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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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From the Bishop....



As I write this, in the past week we have been hearing of President Trump's travel ban which includes the prevention of refugees from entering the US. US lawyers have suspended the ban and a fight is ensuing, on Twitter. In the courts. Archbishop Sentamu, and the Bishops of Liverpool and Durham have been among those who have publicly spoken out and reminded us of the Christian charge to welcome the stranger in need.

Bishop Peter and I have made a very specific Bishops' Lent Appeal this year to support the work of welcome to refugees. To support this appeal, every day of Lent there is a story on the diocesan website of someone working for the common good. Amongst them are some specific stories of refugees and those who work to support them. We hope you will take the opportunity to read them and reflect on how they open up Scripture for us through an example of 'living the story'. In response, we ask you to consider giving something towards the work we are doing in the diocese and beyond to support such work.

Perhaps you are holding a Lent lunch or taking a special, additional offering each week in your church. Would you consider giving this to the Bishops' Lent Appeal for Refugees? Half of what is collected across the diocese will go to the work here in Somerset. And half will go to encourage the work of a church community in Greece supporting them in providing food and shelter for those in immediate need.

I have been very encouraged to hear of the stories of those who have found practical support and a warm welcome from the people of Somerset in the midst of despair, anxiety and fear. It has been a real joy to see folk gathering together to offer whatever they can by way of befriending, language support, homes to those in need. One primary school has even seen the children collecting money to buy bicycles for two Syrian children. Such generosity!

We've now welcomed four families to Taunton with more on the way. In Yeovil and Bath there are young people and families being supported through the government resettlement scheme. In Nailsea and Taunton, community sponsorship hopes to welcome others. Our diocese has played its part and provided £5000 this past year for training, interpretive support amongst other things. We are committed to doing more this year and would welcome whatever help you can offer.

+ Ruth, Taunton

WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

Saturday 4	10.00am	Sanctuary Morning at St Lawrence Church
Saturday 18	10.00am	Mead Vale Coffee Morning in Community Hall
Saturday 25	5.15pm	Free Film Night at St Martin's showing Lady in the Van
Tuesday 7	7.30pm	Lent Course at St Martin's Church
Tuesday 14	7.30pm	Lent Course at St Mark's Church
Tuesday 21	7.30pm	Lent Course at Mead Vale Church
Tuesday 28	7.30pm	Lent Course at St Lawrence Church.

Thrive Parish of Worle Youth Group meet on Fridays at St Mark's Church 7pm
10 March - Club Night, 24 March - Dance Fever.

Lent Lunches on Saturdays 12 noon at St Mark's see church page for details.

SERVICE TIMES ON SUNDAYS

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

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)

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

St Mark's

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

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

‘For I know the plans I have for you ...’ (from Jeremiah 29: 11)

Archdeacon Andy Piggott writes: I guess many of you may be feeling somewhat disappointed that, as you may have heard, after advertising the Team Rector vacancy over the course of the last few weeks, we had no applications to consider when closing date came. I’m therefore glad to have an opportunity to write now to remind us all of a few things we all know but sometimes forget when things don’t appear to be going in the way we had hoped or prayed for!

What specific things might be helpful?

- Although this is certainly not something any of us wanted or would have planned, it **is** something that happens from time to time. Over the course of 15 or more years of being involved in the process for appointing parish clergy both in my current role and in my previous role at CPAS, experience tells me that it’s not too unusual for this kind of thing to happen. That’s worth remembering!
- Whilst disappointing, and whilst there may well be little things that can be done to ‘tweak’ your profile or advertisement, the big things haven’t changed at all!
 - The Lord hasn’t stopped loving us. He is God! He is still faithful, loving, strong and true - He is Emmanuel, **God with us** - It’s important to remember that **he is with us** in good times and in times like this when we may feel disappointed that things haven’t worked out as we hoped or expected they would - His promises to help us are unchanging and unchangeable. He **will** help us and lead us to the person he is preparing to be our next Team Rector -
 - Perhaps most important of all, He still has plans and purposes for us and those plans are always **good**.
 - When it’s hard to understand the mystery or purpose of God and we feel either discouraged or disappointed (or perhaps both!), it’s important for us to - **hold on to what we know** - pray for his good and perfect will to be done - pray for grace for us as we wait ... and roll our sleeves up as we get on with the work to which he has called us all in living and telling the story of Jesus.

