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a community centred on the living Jesus, growing serving
and reaching out in His name.

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From the Bishop....



In Ancient Roman religion the god of beginnings and endings was Janus. In art and sculpture he is therefore usually depicted as having two faces, since he looks both to the future and to the past. And it is generally believed that the month of January is named after Janus. But looking back and looking forward are also both very much part of the Christian tradition and at the start of a New Year this can be a very helpful thing to do. We so often rush from one thing to the next, from one week to the next from one birthday to the next, from one Christmas to the next and fail to stop, to remember and to give thanks. It is certainly not sentimental or maudlin to look back and to remember some of the people who have been instrumental in our lives. Our parents, our teachers, our friends, colleagues at work, neighbors, people with whom we have shared the special moments of our lives. Sometimes we will have photos to remind us of them, or presents that perhaps they have given us. Sometimes however we have to rely on our memories. And as we remember we can give thanks for their example, for the love they gave us or the things they taught us.

Paul, writing to the Philippians said: 'Dear Friends, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable or excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things'. Sometimes the news seems to be filled with stories that are depressing, violent or worrying. But each of us has a fund of memories which remind us of the goodness, grace and love which we have received from other people. Those people and the example they showed us give us hope and inspire us 'to lead lives worthy of the Lord'.

In that same letter to the Philippians Paul encourages his readers to 'live up to the example they have received' and to strain towards what lies ahead. He sees the Christian life as a race and speaks of 'pressing on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called him'. That prize is Jesus himself. His eyes are on what lies ahead, on all that is to come and eventually to the joys of heaven.

So as we begin a New Year let us give thanks for all that we have learnt about the Lord in years gone by. Let us give thanks that God walks with us and watches over us now. And let us look forward to the future, secure and confident of Jesus' promise that he is with us always – in everything and through everything - until the very end of time itself.

May the Lord bless you and watch over you in all that 2018 may bring.

With my prayers and best wishes

WHAT'S ON IN JANUARY

Saturday 6	10.00am	Sanctuary Morning at St Lawrence Church, Wick St Lawrence
Saturday 20	10.00am	Mead Vale Coffee Morning in Community Hall
	5.00pm	Wassailing Evening at Icelton Farm
Saturday 27	5.15pm	Free Family Film Night showing "In the heart of the sea"

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

A NOTE FROM THE RECTOR

***"SEE I AM DOING A NEW THING, DO YOU
NOT SEE IT." Isaiah 43:19***

Change in a changing world

'God is with us Alleluia, come to save us Alleluia, Alleluia! We've sung this at least once this Christmas time! This carol is reassuring in its truth and is relevant to us now and in the future reminding us that God is always with us.

Traditionally January is the time of year when we reflect on the old year and look forward to the new. We may even make some resolutions for the new year that THIS year we will actually keep! But one thing that is sure, there will be changes on the global, national and local stages next year!

Change can be exciting, complex, challenging and frightening. Change can be inspired by God, self-induced, out of our control or naturally evolving. Whatever the changes, whatever we are challenged or inspired to do, God is with us.

Transformation is the process of radical change and rooted in Romans 12 1-2.

'Therefore, I urge you in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God- this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of the world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is- His good, pleasing and perfect will.'

As Christians we are committed to evolving as God wants us to, listening, seeking and being inspired by His Holy Spirit. But this won't just have an effect on us as individuals. Each of us are part of our community and communities within communities- in our churches, schools, offices, shops, or cafes- we are part of the WHOLE of God's creation and therefore what we do and say- our actions are important and need to be good! As individual people change, there is a knock-on effect on the community around them. Our response to change can change the impossible into the possible and the negative into the positive. The way we respond to world crisis, world agenda, political influences and financial surges should reflect our relationship with God.

Change can be difficult for us to facilitate-, to give up old ideas, some of which may be very dear to us, to embrace the new in our ever-changing world- responding to the world, but keeping rooted in our faith.

God has a desire for community change, a desire to reach out to the lost, broken and down trodden, the rich, the confident and the successful. He wants all to be brought to Him so that they can be transformed and influence the social agendas both locally and world-wide. We need to be strong people of compassion with sound judgement constantly listening to and being led by our heavenly Father. We have no need to be afraid and we can be bold in His name. I pray that this year will be one where you see God's grace working through you and surprising you as you serve and love Him and those around you.

