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a community centred on the living Jesus, growing serving
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All you need is love

As I write this we are now in the season of Epiphany when we celebrate the wise men visiting Jesus and bearing their wonderful gifts of Gold Frankincense and Myrrh.

In the shops of course it's all quite different, Christmas is well and truly over and they have moved onto Valentine's Day. Lots of red cards and gifts confront you as you walk by. Every year Valentine's day becomes more and more popular!

- 52% of men propose on Valentine's Day
 - 10% of couples get engaged on Valentine's Day
- Approximately 1 billion Valentine's cards are sent each year all over the world
- 53% of women will end the relationship with their boyfriend if they don't receive anything from them on Valentine's Day
 - The average amount spent on Valentine's Day gifts is £45.
- And the top selling perfume for Valentine's Day is Chanel's No 5.

As the words of the famous Beatles song say "All you need is love" and each of us does need to be loved and want to be loved. But so often we look for that love in the wrong place and no-body or anything can love us more than God does. He created us to be in relationship with Him and to receive His love. So often those we love in our lives let us down but God will NEVER let us down, He loves us unconditionally and for the love in our relationships to last the test of time, we need first to receive the love of God.

If nothing else, on February 14th every year, more people are thinking about "Love" than at any other time during the year! What an opportunity to introduce them to the "Love of God" and to remind ourselves we are loved by God. Let's ask God to give us opportunities to share His love with those who don't know Him yet, that we meet in our communities. I believe He will, and He will also give us the courage to step out and take up the opportunity. Someone reminded me recently people are waiting to be shown/told of God's love and waiting to be invited to Church, far more than we realise and Valentine's Day may be just the opportunity.

Emma Amyes

WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY

Saturday 6	10.00am 7.00pm	Sanctuary Morning at St Lawrence St Martin's Quiz Night and Fish and Chip Supper at St Martin's
Tuesday 9	2.15pm	St Martin's Fellowship at St Martin's 'AGM'
Saturday 20	10.00am	Coffee Morning, refreshments and fellowship at Mead Vale Community Hall
Saturday 27	5.15pm	Film Night at St Martin's 'Lincoln'

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

From the Rector

Extended Ministerial Development Leave (EMDL) – Thank you for your prayers for Liz and myself during my sabbatical. I wanted to mark the start and finish, so I went up to the top of Crook Peak, prayed and gave it to God. I chose to go to Argentina for a number of reasons: Our Argentinian friend, Pastor Claudio has great contacts with key people from the revival there, and we had a previous sabbatical visit to Argentina in 2006.



Argentina is the eighth largest country in the world. It is the second largest in South America and the largest Spanish speaking country. It was a key time to visit as Presidential elections were being held. During our visit there was 40% inflation and 40% devaluation. Crime and corruption were under the surface. There were four key areas for us: Missions; Churches; Preaching; People.

Missions - we took part in three crusades, travelling 700 miles across the country to Merlo for the first of our missions. The second and third were in Buenos Aires region, at San Fernando and at the All Boys Stadium. It was brilliant to see thousands of people give their lives to Christ and a privilege to be part of the mission team, praying for people as they came for prayer.

Churches - we visited a number of churches, including Centro Cristiano Nueva Vida - 30,000 members, and Rey de Reyes - 15,000 members. 'Hot seating' is used as there are multiple services throughout the week.

Preaching in Spanish – I was able to preach (with an interpreter!) at a miracles service in Centro Cristiano Nueva Vida, Buenos Aires and at a small church in Escobar. Both were a great experience.

People – all who we met were very friendly, welcoming and hospitable. The people are so generous. I can't possibly tell you any more in this small space, but do take a look at my blog at: <http://plarcombe2015.wordpress.com>

I am very grateful to those who enable me to take this sabbatical - Revd Anne Farmer who was in overall charge, as well as the clergy team, Churchwardens and lay officers. Also a big thank you for your prayers, and your practical and financial support. Thank you.