‘For I know the plans I have for you’, declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’

May he bless and encourage us by his good Spirit, and lead us on to the future he has planned for us.

St Lawrence Church, Wick St Lawrence



For many years the east side church yard wall at Wick has been gradually falling into disrepair. Ash trees had rooted and grown in the wall along with briar and thorns making it very unstable. At our last quinquennial the church architect advised that action should be taken before the wall crumbled completely. With sheep grazing in the adjoining field and graves sited close to the edge of the wall it was in a very unsafe condition.

The picture shows the recent beautiful refurbishment of the wall, ash trees removed and stone work preserved to a very high standard by Simon Harris from Kingston Seymour. We are very grateful to the Hewish, Puxton and Wick St Lawrence Harvest Home committee who contributed extremely generously to the repair of the wall alongside some outside funding. It really is a work of art and worth dropping by to see.



Maybe you would like to visit on Saturday 4 March at the Sanctuary Morning held in church between 10am and 12.30pm to experience some peace and quiet with a hot drink and cake. The February Sanctuary Morning saw a lot of people seeking silence in the church. During the morning one person had a word from God which he discerned to be for the Parish of Worle from Isaiah 62v5b, that God rejoices over us as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride. Often it is only in silence that we can hear God's voice and so often he speaks encouragement and peace.

In a similar way this prayer of St Augustine encourages us into peace:
O Lord, my God, grant us your peace; already, indeed, you have made us rich in all things! Give us that peace of being at rest, that Sabbath peace, the peace which knows no end. Amen

Then and Now: : From Monastic Tithe Barn to Worle Village Primary School



At the top of Hill Road, on the corner with Church Road, stands a building which is one of the oldest in North Somerset. It was constructed sometime in the early 13th century as a Monastic Barn and was used by the community at Woodspring Priory and the parish of Worle to store tithe grain. Only the original St Martin's Church, on the adjacent site, was known to be standing when the barn was built. Sadly, by 1829 the building had fallen into disrepair, but it was visited by John Rutter, who made a sketch of the derelict barn [above left] and provided the following facts: superior masonry and the walls were almost entire, forming a parallelogram, with gable ends. It was 70 feet long by 30 feet wide. The height inside was from 26 to 30 feet, and full 40 feet to the apex of the roof. The north [road] side had 8 chiselled buttresses, and an arched window in the centre, nearly level with the road. The south side was level with the lower ground, and had also eight buttresses. At the centre of the south side only, was a door-way formed by a plain obtuse arch, nine feet wide and twelve feet high in the centre. This entrance would have allowed horse drawn carts to enter the building to unload their wares.

In 1865 this lovely old building was repaired, and a new roof was added. The picture in the centre shows the results of this work, which cost £890 and provided Worle with its first state elementary school. The official opening of the new school took place on 2nd November 1865 and was reported in local newspapers.

Until 1901 it was the only state school in Worle, catering for children aged between 5 and 10 years. When the Infants' School was built in Mendip Avenue the school on the hill became Worle V.C. Junior School and later Hillside School. Now, in 2016, it is once again Worle Village Primary School. The school hall occupies the old monastic barn space and hundreds of pupils will have enjoyed morning assembly in this hall, and will have memories of singing 'Onward Christian Soldiers' with the vigour and enthusiasm of youth.

The central part of the existing building is around 800 years old. When the scaffolding for the maintenance work is removed, go up and touch the buttresses on Church Road – a direct connection with history.

Raye Green

www.worlehistorysociety.net

Next meeting 2 March, Lawrence Road Community Centre, 7pm with Professor Ronald: The Great Civil War

Want to live an abundant life?



During March our Lent Course takes place every Tuesday evening in churches around the parish. In the Gospel of John, Jesus says to his disciples:

**“I have come that you may have life
and have it in abundance.”**

How can we experience this abundant life? Come and join us to find out how God can help lead us into peace and growth in our lives, the lives of our churches and in the life of our parish.

