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**Meadvale Church**

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# GOOD NEWS STORIES!

I wonder what the most memorable news items of 2018 have been for you. Maybe the royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle or an announcement of a forthcoming royal baby. Perhaps the rescue of the Thai boys from a cave. As a Leicester City fan, the events around the helicopter crash taking the lives of 5 people just after the West Ham home game, will continue to be in my thoughts for a while.

More likely memorable news for each of us is closer to home and is related to those we love. When we reflect on the past year, it is always a mixture of things to celebrate and things bringing sadness. At the end of the day, we all hope and pray for good news. We don't know what the year ahead will bring, but we hope that 2019 will be one to remember in a good way!

Worle saw changes on the High Street. It saw a new information board at the War Memorial, shops changing hands, moving, businesses developing and an exciting Christmas Market!

During the Christmas services in the various churches around the area, favourite carols are sung and there are readings of the events which took place over 2000 years ago. These accounts are familiar to those who have heard them each year, telling the story which the angels describe as being 'GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY!' They are written in two of the four gospels in the New Testament of the Bible. The word 'gospel' means 'good news'. The good news being, that Jesus, the Saviour of the world was to be born, to come and save us from our sins. Even in the Roman world at that time, this news had a mixed reception. It was a dark time and the light of Christ had come into the world.

We could all do with hearing some good news and I pray that as you begin a new year and reflect on the last one, that you will have a sense of God's presence and know that the Good News of his Son come to save us was for you, and that you and your family will know a blessing in all that's ahead.

**Julie Fleming Rector of Worle**



# Advent in Mind

A series of 4 evening  
sessions of peace, stillness,  
tranquillity and reflection...

Tuesdays 7.30- 8.30 p.m.

St Martin's Church.

Open to all.

First session Tuesday 27th November.



During the sessions we will be exploring the traditional Advent themes of Hope, Peace Joy and Love using inspiration from the Prophets, the Angels, the Shepherds and the Magi.

This is a time of preparation for and a sanctuary to the run up to Christmas.

We will be using the scriptures, music, and visuals to help us to reflect on the meaning of Christmas and the implications of that amazing event over 2000 years ago on our lives today.

Sessions will be on the 27 November and the 4, 11 and 18 of December from 7.30- 8.30pm.

For more details contact Paul Fleming on 07852207058

**Every week during term-time:**

**Tuesdays 2.30pm Community Café in St Mark's Church**

**Wednesdays 2.30pm Community Café in St Martin's Church**



Dear Worle Parish

First of all, thank you for your support! I so appreciate your prayers, words of encouragement, and financial support. I wanted to update you on what I am doing here at the International House of Prayer (IHOP) in Kansas City.

I am sharing a house with three other great guys who are a similar age to me. I typically spend 4+ hours a day in the prayer room, which is my favourite place on earth. I love spending time with Jesus and likeminded brothers and sisters here in the prayer room, which has not stopped worshipping Jesus since September 1999!

I am a student at IHOP University (IHOPU), and my favourite class right now is Old Testament Survey. It has been very refreshing to take many hours to look deeply into the Old Testament, and see the way in which God led human history, showed great mercy to His covenant people (Israel) despite their unfaithfulness, and prepared the earth for the first coming of His Son!

In my free time, I love playing sports. I play football with a big group of great guys and girls every Saturday, and I play golf locally fairly often too.

Last weekend I was involved in a ministry trip weekend with my fellow students, where we encouraged several local churches/youth groups, did some evangelism, and brought encouragement and strength to a college campus ministry at Kansas University. We had a great time of getting to know one another and loving Jesus and people together.

I will be coming back to Weston in mid-December for some close friends' wedding, Christmas, and to become a Godfather, as well as just spend time with friends and family. I hope to see some of you whilst I'm back.

I am always happy to receive prayer requests from people, so please do let me know if there is anything you would like me to pray for. You can contact me at [georgelightwood@gmail.com](mailto:georgelightwood@gmail.com)

Thank you again for your support!  
Love and blessings, George Lightwood





## Featured School: St Martin's C of E Primary School

My name is Simon Marriott and I am delighted to be Headteacher at St Martin's C of E Primary School. I have had the privilege of being at St Martin's for eight years and in that time we have had a lot of change. We have wonderful and dedicated staff who put children at the centre of everything we do.



One of the biggest changes was our move from being a Junior School to a Primary School in 2011. Last July, our original Reception children moved up to secondary school – our first group to go all through the school.

