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Wonder and worship



Have you ever wondered how many stars there are? We know there are lots and we know we can't count them. It is clearly not a straightforward question. So what do we know? We believe the universe is some 14 billion light years old. We think it is expanding, but we don't know if it is infinitely large or not. And the fact that space-time seems to be curved makes it even more complicated. But if the Milky Way has some 100 million stars in it and if there are in the order of 100 trillion galaxies, we are looking at something like '1 followed by 24 noughts' as an answer. That is a lot of stars! And throughout all of human history people have wondered not only how many stars there are but also who made them.

The Bible gives us an answer to this and reveals God as the Creator of all things. The prophet Isaiah wrote this:

'Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.' (Isaiah 40: 26)

Stars are beautiful, mysterious, awe-inspiring. They cause us to wonder and marvel. Who has not stopped at some point and just gazed at the night sky? It is said that the US President Franklin D Roosevelt used to take his guest out after dinner to look at the night sky. They would stare at the stars and then he would say: 'Now that we feel small enough, let us discuss our business.'

At the first Christmas it was a star that led the wise men to the baby Jesus. 'When they saw the child with his mother Mary, they bowed down and worshipped him.' Christmas reminds us that Jesus is God's Son, our Saviour and our Lord. In the midst of all else that is happening may we make sure that we take time to wonder and to worship.

+ Peter Bath and Wells

WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER

Saturday 3 10.00am Sanctuary Morning at Wick St Lawrence Church
 Saturday 10 10.00am Mead Vale Coffee Morning at Mead Vale Community
 7.00pm Sing Out Loud UK invite you all to join them in their
 Concert "Baby It's Cold Outside" at Wick St Lawrence
 Church. Admission is free.

Saturday 17 11.00am—12 noon Carol singing on the High Street
 outside the Co-op. Please join us as we place Jesus at the
 heart of Christmas

Sunday 1 January 10.00am United Parish Service for the New Year in St Martin's Church

Service Times

Please check inside the back cover for December variations.

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

Parish Page



Remembrance - In November, over 150 people gathered by the war memorial on Worle High Street for the annual Remembrance Service. Over recent years this service has grown in numbers supported and appreciated by many. Grateful thanks go to Carol Edwards for her organisation of the event and co-ordination with the council, and to Yvonne Criddle who has lead the service so well these past two years.

Team Rector - Rev Emma Amyes writes of the continuing appointment process for our new Team Rector. A group met at the end of November with Caroline Bruce (The Diocesan Adviser on Vacancies) to talk about the next stage for the Parish Profile. She congratulated us on what has been produced and offered helpful suggestions regarding the layout, and what may be added in order to improve it. She reminded us that often the “putting together” of the profile can be a lengthy process when there is more than one church involved, it takes time to consider all that needs to be included and all that needs to be left out! Caroline reminded us of the importance of getting the profile as “right” as possible in the beginning in order to prevent problems further down the line. “The more right it is initially, the more likely we are to attract and appoint the right Team Rector!” Amendments will now be made to be agreed by the Archdeacon and final approval from the WPC.

Parish Prayer - Please continue to pray for the people working on the profile and the appointment process and for our parish. Our next prayer gathering will be **on Thursday 13 December in St Martin’s Church from 7.30 – 8.30pm**

Seeking a Treasurer - Having become the Chair of Governors for St Martin’s School, Mark Preddy, our Parish Treasurer, will be standing down from this role at the end of the year. Mark has faithfully served God in this capacity for many years for which we are truly grateful. We are looking for someone or two people, willing to take over the role from Mark. The work of Parish Treasurer is supported by the individual church treasurers, others in the parish and the Diocese. A willing heart and some ability with figures would be necessary. Please pray to see if God is calling you to take on this vital ministry in the parish.

St Lawrence Church, Wick St Lawrence



We had a delightful Ladies Night in November at the Ebdon Arms. Over 90 ladies and a few men enjoyed the stalls, pampering and hospitality, combining the evening with a meal in the pub. There was an interesting demonstration of ideas for decorating Christmas cakes by Mrs Bouquet and her team. As always we are grateful to be able to partner with the Ebdon Arms and work with them.

