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# Good Bye from the Rector

My last Sunday was a very moving experience for me for a few reasons.

It was with great joy that during the service at St Martin's, a number of people chose to give their lives to Jesus! I thank God and pray that they will continue to walk with him, trusting him for their lives and their exciting journey ahead!

I want to say a very special thank you to everyone for their cards, gifts and greetings. Paul and I were truly blessed and it was an emotional

time saying goodbye. I will continue to pray for the parish as it works together to seek God's will for the

future - for leadership and for mission. I believe that God has great things ahead for all of you. He is always on the move!

I know that you will continue to love one another deeply and I look forward to hearing news of what God is doing in the parish.

Rumour has it I am retiring! We'll see....! Watch this space.

Please pray for Paul and I as we settle into our new lives in Yorkshire. I will continue to pray a blessing for all of you.

I leave you with a special few verses of encouragement.

Blessings

Julie Fleming Former Rector Parish of Worle



"We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of his light." Colossians 1:9-12



## St. Martins Church – News and Updates

What has been upmost in our minds are the repairs to the Church Roof.

Hopefully the work will finish on the 20 September and we will be able to return to our mid-week activities.

Our thanks must go to the cleaning guild (Holy Dusters) for helping to keep the Church clean and tidy for our Sunday Worship. They have given up their Saturday mornings to achieve this.



Letters went out during August to Business Owners in Worle asking if they wish to consider to help towards the cost of this work – now estimated to be £26,000. We have had a few donations with the hope that others may be considering – we must wait and see.

**Some refinements** to our Sunday 9.30am Service from October will see the introduction to using the screen for our Notices, Readings and Hymns. Also Church members taking part in the Intercession Prayers and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month we are going to re-establish the Choral Evensong at 6pm commencing on Sunday day 22 September (this on will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday). Evensong will be Choir led.

**Looking forward** - Saturday 5 October, a vising choir from South Wales will give a concert at 4pm – free admission – donations at the door for MacMillan Cancer and the Roof Appeal.

The St. Martins Day Annual Fayre will take place on Saturday 16 November – look out for information.

We are planning a Christmas meal on Friday 20 December at 6.30pm at Muffins in the High Street, more information will be available shortly.

Carol Singing in the community Friday the 13 December – 7pm at Worlebury Golf Club, and Monday the 23 December at the Nut Tree pub. Everybody will be welcome to join. A sign up sheet will be in the porch nearer the time. Please make a note in your Diary.

We have been informed, there will not be a Christmas Fayre in the High Street this year because of planning problems.

Hope you find this information helpful and informative.

Paul Elliott Parish Churchwarden

## Nabik Syed – Time for God Volunteer

Nabik has been with us now for 9 months, spending time at St. Martin's and the Parish. We have had a review and have come to a plan for the rest of this year. His time will be spent as follows:-

Mondays will be with the WSM Foodbank as a volunteer

Tuesdays – Toddler Church – St. Martin's, assisting Anna Lagler and St Mark's Café in the afternoon

Wednesday – Community Café at St. Martin's

Thursday- at Worle Village School as a teacher's assistant.

Nabik has Fridays and Saturday as his days off

The first Sunday of each month he will be at St. Mark's Church working with Revd. Chris Elms. The third Sunday of each month at St. Lawrence Church, with the second and fourth Sundays at St. Martin's assisting the 11.15am Family Service.

He will be with us in the Parish for Christmas and then returning home to Germany.

He is very much part of our Community and I am sure we will keep him in our prayers.

#### Paul Elliott



## SAINT MARTIN

Saint Martin, the patron saint of Worle, was born in Pannonia, Hungary, in about the year AD 316.

He was educated in Pavia and trained as a soldier, becoming an officer in the army under Constantine and Julian.

He showed great qualities on self-denial and humility, and there is a story told that one bitter winter night, when with his regiment at Amiens, he took pity on a beggar. And having no money to offer, he divided his cloak and gave half to the beggar.

The following night he dreamed that he saw Christ wearing the half cloak.

Very shortly after this he was baptized and a year or two later left the army. He placed himself under Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, and after working as a missionary he founded the monastery of Liguge in 360.

His reputation for piety became such that he was appointed Bishop of Tours in 371. He continued to live under a severe monastic rule at Marmontier but was diligent in preaching throughout his diocese, undeterred by the many difficulties caused by heretics and others.

Supernatural powers were attributed to Saint Martin whereby he was enabled to raise the dead, remain unharmed by fire, exercise authority over animals and repel onslaughts made by devils.

Saint Ambrose said of him that "he raised the banners of pity in a harsh age"

Pictures of Saint Martin sometimes depict him as a bishop offering alms or with his gift of half a cloak.

Occasionally, a goose is shown as his emblem because his feast day is 11<sup>th</sup> November, the season when geese are normally eaten.





## **ALTAR REREDOS DEDICATED IN 1905**

A really beautiful part of the church is the altar reredos which dates from 1905 when the Rev Alfred Cecil Harman was Vicar of Worle.

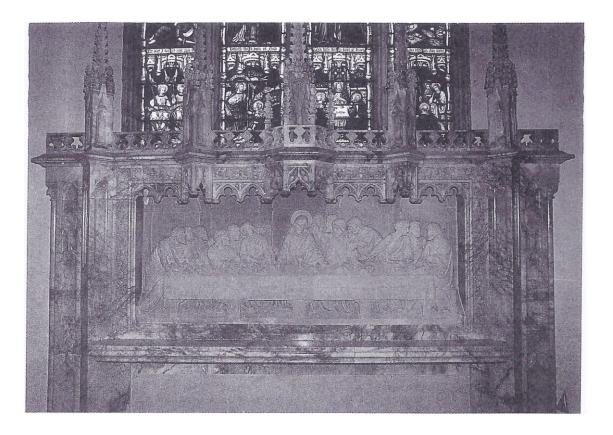
It depicts the Last Supper, carved in Caen stone from Leonardo de Vinci's painting, framed in alabaster and cost £220, the money collected since 1893.