At our school, we aim to provide an educational and social environment, which nurtures and challenges each child, enabling individuals to flourish. A child's time at the school will be an important part of their lifelong learning journey and with this in mind; we aim to make their educational experience at St. Martin's a stimulating and enjoyable one. We offer our children an environment where they can achieve academically, creatively, spiritually and socially. Our curriculum is broad and designed to make the teaching and learning experience we offer our children as stimulating and exciting as possible. We want them to really enjoy learning and develop skills which will prepare them for their future. We have a 'Thematic' based curriculum, where some subjects will be taught in a cross-curricular manner and linked to a project, which has some kind of end product. An example of this is when our Year 3s were learning about the Iron Age. They dressed up, did some Iron Age activities, including cooking which enriched their writing. The project culminated in the children writing stories which were published in a book. We then launched this at Waterstones in Weston.

We have also developed a wide range of extra-curricular activities. A huge range of clubs are run over the year, including sporting, music and creative clubs. Our children have opportunities to go on a variety of trips to bring their learning alive. These include day and residential trips which include camping, skiing and our Year 6 children really enjoy their trip to Morfa Bay, where they experience abseiling, climbing and the much loved muddy assault course.

As a school we try to be innovative and offer our children the best in approaches to teaching and resources. Electronic devices such as computers and iPads support learning across the curriculum and pupils develop their skills with new technology quickly. Our school is involved in some exciting national and local research projects. Our staff are keen to discover new and innovative approaches to how we support and develop our children.

In September 2017, we formed the Kaleidoscope Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) with five other schools in Weston (Ashcombe, Becket, Christ Church CE, Hutton CE and Worle Village Primary Schools). We have had an exciting first year as a MAT and our children have had many opportunities to work together and take part in events, including music, dance, sports and curriculum events such as a Science

Fair and Spelling Bee. Our teachers have also benefited from working closely together to develop the very best Primary teaching and learning for our children and sharing expertise.

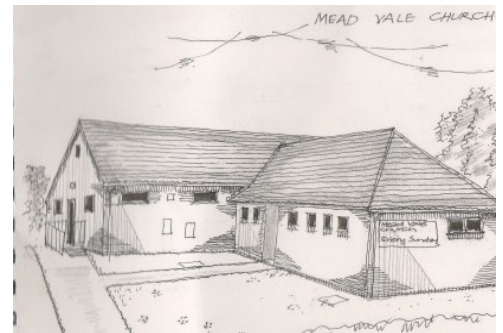
We are very proud of our links with St Martin's Church and other Churches within the local area. We work in partnership with them and the Diocese of Bath and Wells to bring the Christian Values and Ethos into all aspects of school life.

As you can see, life at St Martin's is very busy and exciting.

Simon Marriott  
(Headteacher)

## 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.



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?

In February we shall be having one of our Mead Vale Church Family Breakfasts! We gather at the centre and have a superb cooked breakfast, with vegetarian options, fresh juices, tea and coffee and whilst enjoying the delicious food, we have some good fellowship together. We then have a short time of worship, suitable for all the family. Details of the date this will take place will follow shortly and be given in the Mead Vale notice sheet!

In March we shall be having our “**Outreach for Mother's Day**” on **Saturday 30 March**, when we shall be giving a gift of flowers to all the mums whom we meet outside the Church and inviting them to our ‘Mothering Sunday Service’. We pray we will continue to have a good connection with the people we meet and that they will join us for worship.

**On Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March, we will be having our annual Mother's Day service at**

**10.30am** at the Centre, suitable for all the family. We look forward to celebrating our Mother's and thanking God for them.

On behalf of us all at Mead Vale Church I pray that throughout 2019 you may know the peace and joy of the gift of Jesus.

Emma.

### **Diary for December**

**Monday 10 December** 7.00pm Mulled Wine and mince pies at  
Jayne and Greg Webster's house,  
50 Pelican Close

**Saturday 15 December** 10am Outreach and gift wrapping Service in  
Community Hall.

**Sunday 16 December** 10.30am Christingle Service

6.00pm Carols in the Nightjar Pub

**Monday 24 December** 4.00pm Crib Service



**Valentine Afternoon Tea**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**St Martin's Church from 2 p.m.**

**Booking essential. 07852207058**

**£10 per head £12.50 wth Prosecco**



## Featured Worle Business: **Headlines**



Headlines has been at the heart of Worle village for 43 years and is still a family run salon as it has been from the very beginning back in 1976, recently moving to larger premises which holds great history in the high street being previously owned by the Edwards family for generations, and were also a family run business who were part of the high streets history since the early 1900's. We have managed to maintain the original facade and hardly looks changed

since photos we have from 1906.

We are also very proud of our clients connections with St Martins church and have had the pleasure of looking after previous vicars and their family's for as long as we can remember.

We do regular fund raising events for mainly local charities ranging from cake bakes to raffles to sponsored walks and all of our team love being a part of this.

