of receiving communion, before confirmation, from January 2016. A copy of the Bishop's letter will be available in the churches. Including Children in Communion is a step along the way which we believe is very significant for their growth in faith and is becoming increasingly common in the Church of England so that children may take a full part in our worship. At a later stage, they may decide to publically confirm the promises made at their Baptism, through confirmation. To begin preparing our children, there will be two introductory sessions, primarily for families but for anyone to attend who would like to find out more. Both sessions are the same, you need only attend one.

Wednesday 20 January at 3.45pm at St Martin's Church
Saturday 23 January at 10am at St Mark's Church

Between February and April preparation will continue on occasional Sundays at JAM, Cosmic, Little Martin's and Sunday Club meetings and during All Age/ All-Together Services in our churches. For those parents who are then happy for their children to go forward to receive First Communion there will be a rehearsal on **Saturday 7 May at 10am at St Mark's**. First Communion will then take place at our Annual Parish Pentecost Service the following week at St Mark's Church on **Sunday 15 May at 10.30am**. Please make these dates a priority. We are really looking forward to this journey together.

Youth Development Worker

It is with great delight that we can finally announce Mark Fuller as our YDW following his successful DBS check. Mark lives in the Parish, is married to Becky and they have three children. From 1 January Mark will be working fifteen hours a week to develop work with our young people from the age of ten upwards to early teens. It has long been the vision of the WPCC that a skilled individual, able to devote time specifically to our young people, will help them to explore and grow in the Christian faith. Often, when children begin Secondary School, questions of faith and belonging arise and they need support. Mark is excited about starting this ministry alongside his family business making church furniture. Please pray for him in this important venture.

Reverend Paul Larcombe

We very much look forward to Rev Paul's return to ministry on 1 January, hearing about God's work in his and Liz's lives and their time spent in Argentina. Rev Paul takes his first service back in the Parish at 10am at St Martin's.

Happy New Year, Rev Anne

St Lawrence Church, Wick St Lawrence



By mid December we had already enjoyed three wonderful Christmas events in church. The WI set us off with a joyous carol service and some brilliantly written pieces of amusing poetry. 1st Wick St Lawrence Scouts, Cubs and Beavers, with their families, filled the church for their Christmas Celebration accompanied by Worle Wind Band. 'Lyrica' performed a concert of seasonal Christmas songs, beautifully sung with arrangements by Elizabeth Glen. We are grateful for her professional body of singers and musicians who gave their time to raise money for the upkeep of the church.



Our first Sanctuary Morning of 2016 is on Saturday January 2 from 10am – 12noon and is a great opportunity to give yourself space at the start of the New Year. Through 2015 we welcomed over 110 people for Sanctuary Mornings with 16 who had never been before. You don't need to have a spiritual bent to enjoy the space and silence offered, we all need to give ourselves a moment to stand back. Many find silence difficult; their mind agitates with everything that needs to be dealt with; but when God told the great prophet Elijah he was about to pass by, He wasn't in the gale force wind, in the shattering earthquake or the roaring fire but in the gentle whisper: it was in the silence that God spoke.

**Beetle Drive Saturday 16 January 5pm
Wick St Lawrence Village Hall.**

Tickets £2.50 to include a hot dog (pork or veggie). Drinks will be available.
For more information and tickets
contact Sandra Redman 515716

Join us for our Annual service of Thanksgiving on Sunday January 17 at 10am during which our church and community look back at 2015 and into 2016.

God's blessing, Anne

St. Mark's Church



What's Ahead for St Mark's in 2016? Some thoughts from Rev Chris...

A New Home Group

In 2015, new people joined St Mark's and some of them are keen to join a home group. So my lovely wife, Jody, and I will be hosting one that will meet at Church Cottage every Wednesday evening, starting towards the end of February.

Why join a home group?

- Friendship and support.
- A time of worship.
- A chance to study the Bible and remember last Sunday's sermon together.
- Opportunities to explore your skills in a safe, smaller setting.
- A chance to go out into the community in a small group to serve others.