A happy and blessed New Year to you all!

Rev Julie Fleming

St Martin's Church



Community Café

St Martin's community café continues to open on a Wednesday afternoon between 2.30pm and 4.30pm.

CROCHET – There continues to be a group who are learning to crochet and sharing skills! Anyone who wants to learn is welcome to come and join them.

If you would like to just come and chat – this is the place to be.

Family Craft – happens from 3.15pm, where children and adults can learn a new skill or just join in with others in the activity of the day.

If you have ideas for activities you would like to do in café, please see Julie or Paul.

Why not give it a try! ALL ARE WELCOME!

Free Film Night

Saturday 27 January showing "In The Heart of the Sea"

In 1820, crewmen from the New England vessel Essex face a harrowing battle for survival after a whale of mammoth size and strength attacks with force, crippling their ship and leaving them adrift in the ocean.

A GRIPPING ADVENTURE!

Bellringers

Last year the Ringers welcomed visiting groups to the tower and also hosted the Annual Striking Competition in April. As usual the Ringers celebrate local and national event, which included ringing for Her Majesty the Queen and Prince Philip's Platinum Wedding Anniversary. Locking Ringers were grateful that they had been invited to ring regularly on a Tuesday evening, whilst their bells are out of action.

Funeral in church

Audrey Croft RIP - Friday 5 January at 12 noon

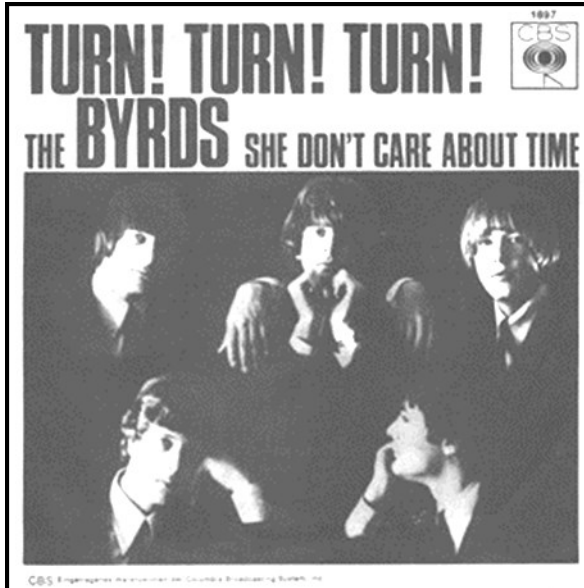
January Prayer

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown". And he replied, "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way". Amen

St. Mark's Church



Embrace the new in the New Year!



***We're in a new year and new season –
turn to it and
embrace it fully.***

Have you heard the song from 1965 by The Byrds called 'Turn! Turn! Turn!'?

This song was well before my time but I've heard it a lot down the years. It's a cover of the original by The Limelites, released in 1962.

The lyrics are based on some verses from a book in the Bible called

Ecclesiastes (taken from chapter 3, verses 1 to 8).

The bible passage describes the different seasons and emotions that we all go through in our lifetime. The lyrics of the song quote the bible and go further by encouraging us to recognise when a new moment is upon us, and to turn to it wholeheartedly.

For everything there is a season.

This is especially true when it comes to church life. We do well if we focus on the here and now, instead of hankering back for 'the good old days.'

Of course, it's good to reflect occasionally and to reminisce, but not at the expense of missing out in the present.

What is God doing around you? He's got new blessings for you, with new people and new experiences – turn to them!

Tune in to what God is doing in 2018, and embrace it.

With love, Chris

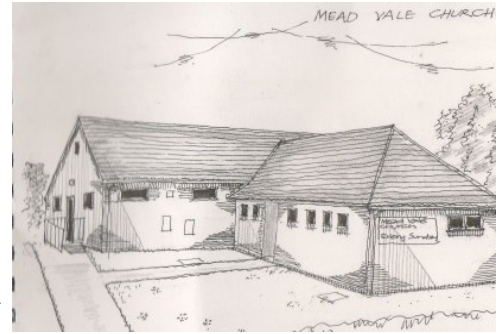
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Mead Vale Church

As you read this, we will be thinking of the 3 Wise Men travelling to see Jesus after His birth, the season is known as Epiphany. The men travelled a long and hard journey in search of Jesus and the



first thing they did when they saw Him was bow down in front of Him. Perhaps the challenge for us is that we search for more of Jesus in our lives during 2018 and always be ready to bow down before Him.