John and Sarah who had both worked at Headlines for 16 and 25 years took over the business 9 years ago and Celia (John's Mum) still helps out at the salon from time to time and has been part of Headlines from the very beginning.

Along with our amazing team Sheri, Becky, Vicky, Sharon, Kirsty, Chloe, Lynne and Celia. Most of us have been together for many years and this creates a friendly welcoming family atmosphere.

Being lucky enough to have been part of the high street community for over 4 decades a lot of our clients have been with us, many of them have been coming every week from the very start and as a result we have welcomed generations. A lot of these clients are now grandparents who have brought their children and now their grandchildren ( and hopefully before long their great grandchildren) Over the years we have grown to know them all so well we are now lucky enough to call them friends, this is the part of our salon we love the most.

We also enjoy welcoming new clients and try to make them feel as comfortable as possible as we know how intimidating going to a new salon can be.

We offer all aspects of hairdressing from traditional perms and sets to the very latest balayage and hair extension techniques, if you have any hair queries don't hesitate to contact us on 01934 514205 for a free consultation.



## FROM LUNEBURG TO WORLE!

The Parish of Worle are looking forward to hosting Nabik Sayed, a volunteer from Germany, with the Time for God organisation. He is arriving on 11 Jan and will be with us until the following December. We are looking forward to giving him a big Worle welcome!



Hi there,

I am Nabik, the volunteer for 2019 in Worle. I am from Germany, where I have graduated from grammar school in 2018. I am coming to you to learn from you and to grow in my faith. I started going to church when I was 14 and chose to have myself baptized. However, my confirmation is now over 4 years ago and I have not always regularly gone to church during that time. I decided for myself that it is my opportunity to catch up on the time with God I had missed! The name of the organization

bringing me to Weston-Super-Mare, Time for God, promises exactly that. But, of course it is also time with you, the community and I am looking forward to that experience.

I will be volunteering in the church community in Worle and particularly supporting children and young people's activities. This means that my task is to make the church a place where people of all ages come to meet one another and have fun. I will be encouraging young people to meet with others of their age. I will be involved in assemblies. The passions I bring to serve this purpose are a love for music, dancing, cooking and writing. I am looking forward to using my guitar in church and with the young people. I hope to inspire children and young people in church activities. I will also be looking to get to know people of my age in my free time.



I come with lots of openness and am confident that we will get along just fine. After my return home I want to have lots of new friends in the UK and an open ear for what God tells me. Since it is my first time moving out of parents' home, I will probably learn to be independent. All these experiences will be very new to me and I might need help with some of them, especially being a stranger in a new country. I pray that I will very quickly connect with the people around me. I will also do my best to help serve the people of Worle.

I look forward to becoming a part of the Worle community. Until then.....  
Blessings Nabik



# Stars in his eyes!

## A spotlight on Richard Lennox



Many of us know that Richard is a very talented musician and we are very blessed to have him leading the music at St Martin's - but after the concert we had in November we saw his true star quality during his playing of a wonderful range of music presented by this very gifted man and showcasing his considerable talent.

Richard started to play the piano at the age of 3 on an old piano in his home that was also used as a dartboard!

At the age of 8 onwards he was playing for local operatic societies and he learnt to love theatre as well as develop his passion for music. He was mostly self-taught and loves all types of music.

After a challenging time at Music College Richard came back to playing the music he loves and to work with the people he loves to work with. At college he learnt to play the double bass and at one time was seriously thinking of going into orchestral work, but thankfully for us he changed direction back to his first love- the keyboard!

Richard came to St Martin's 6 years ago and has enhanced the music in our services ever since.

***'The whole purpose of music is to inspire others to take part and to 'get music out there' into the community and into people's lives. Music is a universal language and we are fortunate in the UK to have centres of excellence and very high standards of music. For people to aspire to.'***  
***'I love to play in church, serving through my music. Giving glory to God on a Sunday is a chance to put things in the right place whatever else has happened during the week.'***

Richard works with a wide variety of community groups and local colleges, promoting music and talent in others. He also plays regularly for shows, all over the country. He is a popular performer in the local areas.

His favourite hymn is 'Christ triumphant, Ever Reigning' and contemporary



worship song- Matt Redman's 'Ten thousand Reasons.' Both are sung at the 'Praise Prom' at the Royal Albert Hall Richard loves to play them and to accompany a congregation of over 5000 people singing!

Richard's heroes and influences include Rick Wakeman, Nigel Kennedy and Andre Rieu, all who work hard in 'getting the music out there.'

Richards other passion is for animals and another hero of his is the lion whisperer, Kevin Richardson (search him on YouTube!)