On Remembrance Sunday we were delighted to welcome 1st Wick St Lawrence Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to our service, parading in with flags during the opening hymn. During the service there was the opportunity to have a moment of quiet reflection to remember those who died in conflict, or a loved one, by lighting a candle and placing it on the altar. The Cubs led us in prayer and Simon 'Bagheera' one of the group leaders, hung the poppy wreath. There was a reverent atmosphere as one hundred adults and children observed a two minute silence for those who gave their lives for us.

On Saturday 3 December the lights will be on in church, the building heated, the kettle boiling, cake and biscuits laid out ready, candles for lighting on the altar. From 10am – 12.30pm we are happy to welcome anyone who would like to spend time in silence before God, to reflect, think and pray for as long or short as you like. This is a Sanctuary Morning and is open to all.

Do you recycle your Christmas cards?

If so, please could you save any depicting angels, as we are planning an event with an 'Angel' theme in December 2017. Please take your 'Angel' cards to your church and place them in the box provided. They will be collected in the second week of January. Thank you in advance, Sandra Redman. PS Then watch this space!!

Details of all our services over Christmas are in the inside cover of the magazine.

We are sad to announce the death of Ted Cox on the 8 November. For many years Ted was the Church Warden at Wick St Lawrence, fully involved in the life of the church and enjoyed ringing the bells in his younger days. He and his wife Stella (who passed away in June) lived at Hodders Farm in Wick for many years before retiring to Worle. Our love and prayers go to his family.

Blessings for Christmas, Anne

The not-so-old Vicarage



Following on from an article in October, I thought some memories of the not-so-old Vicarage in Church Road might be appropriate.

The house, pictured above left, was originally called 'Westacre' and was built by Mr Hardwick around 1890 in the high Victorian style. When it was built Coronation Road, above right, had not been built and the area was known locally as 'Ten Acres'. 'Westacre' became the home of Dr. Frederick St. John Kemm and his family. Dr. Kemm was not a Worle man, but he married a local girl and brought up his family before retiring to Clifton in 1911. Whilst living at Westacre he joined the handbell

ringers at the Church and is pictured with them, bewhiskered, in 1908. He, and his family are all buried in St Martin's Churchyard in grave A31, close to the Church.

In 1919 the very old Vicarage in Worle High Street was sold and the Church purchased Westacre to serve as its new Vicarage. For much of the 20th century it was variously occupied by the Reverends Maurice Holme, May, Vallance Cook, Foster, Curtis and Radcliffe. Rev. May saw the village through the horrors of World War 2 and is also buried in the local Churchyard.

Eric Vallance Cook is fondly remembered to this day, despite leaving Worle in the early 1960s. He allowed the Guide Company to hold their meetings on Friday evenings each week in the outhouse at the rear of the building and occasionally the Church Lads' Brigade were permitted to use his back garden and orchard as a shooting range with Ron Tabrett's air rifle. He also took a great interest in the Century Club and spent his last evening in Worle at the Club before he and his wife made the move to Chard.

The house had few modern facilities. Hot water was installed in 1953, but despite the wonderful views over the Mendips, the house was unwieldy and expensive to run, and was eventually sold to be replaced by a block of modern flats with balconies facing south, which are still there today.

Raye Green Worle History Society - next meeting Worle Community Centre, Lawrence Road at 7.00 p.m Thursday December 1st - Quiz Night.

The Sunday Struggle



'Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,
Kneel now before him: the Lord is his name.'