**7.30pm for refreshments; 7.45-8.45pm – talk with Q and A;
8.45-9.00pm prayer ministry available.**

**Tuesday 7 March St Martin’s Church
with *Canon David Self***

retired priest and author of ‘Forgiveness, stories from People and Communities.’
The Prodigal Son Luke 15:11-32

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

The Transfiguration Matthew 17:1-9

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

The Woman at the Well John 4:1-24

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

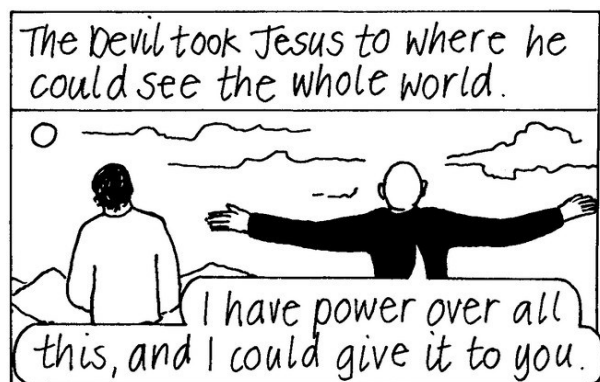
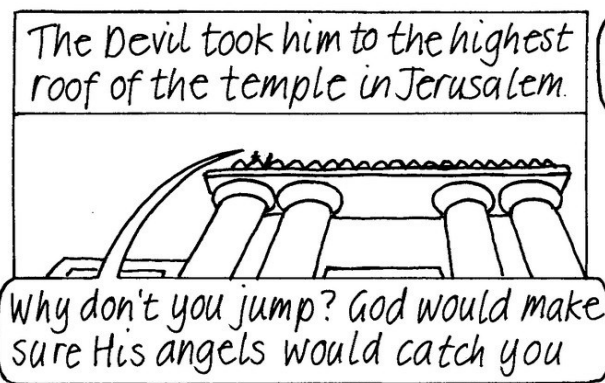
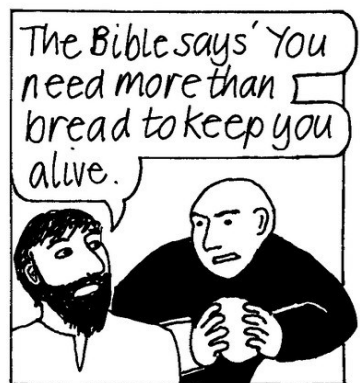
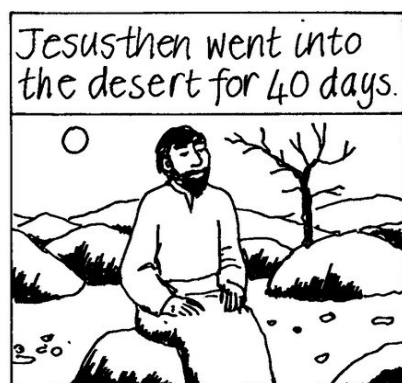
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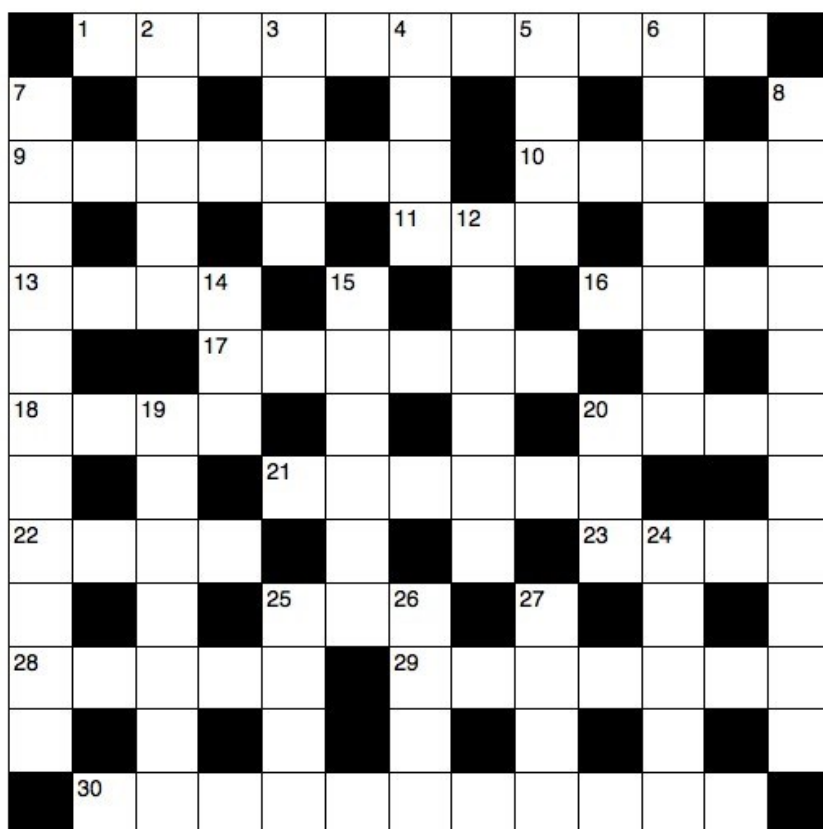
Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Jn 1:29-34, Mt 3:13-17, Lk 3:21-4:13, Mk 1:9-12