If he was not a musician, Richard would like to be GCHQ's Mr Fix It...

# 2019

Another year comes round quickly and the following dates are things already planned. More dates will be posted on our website [stmartinsworle.org.uk](http://stmartinsworle.org.uk) as and when they happen.

## **ALPHA @ MUFFINS!**

Starting on Tuesday evenings 7-9pm 15 January.

An opportunity to gather with others around food, to think about life, faith and meaning.

This is a Christian series, which is set in a relaxed context of food, DVD, and group discussion. All are welcome!



Numbers are limited, so book your place early at [rectorinworle@gmail.com](mailto:rectorinworle@gmail.com) or call 01934 515922 Monday to Friday in the mornings or leave a message.

*"Alpha is a way to explore what we hunger after - meaning and intimacy and relationship... In a very non-pressed, non-judgemental environment."*  
- Bear Grylls  
host of "Man vs Wild".

**Alpha**





## St Mark's Church, St Mark's Road

### Fund Raising at St Mark's Church

With a deadline early in November, at the time of writing, we are all busily preparing for our month of fund-raising activities for St Mark's Church maintenance fund.



On Saturday 10 November Worle Chorale gave a concert of choral music with guests from Worle Community School. Their leader, Howard Sayer, is a member of St. Mark's Church, and a freelance musician. The choir comprises fifteen members, some of whom are, or have previously been, members of St Mark's Church. They performed last year in Valladolid, Spain and plan a tour of Budapest, Hungary in 2019.

The following Saturday 17 saw our Annual Quiz, held in memory of Maggie Down, a former member of the church. Her husband Nick donated the trophy. Teams of up to six have plenty of fun competing against each other trying to recognise some photos of well-known characters or search their memories for those distant facts learned at school! All three churches in previous years have joined us for this event. The trophy at the moment is held by a St Mark's team but all could have changed by the time you read this!

The fund-raising culminated on Saturday 24 with our Christmas Fair, where we welcomed the local community for tea/coffee and cake or bacon butty. At the same time we hoped they would discover some Christmas presents on our Advent or Craft Stalls, buy a home-baked cake, pick up a second-hand book or just try their hand at Splat the Rat! Children enjoyed having their face painted or time on the bouncy castle. Friends of St Mark's School also had a stall and our children from JAM are made Angels to sell.

This was a great out-reach opportunity for us and people returned fair after fair to visit their favourite stall. By the time of publication, we should have the grand total raised from these events.

Our thanks to everyone who has given up their free time to help and support us.

# **St Martin's Baby and Toddler Group**

**St Martin's Baby and Toddler Group**

**A group for under 5s and their parents or carers.**

**We meet on Tuesdays in term time at the church and between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. The group has steady numbers and a lovely regular carers and their children attending. The group has been running several years and we even have some grandparents who came with their own children and now are there with their grandchildren!**

