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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....

We've been seeing the Christmas decorations in the shops since the summer holidays ended. It starts sooner than ever each year doesn't it. At the beginning of November a checkout assistant was telling me she already had her decorations up at home due to her daughter's insistence. I remember the time when my parents would put up the tree on Christmas Eve and we weren't allowed into the living room until the next morning. Our excitement knew no bounds!



'Waiting' is something we are not very good at. Many of us are impatient in this world of immediacy. We want our needs, our wishes, fulfilled straight away. We are like that with our shopping online, paying more for next day delivery. And we can be like that with our prayer too. Challenging God as to why He doesn't appear to have heard us when we don't receive the answer we are looking for.

This season of Advent is all about waiting. Waiting and watching, not just to celebrate the festival of Christmas, the coming of the babe in the manger, but also waiting and watching for his coming again in glory. The early Christians were anticipating that Jesus would return for them in their lifetime. His words in John's gospel about "going to prepare a place for them", 'going ahead' of them, caused them to be expectant of another advent or arrival of God, breaking into their world. They couldn't understand why He didn't come back quickly particularly when they faced persecution for their faith.

I know of people now who live in that expectancy of Jesus' return each day, opening their curtains with the words, "Maybe today, Lord". Perhaps you do. I'm aware that I don't do that enough. Not because I'm fearful of life in the 'here and now' but rather thinking of each day as potentially the last here on earth and therefore thinking about how to make it count. Thinking about how I might live and tell the story of God's love to friends and neighbours, strangers and family, in a way they might hear that message most effectively. So that they can come to know a God who loves them enough to enter into their world and be present with them.

This Advent perhaps we need to become more aware that it's not only us doing the 'waiting' but also God waiting to receive the best from us.

God Waits

*God waits silently
In our inner recesses,
The chambers of our soul,
Gazing lovingly
On our treasure,
Awaiting our response.*

Yvonne Morland

The Right Reverend Ruth Worsley
Bishop of Taunton

WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER

Tuesday 28 November	7.45pm	Start of Advent Series, please see details later in magazine
Friday 1	7.00pm	Preview of Angel Festival
Saturday 2-9	7.00pm	Angel Festival see St Lawrence page for more details
Friday 8	5.00pm	Free Family Christmas Film Night showing The Polar Express
Saturday 16	10.00am	Mead Vale Coffee Morning in Community Hall
	11.00am	Carol Singing on Worle High Street outside Co-Op

Details of Christmas services on separate page

Community Café Wednesdays 2.30 - 4.30pm at St Martin's Church

'Thrive' Parish of Worle Youth Group meets at St Mark's Church 7pm contact Rev Chris Elms or Rev Emma Amyes for dates

SERVICE TIMES ON SUNDAYS

For weekly variations please go to the parish website www.worlewide.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
10am Holy Communion
(Morning Praise
every 3rd Sunday)

6pm Healing Service (1st)
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

6pm Evening Prayer (2nd)
6pm 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

There will be no Midweek Holy Communion Services on 27 and 28 December

A Note from the Rector



#GodWithUs

We are on a COUNTDOWN! – whether that is on an app, a calendar hanging in a kitchen, or simply a sense of something approaching, which we are abruptly reminded of each time we enter the shops on the local High Street!

The run up to Christmas can be fraught with activity, noise and even anxiety! Such feelings can be overwhelming. As Christians, we remember what happened that first Christmas and prepare for the arrival of God's Son Jesus, when he "*became flesh and blood and moved into the neighbourhood.*" John 1:14 (The Message, The Bible)

One of the names, the angel tells Joseph that Jesus will have will be **Immanuel**, meaning 'God with us'. We are in danger of having a sinking feeling when we are consumed with life's troubles and we would be forgiven for feeling abandoned. Sometimes, we feel as though, in the midst of the storm, God is no longer present. Instead of the Christmas message being completely centred on PRESENTS, we are reminded of the surprising truth of Jesus come to earth, which demonstrates God's **PRESENCE** – God with us – Immanuel!

YOUR CHRISTMAS JOURNEY REFLECTIONS

Find out more about this wonderful story of God's presence by coming to a Carol Service near you. All the times are listed in the magazine.

If you would like to join a C of E initiative which is sending daily texts re a social media campaign God With Us, you can sign up texting **GodWithUs** to **88802***. You'll receive one SMS for each of the thirteen reflections.

Archbishop Justin Welby says that "In whatever situations you find yourself this Christmas, God is with you – you need only turn to him and ask to know his presence.