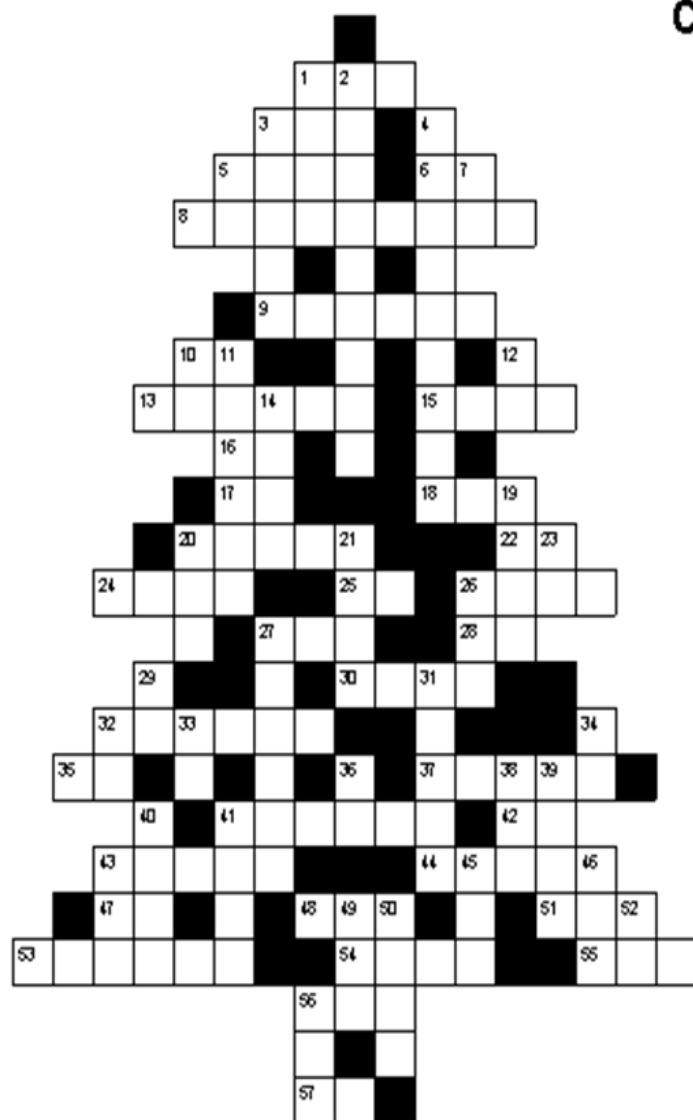
Is Sunday worship a struggle? Have you ever felt frustrated that the worship at church isn't quite to your taste? Too noisy? Not noisy enough? Unfamiliar hymns? Do you spend your time feeling cross because your needs are not being met and want to leave the service? There is another way of looking at it which renowned song writer and worship leader Graham Kendrick talks about in his book, 'Worship.'

He writes, "How many of us become dry and empty in our worship, even bored with it and never consider that it may be because we are coming as consumers rather than givers?"

Kendrick suggests that we 'limber up' before going to church and think of how we can give as well as receive during the service. We shouldn't expect the vicar or preacher to be responsible for how we 'feel', we should bear some of that responsibility ourselves. We can be so self-orientated that we have forgotten that even if we are only sitting in the pews we are still taking part in the service and our 'input' is important.

Graham Kendrick offers the following ideas. Clear your mind of troubles and pray that God would help you with them through something in the service. Ask the Lord if there is anything stopping you from fully entering into His presence. Give thanks. Sing a little. Pray for the preacher and those taking part, pray for one or two people you know are coming to the service. Although we may not be leading the service it doesn't mean that God can't use us and our prayers. By praying we are allowing the Holy Spirit to work through us. Meditate briefly on a verse of scripture. Go to church taking Jesus with you and expect God to make Himself real to you. Then maybe church will be a joy and feast and not the Sunday struggle.

Christmas



Across

1. President
3. Observe
5. Discuss
6. "And ____ shall reign over the house of Jacob..."
8. Flock watchers
9. Satisfy
10. The great I ____
13. Mary's resting place
15. Mother of Jesus
16. Negative
17. "____ and search diligently for the young child"
18. Jesus is the ____ of God
20. The baby
22. "...and shall be called the Son ____ of the Highest."
24. Destitute
25. "...and laid Him ____ a manger"
26. Bearded nanny
27. "And she brought her first born ____."

