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From the Bishop....



At one time January and February were not part of the Calendar as the winter was regarded as being a 'monthless period.' Indeed it was not until about 700BC that Numa Pompilius added January and February to the Calendar. February was named after Februa, a festival of ritual purification. In Old English February was called Solmonath (mud month) or Kale-monath (named after cabbages). In Somerset we certainly know something about both mud and cabbages!

But how strange to regard Winter as being 'monthless'? It assumes nothing is happening. And that's certainly not true. In our gardens we see snowdrops, crocuses and daffodils appearing. New life and new growth is evident everywhere. For farmers this is also a very busy period with early lambing often underway and with winter sown crops already well established.

February is a time when we appreciate that the days are lengthening and for many of us 'spring cleaning', whatever that may mean, is often under way. In February Epiphany is well behind us and Lent almost upon us. Across the Diocese there is also much that is happening. Bishop Ruth and I are looking forward to six *Community Conversations*, the first two of which are in February. There will be two in each archdeaconry and these are occasions for us to meet people from right across the diocese. Some will be people we know well, but we hope many will be people who we have not had the chance to meet before. The aim of each *Conversation* is to provide an opportunity for us to hear and to share some of the things that God is doing among us. We are called to be followers of Jesus, living and telling the story of his love. All PCC secretaries and clergy have been given these dates, so do speak to one of them if you would like to come along. We look forward to meeting you and hearing your stories.

With warm greetings,

+Peter

WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY

Saturday 4 10.00am Sanctuary Morning at Wick St Lawrence Church Saturday 18 10.00am Mead Vale Coffee Morning in Community Hall

Tuesday 21 7.30pm Parish Prayer St Mark's Church

Saturday 25 5.00pm Family Beetle Drive at Wick St Lawrence Village Hall

5.15pm Free Film Night at St Martin's showing Moulin Rouge

SERVICE TIMES ON SUNDAYS

Children's activities take place in all our churches during morning services

St Martin's

8am Holy Communion 10.00am Holy Communion (Morning Praise every 3rd Sunday)

St Mark's

10.30am with Holy Communion celebrated alternate weeks (2nd, 4th & 5th)

6pm Choral Evensong (3rd) Fifth Sunday Service (5th)

Mead Vale

10.30am
with Holy Communion celebrated
alternate weeks

6.00pm Evening Prayer (2nd) 6.00pm Pub Presence (4th) (The Nightjar Pub)

St Lawrence

10am (1st and 3rd Sundays)
Informal and family friendly
6pm (2nd and 4th Sundays)
Quiet and traditional

For weekly variations please go to the parish website www.worlewide.org.uk and click on the relevant church page.

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



New Team Rector

During January the role of Team Rector for the Parish of Worle was advertised in the church press, on the Diocesan website and the main Church of England website. It has provoked a lot of interest in people requesting the application pack, we now pray that these turn into completed applications!

Short listing for the post takes place with Archdeacon Andy Piggott on 2 February with informal visits and the interviews scheduled for 21 and 22 February. Please continue to keep this whole process in your prayers, for God's choice of Rector.

Parish Prayer in February

There are two opportunities to pray for the parish in February, in silence during the Sanctuary Morning at Wick St Lawrence Church on **Saturday 4 February** any time between 10am—12.30pm.

Also on **Tuesday 21 February** at St Mark's Church from 7.30 - 8.30pm. At both we will be praying for those who live and work in Worle and Wick St Lawrence, for the appointment of a new Team Rector and for the life and health of our four churches.

Thrive - Parish Youth Group

Our parish youth group, 'Thrive' meets Fridays at St Mark's Church from 7pm until 8.30pm.

February 10th Bring a friend evening
February 24th Pizza making evening
For more information contact Mark Fuller
captainmarksparrow@hotmail.co.uk......07968134959

Wise Words....

We have a God who delights in impossibilities Billy Sunday
When we lose one blessing, another is often most unexpectedly given in its place.
C.S Lewis

St Lawrence Church, Wick St Lawrence

We had a wonderful evening Wassail at Icelton Farm in Wick in January. In freezing cold temperatures over 70

adults and children gathered in the apple orchard to witness some age old traditions involving the Wassail Princess (Lauren) placing food in an apple tree to entice a Robin to feed and bring on the trees. We were encouraged to shout and cheer and stamp our feet which did a lot to help the blood circulation. Elizabeth Glen then sang, 'Jesus Christ the Apple Tree,' in beautiful tones which echoed round the orchard. This was followed by a traditional wassail song and a prayer that God would bless the crops, animal stock and those who work the land. We had a most amusing display by 'Icelton Morris Dancers' pulled together at the last moment with the children joining in and more shouting and stamping. It was truly a fun evening with mulled cider, soup and hot dogs served in the farm yard with many opportunities for conversation and laughter. Huge thanks to Liz Parsons for her organisation and Bob Parsons for dressing up in his Zider smock.