I pray that you will indeed know his peace, his presence and his love this Christmas.

Rev Julie Fleming

ADVENT SERIES – ISAIAH

Come and prepare for Christmas by going on a journey with the prophet Isaiah.

LISTEN to some inspiring teaching.

WORSHIP together.

THINK about how God is speaking to you and guiding you.

TAKE AWAY what you've learned and allow God to guide you on the next step of your journey with him.

Tuesday evenings 7.45pm to 9pm at St Martin's Church

28 November Prophetic	Isaiah 9	Rev Canon Julie Fleming
5 December Preparation	Isaiah 40	Rev Tim Jessiman - Deanery Mission Enabler
12 December Proclamation	Isaiah 52	Ven Dr Adrian Youings - Archdeacon of Bath
19 December Presence	Isaiah 61	Rev Chris Elms





St. Martin's

3 December	10.00am	Christingle Service
17 December	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Nativity with All-Together Communion with sherry and mince pies
	6.00pm	Carols by Candlelight followed by wine and mince pies

Christmas Eve:

24 December	10.00am	Holy Communion
	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

17 December	10.30am	All Age Worship
	6.30pm	Carol Service

Christmas Eve:

24 December	10.00am	Holy Communion
	4.00pm	Crib Service
	9.30pm	Holy Communion

Christmas Day:

25 December	10.30am	Christmas Service
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Mead Vale

17 December	10.30am	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Carols at the Night Jar Pub

Christmas Eve:

24 December	4.00pm	Christingle Service
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Christmas Day:

25 December	10.30am	Christmas Celebration with Holy Communion
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Wick St. Lawrence

17 December	6.00pm	Carols and Readings by Candlelight followed by mulled wine and warmed mince pies
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Christmas Eve:

24 December	4.00pm	Crib Service
	9.30pm	First Communion of Christmas

Christmas Day:

25 December	10.00am	Christmas Morning raise
	10.45am	Said Holy Communion



St Martin's Church



FREE FAMILY FILM NIGHT



COMMUNITY CAFÉ

WEDNESDAYS 2.30pm – 4.30pm
Card making/crochet/painting

Coffee and Cake

Just sit and chat or learn a new skill –

Activities for children after school

SCHOOLS WELCOME IN ST MARTIN'S

Throughout December we welcome local schools to the church to have their carol and crib services.

PLEASE LOOK AT THE LIST OF CAROL SERVICES TO WHICH ALL ARE WELCOME!

NEW YEAR'S EVE sees a joint communion service for all the parish churches as they gather together at 10am to reflect on 2017 and look forward to a new year. Come and join us!

St. Mark's Church



Proper Christmas at St Mark's!

There'll be no 'Winterval' celebrations or talk of the Winter holidays this December at St Mark's! We're into celebrating the real meaning of Christmas – that the real person of Jesus Christ was born in the real town of Bethlehem.



Jesus' birth was like a light being turned on in a dark room - it's such a special time of the year!

Take a look at our service times elsewhere in this magazine, or check our website.

We have our amazing ***candlelit Christmas carol concert*** by Worle chorale, with mince pies and mulled wine for everyone (free of course.)

For families with younger children we have our very popular ***Christmas Eve Crib Service***, at 4pm. A short, child-friendly service where children take turns to tell the nativity story and to build the crib, one character at a time. Contact Rev Chris if your child wants to be involved



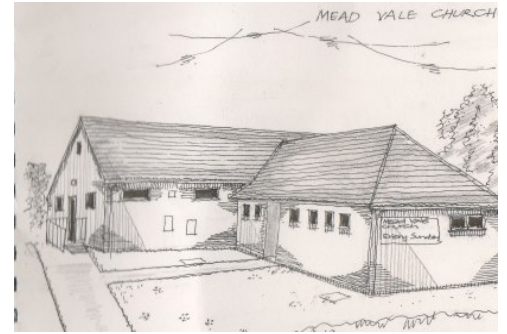
Or, for a quieter, more reflective experience join us at 9.30pm on Christmas Eve for our ***Holy Communion*** service.

You are very welcome at St Mark's, we would really love to see you! Please come along and celebrate this magical time.

If you are curious about Jesus and are maybe thinking 'What's all the fuss about?', or perhaps you have lots and lots of questions – just get in touch with me, I'd love to chat to you!