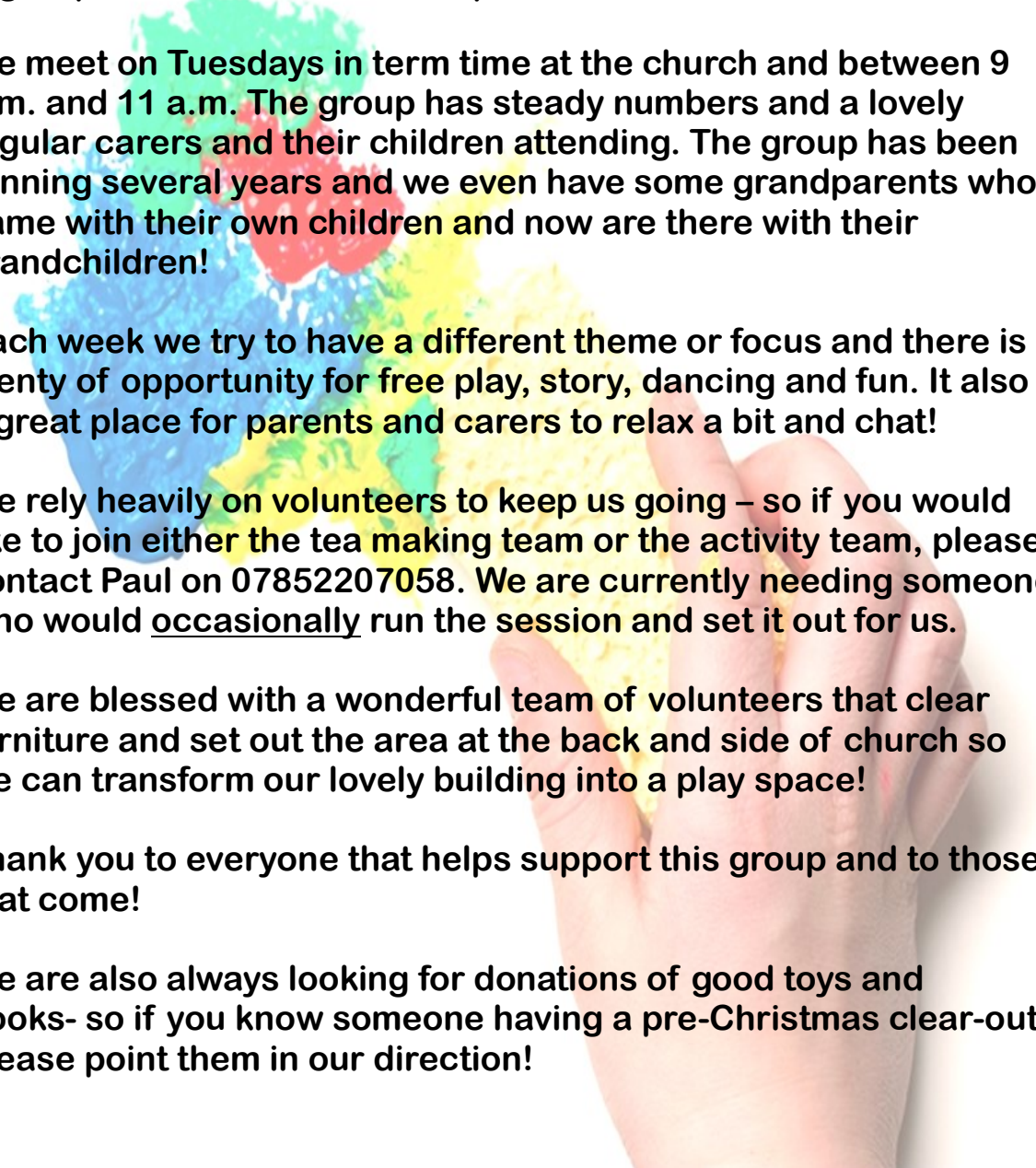
**Each week we try to have a different theme or focus and there is plenty of opportunity for free play, story, dancing and fun. It also a great place for parents and carers to relax a bit and chat!**

**We rely heavily on volunteers to keep us going – so if you would like to join either the tea making team or the activity team, please contact Paul on 07852207058. We are currently needing someone who would occasionally run the session and set it out for us.**

**We are blessed with a wonderful team of volunteers that clear furniture and set out the area at the back and side of church so we can transform our lovely building into a play space!**

**Thank you to everyone that helps support this group and to those that come!**

**We are also always looking for donations of good toys and books- so if you know someone having a pre-Christmas clear-out- please point them in our direction!**



# St Martin's Café

A birthday cake with a single lit candle and colorful sprinkles. The cake is white with a red base, and the candle is red with a white flame. The background is a solid light blue.

**Happy Birthday to us!**

It's hard to believe that the [cafe@StMartins](#) is already a year old! We opened our doors in November 2017 and haven't looked back. We have made a lot of new friends and have a great band of regulars who support us each week- adults and children who come in for chat, games and activities and of course coffee, tea and cake!

We celebrated with a party on the 14 of November with a party- cake and games and plenty of noise!

We look forward to the next year, with more opportunity for making new friends and enjoying special events- we LOVE Christmas! We have been blessed by generous donations from those attending. We now have a weekly bric a brac and book sales, all donations from these go to church outreach!

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers that faithfully serve, organise activities and bake! Why not come and visit us on Wednesdays between 2.30 and 4.30?

## St Lawrence Winter 2018/2019

A warm welcome from Wick St Lawrence as we head into the winter season.

Wick has had an interesting time since Rev. Anne Farmer left in Autumn 2017 but with the support of the wonderful volunteers at Wick and the members of clergy we have had a successful 15 months.



Looking to 2019 we are pleased to announce that Wick will be embarking on a new chapter under the guidance and ministry of Rev. Emma Amyes. Wick will be hosting a licencing ceremony for Rev. Emma on the morning of 5 January 2019 (details to follow) with a light lunch after the ceremony. All are welcome to attend and we hope you will help us to embrace Emma to the Wick Family.

However, before we start the New Year afresh, we have the following services during December:

All Age Service: decorating the Christmas Tree – 2 December 2018 at 10am

Morning Praise: Christingle Service – 9 December 2018 at 10am. Please bring an orange and an unwrapped gift for the underprivileged children in Weston or a wrapped gift for an adult for Comfort at Christmas.

Carols by Candlelight – 16 December 2018 at 6pm with mulled wine and warm mince pies. Come early to get your seat!