With love - Paul

St Lawrence Church, Wick St Lawrence



Drainage works - The New Year saw the completion of the first phase of drainage works at Wick, to remove soil from the outer church walls and fill it with soakaways to deal with damp in the church. The soakaways look much like beer crates which are inserted into the trench and topped with a layer of turf. Work will continue round the bell tower and the back (north side) of the church in the coming months. The work has been undertaken by Williams and Burroughs Heritage Repair with great sensitivity avoiding the disturbance of any graves and memorial plots.

The Bells - In January we had our Annual Service of Thanksgiving along the theme of 'Celebration.' Our Bible reading was the celebration of a Wedding at Cana, when Jesus turned water into wine. We focused on how church bells, so often chosen by couples to be rung at their weddings, are a great sound of celebration and also a signal that a service of worship is about to take place. How amazing it was then, that on this Sunday, a couple staying in a neighbouring guest house, came to our service because they had heard the bells ringing. John Parsons, the ringing captain at Wick, gave a great explanation of 'bells at Wick.' We give grateful thanks for him and all our loyal bell ringers.

Sanctuary Mornings - If you want quiet come to our Sanctuary Morning on Saturday 6 February where the church is warm and welcoming. We had one person last month who dropped off to sleep in the peace of the church. Drop in any time between 10am and 12.30pm refreshments are provided.

Holy Communions - Once a quarter we have a said Holy Communion which takes place in the choir stalls. This month it will be on Sunday February 21st at 11.20am after our Morning Praise service. This is much appreciated by those for whom 10am is too early and for others who enjoy the silent setting.

Many blessings, Anne

St. Mark's Church



Youth Worker

January was the month when the parish finally got to meet our new Youth Development Worker –

Mark Fuller, his lovely wife Becky and their children Presley, Orson and Chester – as they visited each church in turn. January was a month of meetings and planning, especially for Mark and myself as we looked ahead to the coming months.

In many ways we are starting our parish youth ministry from scratch. I know that we all recognize the importance of reaching out to young people and supporting them in their walk with God. As a parish, we'll be persistent and determined as we work towards an exciting, dynamic and effective ministry both **to** young people – and **from** young people to us, as the recipients of their ministry. Mark has **only fifteen hours a week** in this role so he will be focusing his time and energy very carefully for maximum impact.

Prayer Ministry

Last month we began to establish a prayer ministry team at St Mark's. Dave & Lin Fortune have kindly opened their home on the first and third Thursday evenings of each month for a time of healing prayer. After Easter we will provide some training for Sharon Thrupp and Gill Walcot, who will then join myself, Dave & Lin on the team. After that, we hope to be able to offer times of individual prayer during most Sunday services.

Children & Holy Communion

The parish continued its collective journey towards the admission of children to communion as we held two introductory open sessions for all. We shared some food, learnt about the history of communion and children in the church, and then had some fun times thinking about some of the aspects of this special moment in a church service. The next step will be some teaching sessions during children's ministry on Sunday, followed by a rehearsal and then the First Communion service at the Parish All Age service at Pentecost - Sunday 15th May.

With love, Chris

St Martin's Church



St Martin's baby and toddler group

Our toddler group continues to flourish under the capable leadership of Tracy Callaghan and Amy Proctor, supported by Rev Anne. We meet in the church with the chairs moved away and pillars padded! Over the last few months we have welcomed many new children with their parents and carers and our 'baby corner' is booming with little ones. Toddlers meets every Tuesday from 9.30am until 11am. There is usually a simple craft activity, a story with a drink and biscuit, hot drinks for parents and carers, prepared by very loyal members of the congregation. Towards the end of our meeting there is always a joyful singing session! The charge is £1 per family and any surplus goes towards a summer toddler outing. Last year we went to Brean Play.