With love, Chris
01934 515 438
chriselms1@gmail.com

Mead Vale Church



We have just finished celebrating Remembrance in the Nightjar Pub and thinking about “remembering”. As we remember all those who lost their lives in wars past, we remember them.

We also remember God an ever present help in time of need in the present with the many challenges that we face in our daily lives and our thankfulness to Him, spurs us on to serve Him and seek to reach out to others that they may come to know Him too. And advent and Christmas gives us many opportunities to do just that.

We look forward to celebrating as a Mead Vale church family together at this special time of year, when we remember God’s gift to us – His son!

On **Saturday 16th December we have our Christmas Outreach from 10am – 12noon**. When we will be handing out gifts outside the church for people to hang on their Christmas trees, to take the Good News of Jesus out of the Church and into the community and to continue to let them know there is a Church here for them! If you would like to be involved please join us at 9.30am to pray beforehand.

We will also be having our monthly **Coffee Morning on the 16th December**, where people can join us for a hot cuppa, a mince pie and some fellowship and we will be offering a Christmas Gift Wrapping Service for people to bring their Christmas gifts large or small to be wrapped in aid of church funds! All the family are welcome please do join us.

Details of Christmas Services at Mead Vale Church are given on another page in this magazine.

Emma

St Lawrence Church, Wick St Lawrence



As the crisper days settle upon us in Wick, we are all prepared and ready to host our biggest event for the year, being our **ANGEL FESTIVAL** and the event is as follows:

Sat 1st December: Preview Evening (Church) Tickets required

Sat 2nd December: Angels, angles and more angels, with tea, coffee, cake (Church)

Sat 2nd December: Children's Angel activities and refreshments (Village Hall) between 14.00 and 16.00.

Sun 3rd December: All Age Worship at 10.00 led by Bishop Ruth where we will decorate the Wick Christmas Tree with Angels (Church)

Sun 3rd December: Angels, angles and more angels, with tea, coffee, cake (Church)

Mon 4th to Fri 8th December (Church)

10.30 to 12.30 See the angels and enjoy tea, coffee, cake

12.30 to 13.45 SOUP kitchen, with a music recital each day

13.45 to 16.00 See the angels and enjoy tea, coffee, cake

Sat 9th December: Your last chance to see the Angel Festival in its entirety with tea, coffee, etc. plus the judging of the competitions.

Sat 9th December: Lyrica Concert (Church) Tickets required

Full details are available in all four Parish Churches and we look forward to seeing you there.

We are also holding the following services in December:

10th December – 10am Christingle Service

11th December – 6pm Carol Service by Candlelight

20th December – 4pm Crib Service

24th December – 9.30pm First Communion of Christmas

25th December – 10am Christmas Day Service with a short said communion

Wishing you a peaceful and blessed Christmas from everyone at Wick

From the Registers



Baptisms in St Martin's

5 November Amelia Molly Melvin-Thomas
20 November Gracie Carol Thorne

Baptisms in St Mark's

5 November Emily Pauline Bidwell
Daxter Richards Harns

Baptism in St Lawrence

19 November Madison Lovie Emma Williams
Braydon David Lee Williams
Emilia Piper Rose Kemery



Funeral in November

Ted Thorne aged 69

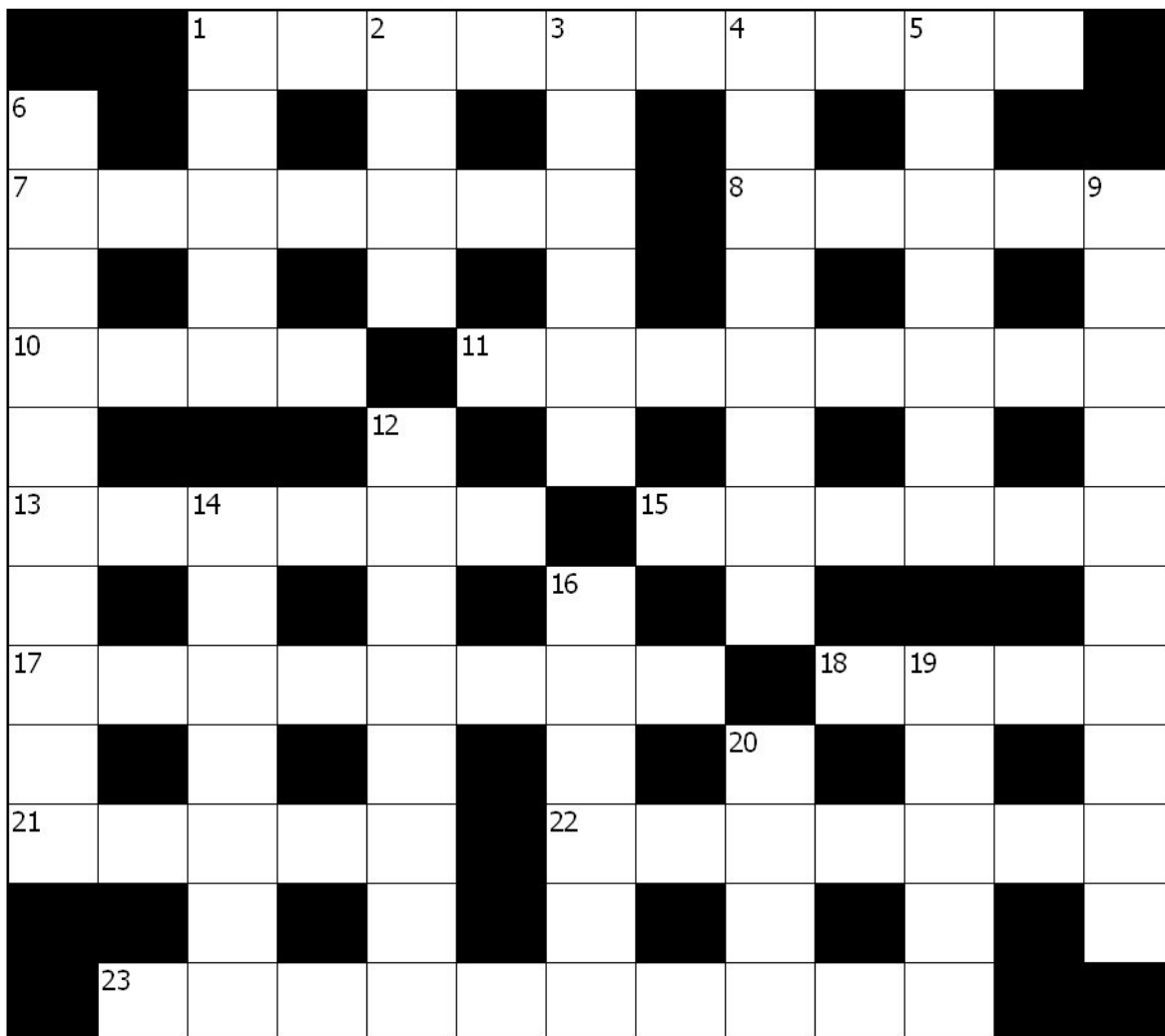


December Prayer

Holy Child of Bethlehem,
Who found no room at the inn,
We pray for all who are homeless
We pray for all who live with danger
We pray for all refugees
Holy child of Bethlehem
Help us, we pray to see the
Divine image in people everywhere

Amen



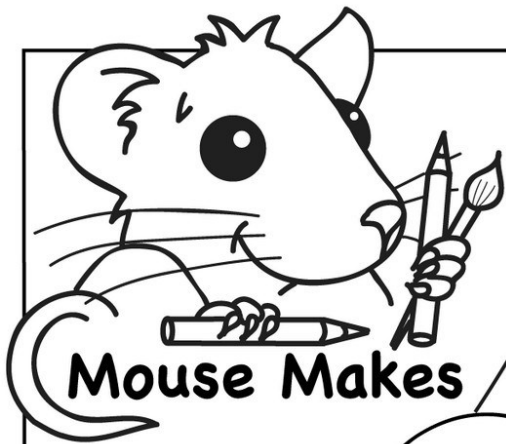


Across

- 1 Provisional meeting place of God and the Jews (Exodus 25:9) (10)
 7 David's third son, killed when his head got caught in a tree during a battle with his father (2 Samuel 18:14,15) (7)
 8 They ruled much of the west coast of South America in the 15th and early 16th centuries (5)
 10 Small deer of European and Asian extraction (4)
 11 Seized control of (Numbers 21:25) (8)
 13 Terror (Luke 24:5) (6)
 15 First World War heroine shot by the Germans in Brussels, Nurse Edith (6)
 17 Stormy (8)
 18 A bitter variety of this, together with lamb and unleavened bread, was the Passover menu for anyone unclean (Numbers 9:11) (4)
 21 Arson (anag.) (5)
 22 How John Newton described God's grace in his well-known hymn (7)
 23 Habitation (Isaiah 27:10) (10)