Crib Service – 23 December 2018 at 4pm

First Holy Communion of Christmas – 24 December at 9.30pm

Christmas Day Family Service – a short and fun service on 25 December 2018 at 10am.

On 1 November we held our Ladies Night at the Ebdon Arms. The night was well attended with 35+ visitors and the stalls were lovely as ever. The Tombola stall was very popular with some great gifts to be won. This was our last fundraising event of 2018 and yet again it has been a great year for Wick on the fundraising, outreach and social side, and we will be working hard to do the same next year with these exciting events planned for the first part of 2019:

19 January 2019 – Wassailing Evening at Icelton Farm

6 April 2019 – “Spring Swing” with the Sing Out Loud Choir

May 2019 (date to be confirmed) – Harpist Concert with tea and cake

Weekend 15 and 16 June 2019 – “All Things Wick” an exhibition of Wick memorabilia, with a Ploughman’s lunch and evening bar-b-que with Wick produce!

26 July 2019 – Cheese and Cider tasting evening

Details of all over events are posted on our Facebook page and at

[www.wick-st-lawrence.com](http://www.wick-st-lawrence.com).

From all at Wick, we wish you a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year – we hope to see you at some of our festive services and at our events in 2019.





### **'THRIVE' YOUTH CLUB**

As you may, or may not know, the Parish of Worle has a Youth Club for youngsters aged 10 – 15 years, meeting every other Friday at St Mark's Church hall from 7.00 till 8.30 pm.

At the moment we have upwards of 13 children who meet regularly to have fun within a Christian ethos. It is jointly run by the Reverends Emma Amyes and Chris Elms with the help of Samantha Hemmens and myself.

Our evenings cover a range of activities: we have had a variety of guests come to give us some interesting talks/demonstrations from First Aid to Archery. At the beginning of this term we had a memorable barbecue evening in the Vicarage Garden kindly hosted by The Reverend Julie and Paul Fleming. Our young people were able to enjoy the late summer sunshine, play games and were treated to delicious hot dogs, hamburgers, and home made cakes.

At the end of term we like to have a special evening – this has varied from a trip into Weston before Christmas to walk along the beach or prom and then warm up with a cup of hot chocolate – to a visit to McDonald's or a walk to a local play park. However, most evenings they are happy just to have a game of pool, or have free time to chat or play together with drinks and tuck or toast provided.

If there is anyone who could spare some time on the occasional (or regular!) Friday evening you would be very welcome – more help is always very acceptable, giving us the chance to attend on a rota basis.

We consider this to be a very valuable ministry, enabling the youngsters of the Parish to have safe time together, to nurture relationships in an informal, wholesome and Christian environment – so that they can indeed thrive!

Julia Williams

# ST MARTIN'S

Christmas is always a wonderful time of celebration at St Martin's. Everyone is invited to all our events! - As well as our weekly schedule of services the following will be taking place:

## ***TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY!***

Sun 2	Christingle Service	11.15am
Sun 2	Advent Healing Service	6pm
Fri 7	Christmas Fair on High St Stall/Carols/Christmas Roadshow	6-9pm
Sun 9	Christmas Choral Evensong	6pm
Mon 10	Christmas Roadshow begins in schools!	
Tues 11	Santa at Toddlers!	9-11am
Sun 16	Nativity	10am
Sun 16	Carols by Candlelight	6pm
Weds 19	Community Café Party	2.30-4.30pm
Sun 23	Carol Singing at Nut Tree	6pm
Mon 24	Crib Service	4pm
Mon 24	Midnight Communion	11.15pm
Tues 25	Holy Communion	8am
	Short family communion	10am
Sun 30	Joint Parish Service	10am

## St Mark's Café

Our café opened again on 11 September. We were so pleased to see regulars coming again.

We want to be a safe place for people to listen to one another, laugh together, share stories.

We do not charge, but invite donations to help with the ongoing work of the café.

We aim to provide a board at the back of the hall for anyone to write their concerns for people or places in the world, to be used in our prayer time on Sundays – also we are interested in feedback with ideas/suggestions for the future.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday afternoons 2.30 to 4.30pm, and our dedicated team would be very appreciative of help to set up, and put away, and of course cakes always welcome.

The Café Team





## SERVICE TIMES ON SUNDAYS

For weekly variations please go to the parish website [www.worlewise.org.uk](http://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  
9.30am Holy Communion  
11.15am Worship Together  
(informal service)  
6pm Healing Service (1st)  
Fifth Sunday Service (5th)

### Mead Vale

10.30am  
with Holy Communion celebrated  
alternate weeks

### St Mark's

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

### 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 Holy Communion on Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 December, or on Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 January 2019**



**New Service and times**  
**St Martin's Church**  
Church Rd, Worle 01934 261602



## Stir Up Sunday

Every year I have to look up when Stir Up Sunday is- it's the last Sunday before Advent begins. This year it's on Sunday 25 November.