Free Film Nights

Our next two film nights will be Saturday 27 February showing 'Lincoln,' and Saturday 12 March, showing 'The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel.' Doors open at 5.15pm, with refreshments available and donations accepted.

St Martin's Fellowship 1969 – 2016

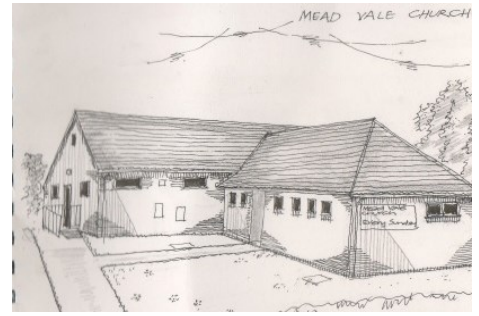
St. Martin's Women's Fellowship was created in 1969 after the Mother's Union closed. In the early days there were 69 members meeting at the Church Hall (now the Drs Surgery, Hill Road East, Health Centre Car Park) and then at Lawrence Road Community Centre. Down the years there were a number of locally well-known Chair Persons. The first was Mrs Curtis – the Vicar's wife and some names familiar to members of today's congregation – Mary Butcher, Vera Hinton, May Hoskins and Olwen Brodhurst, with Iris Elsbury being the last Chairwoman.

With numbers decreasing, it was decided in 2013 to introduce gentlemen to the Fellowship with meetings now held in St Martin's Church. The Fellowship motto has always remained **"Our fellowship is with Christ and with One Another."** The final meeting will be the AGM on the 9 February with tea and cakes and an official winding down of business. However, for those who wish to continue meeting together on a more informal basis, Iris Elsbury has very kindly agreed to offer an 'open house' once a month in her home for those who would appreciate the fellowship and company.

With thanks to Paul Elliott for this potted history.

Many blessings, Anne

Mead Vale Church



On Saturday 9 January we had a wonderful Church family meal out. We go in January as December is always busy and January is often quieter. As the rain poured down on a very wet and wintery day! Over 25 of us went to the Ebdon Arms and had a super meal with an extended time of fellowship together which is always good at the start of the year. Lovely food, lovely company and the children loved it too. One of the children said, when I asked them if they had a good time, that "it was amazing"! Thanks to Greg who organised this for us.

A new playgroup has started in the Community Centre, Play and Learn who already have a group next to Worle Village Primary School. Emma was asked to open the playgroup on their first day in January and it was really good to do that for them and to support them on their first day. We look forward to a good on-going relationship with them as a Church, as Emma will be going in regularly to read the Bible to the children. We hope links may be made with the families of the children in the future.

On Sunday the 7 February we have a Church Family Breakfast at 10am followed by an all-age service for all the family. Always a good time of fellowship with excellent food such as bacon and egg butties and vegetarian food is on offer too. A good start to our Sunday worship and the week ahead! Please do join us.

In February we look forward to meeting at the **Night Jar Pub every Wednesday morning from 10.30am for Coffee, and on Saturday 20 February at the Mead Vale Community Centre, for our Coffee Morning at 10am**, why not join us for refreshments and fellowship at both, we'd love to see you.

Emma

From the Registers



Baptisms in St Martin's

27 December

Kyla Jasmine Christine Hall



Funeral in December

Trevor Pritchard

aged 72

Funeral in January

Audrey Beck

aged 88

Eva Watts

aged 87

Joan Williams

aged 91

Brian Avery

aged 67

Janet Williams

aged 56

Beatrice Bottrell

aged 89



Prayer for February



Today let my spirit stay far from loneliness.
Let me discover the richness found in solitude,
Appreciate the quiet times for prayer,
Feel contentment in my aloneness.
If my thoughts should turn to loneliness today,
Let me find the courage to reach out to others.
Let me give thanks for the good parts of my life,
Accept the lonely times,
Change what needs changing to find peace of mind.
Lord help me to remember that I am never truly alone
For you are always here with me. **Amen**

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
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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

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