For something a bit quieter, as usual the month begins with the chance for peace and quiet in God's presence at the **Sanctuary Morning on Saturday 4**th **February in church.** Drop in any time between 10am – 12.30pm, for warmth, refreshment and solace. Many have found the following prayer helpful in finding quiet:

Calm me Lord, as you calmed the storm
Still me Lord, keep me from harm;
Let all the tumult within me cease,
Enfold me Lord. in your peace.
from Carmina Gadelica (as found in Celtic Daily Prayer)

Far less calming but a lot of fun is the Family Beetle Drive taking place this year on Saturday 7 February at 5pm in Wick St Lawrence Village Hall. This is a great activity for everyone as it begins early, provides tea, and allows older children to be able to fill in their beetle on their own. Cost is £2.50 adults, £2.00 children to include a hot dog with drinks and cakes available. For tickets call Sandra Redman 515716 or go via the parish Office

Holy Communion - Once a quarter there is a said service of Holy Communion which takes place in the choir stalls after a morning service. This month it will be on **Sunday February 19**th **at 11.15am** following Morning Praise. This is much appreciated by those for whom 10am is too early and for others who enjoy staying on for the silent setting.

Then and Now: Memories of the Methodist Chapel, Lawrence Road





Half way up Lawrence Road, on the right hand side, stands the old Methodist Chapel. It opened on 31st October [Hallowe'en] in 1837, 6 years before Dickens wrote 'A Christmas Carol', and was every inch a Victorian Chapel. Whereas St Martins was full of pomp and ceremony, Ebenezer was simple in its decoration, organisation and the nature of its services. There were, and still are, yellow steps up to the double doors and an entrance porch with a table and a notice board. Two inner doors led into the chapel itself, which was usually painted cream. The light oak pews were arranged in 3 sections and were plain and identical to one another. At the front was the huge pipe organ on the left, an elaborate pulpit in the middle with choir stalls on the right.

This array actually looked rather impressive. A first floor gallery was reached by a staircase from the entrance porch. Children in the congregation loved the gallery and sneaked up there to witness weddings, unobserved. There were no carpets or stone slab floors, just linoleum in a dull shade of brown. The absence of stained glass windows allowed the space to be flooded with light. The School room opened off the Chapel on the south side, with a kitchen beyond that. There was a lavatory, but it was in an impossible state, and anyone desperate ran down to the Lamb Inn.

Despite its austerity, this chapel was loved by its congregation and was used almost every day of the week for services, Sunday school, Bible classes, choir practice, Bright Hour and so forth. Evening service was at 6.30 p.m. and generally poorly attended, but the 11 a.m. service was a busy, social gathering. Holy Communion was celebrated monthly at morning service once a month - Methodists did not believe in overdoing things.

When it closed in 1979 it was 142 years old and there was great sadness. Now the building is home to Worle Community Association and is still used by local organisations almost every day of the week.

Raye Green

www.worlehistorysociety.net

Next meeting at Worle Community Centre, Lawrence Road February 2nd 7.00 pm with Peter Phippen, OBE, RIBA Peter is an architect and is full of happy memories of Worle, his family were local builders and responsible for building much of Greenwood Road, and other roads in Worle.

Want to lead an abundant life? Come and learn more at Worle Parish Lent Course March 2017

In the gospel of John, Jesus says to his disciples:

"I have come that you may have life and have it in abundance."

Do we really experience this abundant life?

Hurts happen, habits harden, stress builds up. How can we be released into the fulfilling and abundant life God longs for us to lead? We shall be exploring this during March at our Parish Lent course, with four excellent speakers, including the Bishop of Bath and Wells, joining us each Tuesday to explore this theme. Lent is a season in the Christian calendar in which we're encouraged to pause and reflect. Our Lent course is an excellent opportunity to put time aside once a week to do this as we explore our faith, seek God's love and forgiveness and maybe in turn help release ourselves and our churches into growth.

Timings for all meetings

7.30pm for refreshments; 7.45-8.45pm – meeting; 8.45-9.00pm prayer ministry available.