It was always a special day for my family, especially when my Gran was alive- the family all gathered to stir pudding mixture and wish! In those days we also put in shiny silver sixpences for 'good luck' when we ate the pudding on Christmas Day. Fortunately none of us ever broke our teeth...

Stir Up Sunday gets its name from the beginning of the collect for the day in the Book of Common Prayer...

**Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded;**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Because fruit cakes and puddings need several weeks to mature, that Sunday became the time when cooks, wives and their servants would go to church, hear the words and be reminded by association of ideas that it was about time to start stirring up the puddings for Christmas.



In our house as my Grandmother didn't like Christmas pudding we also made a Christmas cake on Stir Up Sunday. A tradition we carried on for a few years after her death. Here is her recipe for Christmas Cake which I still use today...

### **Christmas Cake (courtesy of Elsie May Clark -recipe circa 1920)**

1 pound of plain flour

7 eggs

Half a pound of butter

Half a pound of sugar

2 pounds of dried fruit of your choice

Quarter pound mixed peel

Quarter pound of glace cherries

Tablespoon of milk and of bicarbonate of soda

Half a teaspoon of mixed spice and half a teaspoon of ground cinnamon

Combine all dry ingredient together. Beat eggs together and combine with the dry ingredients.

Put into a lined 10 inch baking tin and cook slowly until the centre of the cake is firm and springy to touch (approx. 2/3 hours.)

When cool cover with a layer of golden marzipan and ice as required.

**Make at least 3 weeks before eating.**

Paul Fleming





Hot drinks  
Cakes & biscuits  
Craft activities  
Bric a brac stall

Every Tuesday between 2.30 & 4.30

Arrange to meet a friend or make new ones  
We're in the rear extension hall - entrance off the car park

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### **Family friendly & welcoming**

Everybody is welcome at St Mark's church, but we especially want to be welcoming to young families because we know that of the 10,000 or so people in North Worle, the average age is about 34.

So this means that we hold two All Age services per month (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays), and on the other Sundays we run our children's ministry JAM. JAM is led by a fantastic team of passionate volunteers, who are all DBS checked and trained in safeguarding matters. We use Scripture Union materials in our JAM sessions.



As a church we try to understand the challenges of bringing up children. We don't believe that church is a place where children should be seen and not heard. We want to value children as much as adults – they are not just the next generation of Christians, they are as much a part of church life as the adults.

***Everybody is welcome*** to our Christmas events and services at St Mark's...

### **December 2**

All Age service 10.30 am

Join us as we kick off Advent by decorating our Christmas Tree together in a shorter service that engages all age groups.

### **December 16**

All Age service 10.30 am

Get into the Christmas zone and enjoy our children's nativity play and sing carols together.

### Candlelit Carol Service 6.30 pm

Our wonderfully atmospheric carol service is illuminated by dozens of candles. The excellent local singing group Worle Chorale, led by Howard Sayer, will perform pieces to immerse us in the festive spirit as we listen. We'll sing some carols together and then afterwards enjoy mulled wine and mince pies. A special highlight of our calendar and very popular.

### **December 24**

#### Crib Service 4pm

A packed church every time for this short service that is all about the young children. They take turns to tell the story and to put the dolls together in the crib scene. If your child would like to take part, contact Rev Chris Elms on [chriselms1@gmail.com](mailto:chriselms1@gmail.com). There might just be some sweets in it for everyone too!

### **Late night Holy Communion 9.30pm**

A quieter, more reflective service that focuses on the imminent birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Come for a refuge amongst the hectic Christmas rush to remember the serious meaning of all the celebrations.

### **December 25**

#### All Age service 10.30 am

A short 30 minute service to celebrate the special morning. Bring an unopened present and we'll open them together!