28. "...and ____ earth peace, good will towards men."
30. Wiseman gift
32. "And ____ him with all the heart" (two words)
35. "...what have we to ____ with thee, thou Jesus..."
37. What the wisemen brought
41. Stepfather
42. Either
43. More accurate.
44. "And all went to be ____, every one into his own city."
47. "For unto you ____ born this day
48. No room here
51. Consume
53. Singing Cherubs
54. Present decorations
55. "For unto you is born, this ____ in the city..."
56. Pro
57. Way to win in boxing

Down

1. Jump
2. Birth city
3. Shepherds flock
4. The Holiday we observe
5. Brand of suger
7. Mr. McMahon
10. "Hee shall be born of Mary, ____ Jerusalem..."
11. Baby's bed
12. Northwestern state
14. Hisses
19. Mid day
20. Happiness
21. What the angels did
23. "____ la la la la la la la"
26. Jehovah
27. Redeemer
29. "His name was called Jesus, which was ____ named of the angel"
31. Illumination
32. "and it came ____ pass..."
33. "... and ____, the star which they saw in the east..."
34. "When ____ his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph,"
36. "Master what shall ____ do?"
38. Sly canine
39. Decorated pine
40. "...behold, there came ____ men from the east."
41. Not Gentiles
43. Parable of the ____ tree
45. Mary's transportation
46. Father
49. Broadcast TV network
50. Christmas carol
52. Instructor's helper
56. Inquire

Baby Jesus Word Search

Christmas is a very joyous holiday for Christians all around the world. This holiday marks the celebration of the birth of God's son Jesus. It is celebrated by attending church and the giving of gifts to others, just as God gave us the gift of his Son, Jesus.

Directions:

Find all the words in the word list. Words are hidden in straight lines, going frontwards, backwards and diagonally.



Word List

ANGEL
BABY
BETHLEHEM
BIRTH
DONKEY
GIFT
GLORY
GOD
HEAVEN
HOLY
INNKEEPER
JESUS
JOSEPH
KING
MANGER
MARY
MERCY
PEACE
REST
SAVIOUR
SHEPHERDS
SON
STAR
VIRGIN
WISE MEN

O	B	B	G	E	P	O	S	S	O	N	R	Y	Y	O
C	P	I	E	I	V	H	V	G	V	E	X	B	S	O
T	Z	E	R	T	F	D	C	I	P	N	A	R	P	V
O	G	Z	A	T	H	T	O	E	R	B	Q	H	H	U
C	B	O	C	C	H	L	E	N	J	G	M	T	R	O
G	C	N	A	C	E	K	E	S	K	O	I	J	H	M
O	Q	F	I	E	N	N	N	H	A	E	S	N	I	A
D	R	S	P	N	E	E	J	L	E	V	Y	E	E	R
K	E	U	I	M	V	H	E	Y	Y	M	I	Q	P	Y
I	S	Y	E	A	R	G	R	C	U	J	H	O	E	H
N	T	S	E	E	N	O	R	Y	F	C	E	L	U	J
G	I	H	G	A	L	E	E	C	A	R	Z	S	C	R
W	A	N	H	G	M	Q	T	C	I	J	W	G	U	Z
I	A	H	O	L	Y	S	T	A	R	M	P	K	J	S
M	M	J	U	C	D	S	H	E	P	H	E	R	D	S

St. Mark's Church



Christmas Fun

Come and make friends at St Mark's this Christmas, you'll get a warm welcome and a friendly smile! We've got some lovely seasonal services during Advent, from the candlelit carol service with the aroma of mulled wine and mince pies (Sunday 18th Dec at 6.30pm), to the boisterous fun of the Crib Service for young children (Sat 24th at 4pm). See the list on the inside back cover magazine for full details.

Interesting stuff going on in St Mark's

Hundreds of people use the church building throughout a typical week. What do they all do? Well, here's one of the groups.



University of the Third Age (U3A) is dedicated to the advance of education of middle aged and older people (the third age) who are no longer in employment. The Weston Branch offers more than 80 activities. The group that use St Mark's is called Art Group 2.

Members can join the U3A for a yearly subscription of £12 which allows them to attend as many groups as they wish. Each session costs 30p for refreshments and if a venue is hired there is a further £1.20 to cover costs.



Every Tuesday there is a coffee morning from 10am to 11.15 at the Friends Meeting House High Street Weston where members can meet socially, and anyone interested will be welcome. To find out more go to www.u3aweston.org.uk or phone the group coordinator on 01934 625 525.