Tuesday 7 March
St Martin's Church
with Canon David Self, retired priest and published author of 'Forgiveness, stories from People and Communities.'

Tuesday 14 March St Mark's Church with *The Rt Rev Peter Hancock, Bishop of Bath and Wells*

Tuesday 21 March Mead Vale Church, Mead Vale Community Centre with *The Venerable Andy Piggott, Archdeacon of Bath*

Tuesday 28 March Wick St Lawrence Church with *The Revd Lydia Avery, Rural Dean of Locking*

For more information please contact the Parish Office or Rev Anne Farmer 01934 515610

The Apostles

Find the name of all the apostles hidden in the puzzle below.

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CLUES ACROSS

1	"as he upon the mount" (Matt. 24)
	"the poison of is under their lips"
	(Rom. 3)
	"righteousnesses are as filthy" (Isa. 64)
12	"the price of his shall bethe num- ber of years" (Lev. 25)
13	"ye are so removed" (Gal. 1)
14	"For that which I do I not" (Rom. 7)
16	"rule them with a rod of" (Rev. 19)
	"breathed his nostrils the breath of life" (Gen. 2)
18	"be holy and without before him in love" (Eph. 1)
19	"saw Jesus afar off, he and wor- shipped him" (Mark 5)

20 "shall be astonished, and ___ his head"

with the ____" (Judg. 16)
23 "secretly as a lion in his ____" (Ps. 10)
24 "the queen of ____ heard of the fame of

21 "weavest the seven locks of my head

Solomon" (I Kings 10)

(Jer. 18)

28 "w (M	hen ye pray, not vain repetitions" att. 6)
30 "if	any man will thee at the law" att. 5)
32 "As	the partridge sitteth on" (Jer. 17)
36 "ha	air is fallen off his head, he is" ev. 13)
39 "w	ere as swift as the" (I Chron. 12)
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	essed the poor in spirit" (Matt. 5)
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49 "Sa	oul David from that day" (I Sam. 18)
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	e planteth an" (Isa. 44)
52 "ha	arder to be than a strong city" ov. 18)
54 "fir	nd an tied, and a colt" (Matt. 21)

26 "the ____, which the LORD God had taken from man" (Gen. 2)

St. Mark's Church



<u>People who use the church building:</u> <u>St. Mark's Pre-school</u>

St. Mark's church building is used by many different community organisations throughout a typical week. We have a good relationship with our hirers and this month in Worle Wide Express we continue to focus on one of our hirers to give you a flavour of the various activities going on.

St Mark's Pre-school is a privately owned Pre-school for 2, 3 & 4 year olds, managed and led by Emily Owen. It runs ten sessions per week, and is registered for 24 children for each individual session at a cost of £14.00 per child per session.

Lunch club runs Monday to Friday from 12.00-12.30 costing £2.00. All day sessions from 9.00-3.30 are also available.

St Marks Pre-school pride themselves on encouraging children to develop socially, emotionally, creatively and physically in a positive and



St. Mark's Pre-school
Worle, Weston-super-Mare

safe environment. The friendly members of staff all have recognised qualifications in child care/learning development, or are undertaking ongoing training.

TERM DATES 2017

Term 3 Tuesday 03 January 2017 until Friday 10th February 2017

Term 4 Monday 20th February 2017 until Friday 07th April 2017

Term 5 Monday 24th April 2017 until Friday 26th May 2017

Term 6 Monday 5th June 2017 until Friday 21st July 2017

01934 515922 07949 524650 info@stmarkspreschoolworle.org.uk

With love, Revd Chris

St Martin's Church



Did you know that we are asked by the Diocese to complete a documents called "Statistics for Mission." This form is required annually by the Research and Statistics Department of the Archbishops Council. Each church should find the information compiled useful for their own purpose, year- on-year, providing an insight in the continuing life of the church. Hopefully, the reader of this page may also find it of interest.

Did you know that St Martins have a 108 people on the Electoral Roll and that the Parish as a whole has 212. On a usual Sunday there are 61 adults and 8 young people under 16. Easter 2016 showed that 136 people came to our Easter vigil on Easter Eve and Easter Day.

Did you know that during Advent 2016 until the 23rd December the total number of people attending services including, Christingle, Nativity, Carols and Lessons service were 431, interestingly, the total number of people and children attending services for our schools totalled 1140.

Did you know how many people came to St Martins on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day- 424.

Did you know during 2016, 36 people were baptised, 12 Couples were married in church with 21 Funeral services held in St Martins.