On Sunday 28 January we have a Church Family Breakfast, for all the family at 10am, followed by a short all-age service. The breakfast is cooked by Penny, Steve and Jenny. A delicious selection of hot food with a vegetarian option, served with fresh coffee, juice or tea. A wonderful start to the day and a great opportunity for us to have fellowship together. All are welcome please do join us.

Every 1st Wednesday of the month we have a mid-week Holy Communion Service at the Mead Vale Community Centre which, is a good opportunity to take time out of our busy week for worship. **In January it is on Wednesday 3rd at 10am.**

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



On behalf of us all at Mead Vale Church I pray that you have a very happy and blessed 2018.

Emma.

St Lawrence Church, Wick St Lawrence



What an exciting December we have had! The 'Angel Festival' was wonderful and the visitors stood in awe of what they saw. The church was decorated with so many amazing angels, large and small, made from different types of material including drift wood, glass, paper, willow and were hand crafted by local people including visiting artists. It was very much a church and community event with many people participating and lending a hand. We were blessed to have Bishop Ruth on the first Sunday, and then privileged to have children from the three Church Schools in the Parish singing Christmas songs and carols at lunchtimes as visitors enjoyed homemade soup. We, too had an organ recital by Mike Tedstone and 'Jazzy Christmas' with Paul Quinn. The Grand Finale concert, called 'Angel Voices' with the Lyrica Singers rounded it off splendidly. The Church Council would like to thank all those who contributed in any way to the success of this Festival.

This Festival was followed by the Christingle Service taken by our small, but very gifted team. Thank you too, to those who gave gifts for the disadvantaged children on Bourneville and 'Comfort at Christmas'. These were, as usual, very gratefully received.

Start the year in silence

Is that possible? Put aside some time on Saturday 6 January and enjoy the peace and quiet of God's church at the Sanctuary Morning at Wick St Lawrence. Drop into the church any time between 10am and 12.30pm, refreshments available, and reflect on the New Year. 'Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.' Proverbs 16:3. This is also an opportunity to pray for our church and parish.

What is a Wassail?

Wassail comes from the Anglo-Saxon word 'was hael' meaning good health, literally 'be whole.' In January we will be 'wassailing' again at Icelton Farm in Wick St Lawrence, celebrating God's creation as we pray for good crops on the apple trees in the orchard and would love you to join us. There are two wassail traditions; one involves carol singing at peoples doors and wishing the inhabitants good health in the hope of receiving a hot spiced drink from the wassail cup! The second is apple wassailing particularly strong in apple growing areas especially Somerset. We will be combining both singing and blessing with a great spirit of fun. Our **Wassail in Wick** takes place on **Saturday 20 January at 5pm tickets £6/£4 children**. Tickets include a hotdog, soup and small glass of cider or apple juice. Please contact Sandra Redman in 515716. Remember it was a sell out last year.

From the Registers



Baptisms in St Martin's

3 December

Hugo Peter Lewis-Owen



Funeral in November

Claudette Lilie Poulding

aged 84

Funeral in December

Margaret Frith

aged 98

At the last Advent talk, on Tuesday 19 December, Rev Chris Elms used the following prayer, which you may find useful. This could also be used in the evening by adapting.

Good morning heavenly Father,
good morning Lord Jesus,
good morning Holy Spirit.

Heavenly Father, I worship you as the creator and sustainer of the universe.

Lord Jesus, I worship you, Savior and Lord of the world.

Holy Spirit, I worship you, sanctifier of the people of God.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Heavenly Father, I pray that I may live this day in your presence
and please you more and more.

Lord Jesus, I pray that this day I may take up my cross and follow you.

Holy Spirit, I pray that this day you will fill me with yourself and cause your fruit
to ripen in my life:

love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-
control.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, three persons in one God,
have mercy upon me. *Amen.*

– John Stott,

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
	Moira Wilmot.....521980
Milton District:	Liz Griffiths624366
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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Paul Elliott 513968

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: Wednesdays (Amy Maynard-Davis 07591319078)
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