With love, Chris

St Martin's Church

This month many local schools will hold their Christmas Services and Concerts in St Martin's Church. Also some year one children will visit to see St. Martins Church Crib and Christmas Tree which has been donated for the second year. It is wonderful that the children come with their teachers, parents and friends to celebrate the story of Christmas. Those who help find it rewarding it be able to reach out to the community in this way.



Leading up to Christmas our church services are as follows;

Sunday 11th December 10am Christingle service

Sunday 18th December 10am Nativity service, and at 6pm there is Carols and Lessons by Candlelight followed by seasonal refreshments.

Saturday 24th December Christmas Eve 4pm Crib service, please ensure you come early as it is very popular. In the evening at 11.30pm is the Midnight Communion Service.

Sunday 25th December, Christmas Day 8am Holy Communion followed by 10am Family Holy Communion with Carols.

This Christmas is the second year without a Rector and we would like to thank the Staff Team and Readers and particularly Revd. Anne Farmer, acting Team Rector, during this period of vacancy.

We have been very saddened by the death of Joan McCarthy (affectionately known as Joan Mac) who has been a long time member of St Martin's, a former Church Warden, bell ringer, fund raiser, house group leader and a great lover of people. She will be greatly missed and lovingly remembered.

A Table Prayer for Christmas Dinner

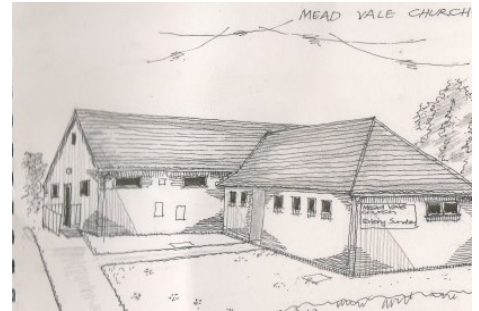
Many families have difficulties in coming together for meals during the year but the Christmas dinner table is one occasion on which there is a full gathering of family and friends.

The following prayer could be used.

Blessed are you, God the Father, you have gathered us once more at this Christmas table, God, you are the giver of all good gifts, we thank you for this Christmas feast, for the beauty of decorations, for the gift of food upon this table, for keeping us together today and throughout the year. We thank you for our family and friends and ask you to bless them. May your blessing be upon us all, in the name of the Father and of the Son.

A very Happy Christmas and Joy in the New Year

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 doing the readings and prayers. 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

On **Saturday 10th December** we have a **Church Family Trip to Noah’s Ark Zoo Farm**, where we shall be watching their Christmas Nativity with live animals and spending time together at the Farm, having fellowship and fun at this special time of year. We are thankful for money that has been given to pay for all our children at Mead Vale Church to go.

On **Saturday 17th December from 10am – 12noon** we have our next “Quadrangle Outreach” when we will be Carol Singing and handing out gifts 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 and to let them know there is a Church here for them!

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 the inside back cover of this magazine.

Emma

From the Registers



Baptisms in St Martin's

.... A quiet month this November....



Funerals in October

Raymond Sicolo

aged 58

Graham Febry

aged 49

Funerals in November

Alan Faulkner

aged 75

Joan McCarthy

aged 88



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 refugees

Holy child of Bethlehem

Help us, we pray to see the

Divine image in people everywhere





Worle Parish Christmas Services 2016



St. Martin's

11 December	10.00am	Christingle Service
18 December	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Nativity with All-Together Communion
	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

18 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

18 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

11 December	10.00am	Christingle Service
18 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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WHAT'S ON AT ST MARKS

Home Groups

Midweek adult fellowship and study....
Colin Guichard 521792 Rev Chris and Jody Elms 515438

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)
Pre-school Monday to Friday (515922)
Guides on Wednesday (Nicky Parker-Hall 518406)
The Parish Office 515922 (Liz Winter)

Lettings.....

WHATS ON AT ST MARTIN'S

Choir.....

Richard Lennox 07710788911

Church Cleaning Group.

Thursday Morning

Social Events.....

Diane Swatton 513111

Bellringers.....

Jim Lambard 514004

Sacristy.....

Communion, Servers, Vestments Joan Elliott 513968

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 Group....

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....

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