People came to John to be baptised - washed
in the river Jordan - to say sorry for what
they had done wrong. Then Jesus came...





Across

- 1 These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11)
 9 'You will not — me to the grave' (Psalm 16:10) (7)
 10 King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5)
 11 Town possessing mineral spring (3)
 13 Mede (anag.) (4)
 16 High-fidelity (abbrev.) (4)
 17 He succeeded his father Rehoboam as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:31) (6)
 18 A son of Simeon (Genesis 46:10) (4)
 20 Controversial religious book of the 1970s, The — of God Incarnate (4)
 21 'He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you — — and hear' (Acts 2:33) (3,3)
 22 'You — me together in my mother's womb' (Psalm 139:13) (4)
 23 Edit (anag.) (4)
 25 'Who has believed our message and to whom has the — of the Lord been revealed?' (Isaiah 53:1) (3)
 28 Abraham's brother (Genesis 22:23) (5)
 29 'When Mordecai learned of — that had been — , he tore his clothes' (Esther 4:1) (3,4)
 30 Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)

Down

- 2 'That was why his parents said, "He is — — ; ask him"' (John 9:23) (2,3)
 3 Integrated Services Digital Network (1,1,1,1) 4
 4 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his — of thousands' (1 Samuel 18:7) (4)
 5 Concept (John 8:14) (4)
 6 'Do we, then, — the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law' (Romans 3:31) (7)
 7 Industrious (2 Timothy 2:6) (11)
 8 'I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be — in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you (Ephesians 1:18) (11)
 12 'Out of the same mouth come — and cursing' (James 3:10) (6)
 14 This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3)
 15 Vitality (Job 20:11) (6)
 19 He urged David to kill Saul at Hakilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7)
 20 'So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul — with the church and taught great numbers of people' (Acts 11:26) (3)
 24 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord — — ' (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2,3)
 25 Parched (Matthew 12:43) (4)
 26 'In the image of God he created him; — and female he created them' (Genesis 1:27) (4)
 27 Disparagement (Psalm 15:3) (4)

St. Mark's Church



Lent Lunches at St Mark's church - March 4, 11, 18 & 25



During March we will be holding Lent Lunches at the church between 12noon and 1.30pm to offer a warm, friendly lunch and to raise some money for church. For a small donation there will be soup and a roll with tea or coffee, plus a friendly smile and a chat!

It will be in the rear extension room – we'd love to welcome you in to a warm room for a tasty lunch.



St Mark's is a family-friendly church

We have a great children's group called JAM (Jesus And Me) who look after children at each of our Holy Communion services, and there are two All Age services each month, where children stay in during the whole service and are encouraged to take part. Here is our service pattern:

1 st Sunday	All Age Service
2 nd Sunday	Holy Communion
3 rd Sunday	All Age Cafe-style Service
4 th Sunday	Holy Communion
5 th Sunday	Holy Communion

You are very welcome to come along. Why not call me so I can make sure someone looks out for you at the door?

With love, Revd Chris (515 438)

St Martin's Church



Getting together without strings...