Down

- 1 and see that the Lord is good (Psalm 34:8) (5)
 2 The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the righteous are as ... as a lion (Proverbs 28:1) (4)
 3 One of the exiles, a descendant of Parosh, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:25) (6)
 4 He escaped from Nob when Saul killed the rest of his family and joined David (1 Samuel 22:19,20) (8)
 5 City and lake in Central Switzerland (7)
 6 Offer your bodies as living , holy and pleasing to God (Romans 12:1) (10)
 9 Pouches carried by horses (Genesis 49:14) (10)
 12 One who accepts government by God (8)
 14 Aromatic substance commonly used in Jewish ritual (Exodus 30:1) (7)
 16 He asked Jesus, 'What is truth?' (John 18:38) (6)
 19 Are (Romans 13:1) (5)
 20 You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will ... his people from their sins (Matthew 1:21) (4)



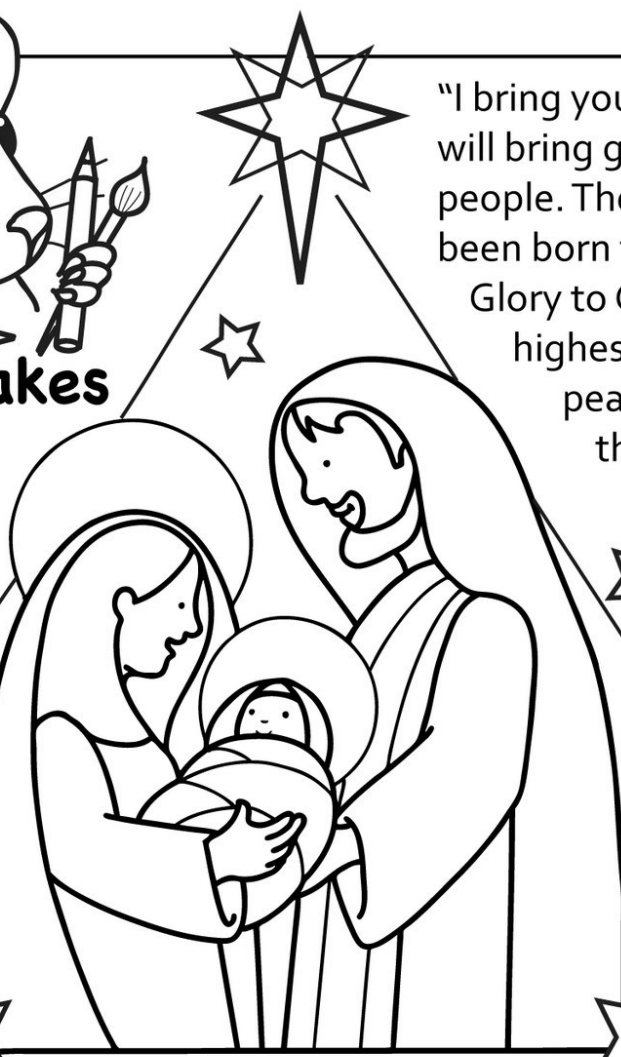
Mouse Makes

Colour in one star a day as you countdown to Christmas

"I bring you **good news** that will bring great **joy** to all people. The **Saviour** has been born today! ...

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased".

from Luke 2 vs. 10,11,14



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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
Doctors Surgeries	
Dr M Jenkins & 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
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, Mendip Avenue.....	426090
Open: Mon, Tues 9.30am—5.00pm	
Wed Closed	
Thurs Closed	
Friday 9.30—5.00pm (10am first Friday in month)	
Saturday 9.30am—1.00pm	
Mobile Library Service.....	426020
Guide contact numbers	
Worle District: Ann MacDonald.....	642053
Moiria Wilmot.....	521980
Milton District: Liz Griffiths	624366
Priory District: Andrea Drury.....	515208
Sue Cox.....	515913
Scout & Cub contact numbers for Worle and Wick St Lawrence	
1st North Worle - Carol Pepper.....	511459
2nd Worle - Marion Hillcok.....	521021
District Secretary- Ann Coombes.....	513699
1st Wick St Lawrence Beavers, Cubs and Scouts -	

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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 Morning

Bellringers.....

Jim Lambard 514004

Sacristy.....

Communion, Servers, Vestments Joan Elliott 513968

Baby & Toddler Group.....

Parish Office 515922

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 morning groups for children and young people. Kath Kidd 520273