With love, Chris

01934 515 438 or email - [chriselms1@gmail.com](mailto:chriselms1@gmail.com)





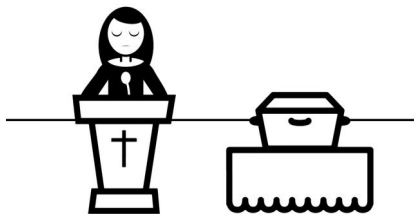
## Weddings

**Saturday 8 September Paul Sprackman to Gail Smith**  
**Saturday 15 September Daniel O'Leary to Roseanne Butt**  
**Saturday 22 September Matthew Eggins to Rachel Mear**  
**Saturday 29 September Michael Taylor to**  
**Abbie Stinchcombe**

**Sunday 7 October Jade Davis**  
**Sunday 4 November Adalind Granville-Hicks**  
**Sunday 18 November Lacey King**



## Baptisms



## Funerals

**September**  
**Joyce Williams**                      **aged 78**  
**Elizabeth Vincent**                **aged 87**  
**Bessie Richardson**               **aged 99**  
**Joyce Marshall**                      **aged 88**

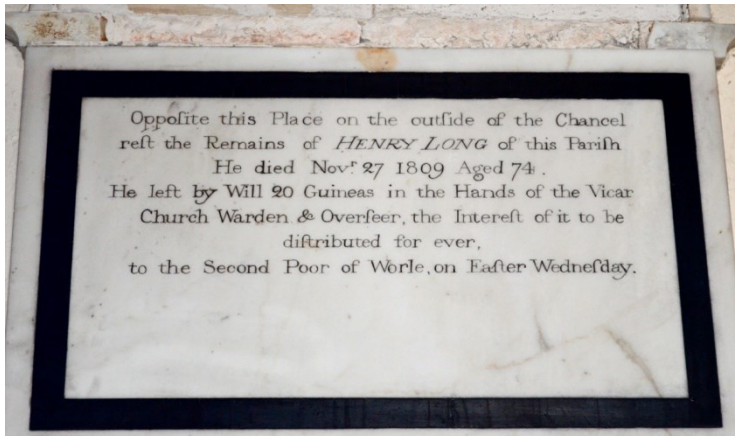
**October**  
**Peter Hucker**                        **aged 63**  
**Tina Ware**                            **aged 66**  
**Douglas Ballard**                   **aged 60**

If you wish to book a Wedding or Baptism please phone or email the Parish Office on 01934 515922, to arrange an appointment. Appointments are made for the First Monday of the month between 7 and 8pm. Or the third Monday of the month between 9.45 and 10.45am

## Worle Remembers

Worle History Society is almost ten years old, which is very young indeed. On the other hand the village of Worle has been around for at least 1000 years, and its Church of St. Martins for almost 900 years. The celebrations of the centenary of the Armistice which marked the end of World War One, caused me to realise that, before 1918, Britain and the rest of the world did not have Remembrance Sunday, poppies, the British Legion or War Memorials in almost every settlement.

So how did people remember those who had gone on before? Memorial stones in the Churchyard were one way. We have over 1,600 such stones which are still legible in 2018 and the descendants of the dead often visit the graves and tend to them. Memorials in the fabric of the Church are much more rare, only 43 in number, and vary from wonderful stained glass windows to insignificant plaques – all given with love and hope.



This tablet remembers Henry Long who, on November 27<sup>th</sup> 1809, left 20 guineas to help the 'Second Poor' of Worle 'for ever'.

World War One shook the world to its roots. The people of Worle worked tirelessly to build this much loved Memorial Clock Tower to count the seconds, minutes, days, weeks, months and years of peace. It is still loved and cared for, 100 years on.

In the years between the world wars St Martin's Church had its own way of remembering. A large box, in the shape of a cross was placed on the grass



to the west of the Church. It was slowly filled with British Legion poppies, brought from the cottages, farms and big houses to recall those who had died and to give thanks for the peace.

In 1950, the World was still recovering from 6 more years of fear, bravery and disbelief, during which the village of Worle was bombed. The Vicar of St Martin's, Rev. Eric Vallance Cook, decided that the Church should have a permanent memorial to remember the dead of both world wars. It was built on the same patch of grass where previously the poppy box had been placed. The picture is the only one available to us and appeared in the Bristol Evening World on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 1950.



Although the new memorial was dedicated with much ceremony, it was still the Clock Tower Memorial in the High Street that drew the people of Worle every November. It is still so today. It is the little house where family members, friends and strangers can visit the men, women and children who gave themselves for the peace. New plaques have been added to the original ones. There are seats in the corners to facilitate contemplation and prayer. The key to our little house of memories is kept by Skidmores in the shop opposite. The shop and the War Memorial are now joined by the zebra crossing.

Maybe, after 100 years, it is time to celebrate the peace – sadly not an unbroken peace, but it needs to be celebrated, nonetheless.

Pop in to the War Memorial. Sign the visitors' book in Skidmores and please remember to return the key. Say hello to the folk who have gone on before. Let them know that we remember, and that peace is wonderful. Tell them that the building is now Grade 2 listed, and it has its own information board at the garden gate, and that Weston in Bloom look after the floral arrangements.

Raye Green

[www.worlehistorysociety.net](http://www.worlehistorysociety.net)