As our Team Rector Vacancy continues, it would be good if members of the congregation of St Martin's get together if they wish to do so, without any sort of expectation or agenda. So if you agree to come and be sociable over lunch or supper, at Gilly Bunce's don't think that you will immediately be asked to fulfil a role!

We'd just like the pleasure of your company, as it's difficult to get to know everyone as well as we would like over coffee after the main morning service. We'll let you know more before long.

Dates for your diaries

7 March (and 14, 21 and 28) Lent Course.

You'll have seen this on the centre page of WorleWide. David Self, who is the speaker at St Martin's for the first of the sessions, is something of authority on being able to live life freely and abundantly. His book tells the stories of people and communities going through tough times and coming through them. He has a deep understanding of how they have been able to transform difficult and painful experiences. We are very privileged to welcome the other illustrious speakers for our other sessions throughout the Parish. Please look again at the centrefold, and contact the Parish Office if you would like to come but are having problems with transport, or would like a copy of the book. We'd love to see you there!

25 March **Film Night: The Lady in the Van.**

Miss Shepherd (Maggie Smith) comes to live on Alan Bennett's driveway in Notting Hill. She and her van become part of the local landscape for fifteen years. She is fiercely independent and eccentric, and they strike up an unlikely friendship, which is celebrated in his writings and this film, for which he wrote the screenplay

Doors open 5 15; film starts 5 45. Refreshments will be available.

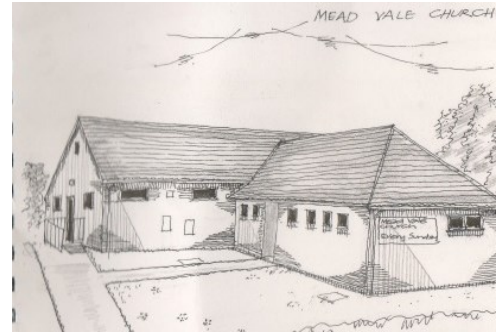
This will be our last Free Film Night until September!



26 March **Mothering Sunday**

As is our custom, there will be posies of spring flowers available in church, for all ladies, at each service. They remind us of people going back to their mother church, and domestic servants being given the day off to go to see their families

Mead Vale Church



On Sunday the 26 February we had a Church Family Breakfast at 10am followed by an all-age service for all the family. It was a wonderful time of fellowship with excellent food such as bacon and egg butties and vegetarian sausages too. Thanks to Penny, Jenny and Steve, for providing us with a fabulous breakfast that set us all up well for the week ahead!

On Saturday 25 March, we shall be blessing the community, by giving bunches of flowers to all the mums and women that we come into contact with outside the church. There will be a little card with each bunch, saying, "A gift from Mead Vale Church". We meet to pray and God always anoints us for this outreach. We hope the women in our community will be encouraged by our gift and it's also a good opportunity to let the community know that there is a Church here for THEM!

On Sunday 26 March, we have our Mothering Sunday service in the Community Centre at 10.30am. This is an all age service for all the family, all are welcome. When we remember our mums and all those who care for us and remember those for whom this is a very difficult day

In March we look forward to meeting at the **Night Jar Pub every Wednesday morning from 10.30am for Coffee.** **On Saturday 18 March we meet at the Mead Vale Community Centre, for our Coffee Morning at 10am.** Ralph Devereux's monthly publication the "Mustard Seed" will be available. Why not join us for refreshments and fellowship at both, we'd love to see you.

Rev Emma Amyes

From the Registers



Baptism in St Lawrence

5th February Eadie Florence Hynam

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 February

Gladys Fenning	aged 105
Joan Ruth Bradley	aged 80
Mary Bushell	aged 90
Edward and Ann Funeaux	aged 74 & 70



March Prayer

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all times you can,
As long as ever you can.



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:

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Mead Vale Community Centre, Redwing Drive,: Paddy Payne.....239186

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

From 1 March 2017: Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat and Sun 9.00am - 4.00pm Tues and Thurs 10.00am - 4.00pm

North Somerset Town Hall WSM.....888888

Worle Library, High Street.....426090

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Thurs. 9.30—5.30

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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)
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