If you're not involved in a home group, and want to find out more, please speak to me.

Prayer Ministry

Whenever we have been able to offer prayer ministry on a Sunday morning at St Mark's, it has been warmly received and appreciated. This year we hope to establish a small team of people to offer prayer ministry after most services. I have asked Dave & Lin Fortune to lead the ministry, and early in the year we will be taking the team through some training and preparation. The vision for this ministry is that it will help us to draw closer to God and have our lives transformed by the Holy Spirit, and also to receive from God healing and wholeness.

Parish-wide Youth Development Worker

This year sees the exciting development of our parish youth ministry as the post holder begins to establish a new youth group and teams of volunteers.

With love, Chris

St Martin's Church



Christmas Highlights

Advent was celebrated by men grappling with a giant conifer and boys getting to know the very special baby from the crib. (Other ways of marking the season are available!) One of the themes of Advent is 'preparation.' As we can see, this isn't purely spiritual; just as we prepare ourselves, so is our church building prepared. But who guessed that it needed men with a chainsaw?



Dave Nock and Frank Jordan thinking big....



and Thomas and James preparing on a smaller scale.

St.Martin's Fellowship meetings.

Tuesday 12 January 2.15pm in church

Speaker to be confirmed.

Tuesday 9 February 2.15pm in church

This is the AGM and there will be Tea and Cakes to celebrate the life of the Fellowship.

Film Nights

2016 starts with two famous men, one an artist, the other a politician. Both left their worlds changed for ever: Turner through his epic landscapes and experimental techniques with paint; Lincoln through his commitment to the emancipation of slaves.

Saturday 23rd January Mr Turner.

Saturday 20th February Lincoln.

Entrance is free, doors open at 5.15 for 5.45pm; refreshments included.

Quiz Night - Saturday 6th February

This will start at 7pm and will include a Fish Supper.

The cost of the evening will be £8.50.

Mead Vale Church



Carol Singing

In December we had "Carol Singing" outside the church for the community to listen to and enjoy! It was good to continue to bless the community by giving them a gift, which on this occasion was the singing! We also handed out a leaflet telling them about our Christmas services. People responded very well to this (and to the singing!). We held our monthly coffee morning on this day and it was good (not least for the singers) to be able to come into the warm and have a nice cuppa, a piece of stollen and some fellowship! We pray that people may be encouraged to join us for worship over the Christmas period.

Open House

Just before Christmas Greg and Jayne held a Church Family Open house, which was a lovely time of fun and fellowship, with delicious mulled wine and food. Many thanks to Greg and Jayne for hosting us.

Mid-Week Communions

Every first Wednesday of the month we have a mid-week Holy Communion Service at the Mead Vale Community Centre which. This is a good opportunity to take time out of our busy week for worship. **In January this will take place on Wednesday 6 at 10am.** Please note that due to the new playgroup, communion will take place in the Large hall, so please use the ramp entrance!

Wednesday Coffee Mornings

In January we look forward to meeting at the **Night Jar Pub every Wednesday morning from 10.30am for Coffee, and on Saturday 16 January at the Mead Vale Community Centre, for our Coffee Morning at 10am**, refreshments and fellowship at both! Why not join us, we'd love to see you?

Church Family Breakfast

On Sunday 7 February we have a "Church Family Breakfast" for all the family at 10am followed by an All Age Service. Please put the date in your diary.

Emma.

From the Registers



Baptisms in St Martin's 6 December

Katie Victoria Hobbs
Addison Lynne Hobbs
Sophie Lucia Thompson
Jack David Thompson

Baptisms in St Mark's

Arthur James Back
Henry Richard Back

Baptism in St Lawrence 13 December

Austin Michael Morris



Funerals in December

John Richards	aged 88
Elsie Dutton	aged 89
Betty Smith	aged 91



Prayer for January

Lord of new beginnings,
help us to know what new things
we should do for you this year.
Give us grace and strength to live in
fellowship with you and in harmony
of spirit with one another.



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

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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
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