As always, we are grateful to all who support the above. How about testing your knowledge in other things that happened in 2016 at St Martin's. The first three people to ring the Parish Office with close answers will receive a small prize for their endeavours.

How many times did the flag fly from the steeple during 2016? How many Altar candles did we use during 2016? How many bottles of Communion wine did we use last year? How many baptism candles did we give to children in 2016? How many Vicars of St Martins will there have been when we have appointed in 2017?

Saturday 25th February, Film Night is showing Moulin Rouge, the film starts at 5.45pm, admission and refreshments free, all are welcome.

Paul Elliott

Mead Vale Church



As Christians we know and appreciate the power of prayer and at Mead Vale, I am really pleased to announce that we are going to be offering regular Prayer Ministry after morning worship each month. It can be so healing, freeing, releasing, encouraging and powerful to be prayed for by fellow Christians in your Church family and I personally have been so blessed by Prayer Ministry throughout my Christian life.

Greg Webster and Paul Harding are going to be available after the service for people to come and be prayed for. The prayer can be for anything and everything! And it may be that you just wanted to be "filled with the Holy Spirit" and encouraged, it doesn't have to be just for when something is wrong or a certain issue has arisen. Often during our worship service God speaks to us, challenges us, rebukes us even and it can be good to pray about this with others before we head off home. Please make use of this wonderful ministry and come forward to be prayed for, you will be so blessed and encouraged, it's a wonderful ministry for us to be able to offer as a Church.

On Sunday the 26th February we have a Church Family Breakfast at 10am followed by a shortened all-age service for all the family with Mark Fuller our Parish Youth worker speaking. Always a good time of fellowship with excellent food such as bacon and egg butties with vegetarian food 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 18th 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





Baptism in St Martin's Baptism in St Lawrence Baptism in St Mark's Baptims in Mead Vale

If you are looking for baptism (christening) for you or your child please contact our Parish Office to complete the relevant forms where we would be delighted to help you and tell you more.



You will be invited in the first instance to attend a service at your nearest church to meet one of our Vicars following which arrangements can then be made for the Christening to go ahead at the church of your choice in the parish.

It is a good idea to get in touch with the Parish Office sooner rather than later as baptism dates during the warmer months go very quickly.

Funerals in January

Lesley Joyce Hosey	aged 73
Derek Read	aged 82
Idris Keefe	aged 74



February Prayer

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

	u, Badger Centre, 3-6 Wadham Street	.836200
	for Voluntary Services, 8 Walliscote Grove Road,	631169
	on Contacts in Worle: munity Centre: Mrs. J.C.M. Thompson	
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Worle Medical P	Practice, High Street, Worle BS22 6HB	516789
260 Milton Road	sts rota for late night opening but Milton Pharmacy, I is open Monday 8am till Friday 8pm , o 2pm and Sunday closed	413100
Samaritans call any tir	me	632555
Waste Disposal Tip, H	Herluin Way	419447
	Mon - Fri 8.00am - 4.30pm Sunday 9.00am - 4.00pm Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat and Sun 9.00am - 4.00pm Tues and Thurs10.00am -	4.00pm
North Somerset Tow	n Hall WSM	888888
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Guide contact number Worle District:	ers Ann MacDonald	642053
	Moira Wilmot	
Milton District:	Liz Griffiths	
Priory District:	Andrea DrurySue Cox	
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Scout & Cub contact 1st North Worle	numbers for Worle and Wick St Lawrence - Carol Pepper	511 <i>1</i> 50
	- Marion Hillcok	
District Secretary		
1st Wick St Law	rence Beavers, Cubs and Scouts	620719

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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 School, a Bath & Wells Academy...... Tel: 513008

St. Martin's Primary C of E (V.C.) Primary School......Tel: 628651 St. Georges Church School, a Bath & Wells Academy.....Tel: 426901

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)

Lettings...... The Parish Office 515922 (Liz Winter)

WHATS ON AT ST MARTIN'S

Choir..... Richard Lennox 07710788911

Church Cleaning Group.Thursday MorningSocial Events.....Diane Swatton 513111Bellringers.....Jim Lambard 514004

Sacristy..... Communion, Servers, Vestments Joan Elliott 513968

Baby & Toddler Group..... Revd Anne Farmer 515610

Little Martin's Children's Every Sunday during 10.00am Service

Group

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 Sunday morning groups for children and young people. Contact Revd. Anne

Youth Gang Farmer 515610