The reredos replaced one made of oak which was planned to reposition "on the north wall of the chancel within the rails". But the words in quotes were deleted from the faculty dated 20<sup>th</sup> March 1905, which finally read:

"To remove the reredos of carved wood now at the east end of the chancel of the Parish Church of Worle and place it over the belfry screen at the west end of the church and to provide and fix at the east end of the chancel a new reredos of Caen stone, framed in alabaster, representing the Last Supper designed by Messrs Jones and Willis (London)"

The wooded reredos which was made at the time of the restoration by the Wodehouse daughters, remained in its position over the belfry screen until it was removed in 1988 to make way for the new gallery. (The oak reredos is being held in store pending a new location).

In October 1905 the Caen stone reredos was exhibited by Messrs Jones & Willis (London) at the Art Exhibition of the Church Congress, held at Weymouth, prior to installation behind the altar in St Martin's in readiness for dedication by the Bishop of the Diocese on All Saints' Day, 1<sup>st</sup> November 1905.



# St. Mark's Church



## Children's Work at St Mark's

This Autumn we are reinvigorating the children and young people's engagement at St Mark's with new age

appropriate activities for our JAM (Jesus and Me)

sessions, held every 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays of the month, and more participation in the main worship and other church events. In the All Age Worships (1st and 3rd Sundays of the month) we are providing more ways for the children to engage in parts of the service and there will always be colouring/puzzle/ quiet-play activities available. St Mark's is a great place to belong and worship, whatever your age!

## Defibrillator

At the start of September a life-saving defibrillator was fixed to the outside wall of church, by the car park. This is a partnership between St Mark's and staff at The Manor Inn. The staff team there worked hard to raise the money to buy the unit, and they asked if the church would host it on our building.

What a good way to serve the community and work with our friends at The Manor Inn.

The commitment on our part is that we provide a small amount of electricity to keep the pads at the right temperature during winter. We also have a small team who take it in turns to check that the unit is working ok each week. It was installed by our friends at Principle Electrical, a local electricians firm based in Weston.

The unit is registered with the health authority and is kept in a locked cabinet. If somebody needs to use it they must phone 999 to obtain the access code from the operator.

Let's pray that it helps to save lives in the future.

### New home for the sound desk

Over the summer a new booth was constructed at the back of the main hall, facing the sanctuary area at the front of church.

This is to house our AV (audio and visual) team and their equipment.

We're very grateful to Jon Dodd, a member of our congregation, who used up some of his annual leave and a lot of his energy and carpentry skills to build it. The AV team can now leave their equipment up permanently, making the Sunday morning set up a lot quicker and simpler.

During the worship we use a sound desk to control the music and voices coming out of the speakers. We also use a laptop to run special church presentation software called Proclaim, which is cloud-based (meaning each person involved in the service can access the up to date presentation and make changes via their own computer at home.)

If you are interested in helping out with these important roles, please chat to one of the AV team to find out more. Then, if you really want to get involved chat to Rev Chris.

### The First Vicar of Worle, Elias de Coleshull 1325 to 1335

**Context:** Ruling Monarch: EDWARD II 1307 - deposed 1327

Edward was a weak and incompetent king. He had many 'favourites', Piers Gaveston being the most notorious. He was beaten by the Scots at the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314. Edward was deposed and held captive in Berkeley Castle in Gloucestershire. His wife joined her lover, Mortimer, in deposing him: by their orders he was murdered in Berkeley Castle - as legend has it, with a red-hot poker. His beautiful tomb in Gloucester Cathedral was erected by his son, Edward III.

Bishop of Bath and Wells in 1325: John Drokensford, Roman Catholic, of course

Elias de Coleshull became the first recorded Vicar of Worle in 1325. This was some 200 years after the building of the original Church commenced and 175 years after its probable completion. It may be that there is simply no record, still in existence, of earlier Vicars of St. Martin's, but it is thought provoking that we know it had been standing on the hill in Worle through the reigns of Henry I, Stephen, Henry II, Richard I, John, Henry III and Edward I – all before Elias de Coleshull arrived.

The Church at Worle almost certainly had early connections with Woodspring Priory and its founder, William de Curtenai and may have been administered by the monks at the Priory, but St Martin's Church at Worle had probably been in existence for 60 years even before the Priory was built, so there remains a mystery to be solved.

We do have some information about the life of Elias de Coleshull before his connection with Worle. The evidence comes from the calendar of Bishop John Drokensford which was reproduced in 'Somerset Incumbents' by Frederic William Weaver, taken from the Hugo Manuscript in the British Museum [1889]

BRENT SOUTH (V.)

DATE OF INSTITUTION.	' INCUMBENT.	How VACATED.	PATRON.	REF. TO BISHOP'S REGISTER.
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1436. Sep. 11	Edw. Myldenhall Will. Stevenes		Thom. Bubbewith, Arch. Well.	Staff., 127
Jan. 2	Ludovicus ap Jean ap David		»» »»	130
1468. Feb. 12	Rob. Vobs (in decret. bacc.)	per res. L.	Andr. Holes, Arch.Well.	Still., 24
1471. Aug. 6	Ric. Holden	per res. R.V.	Thom. Bridlyngton "	32
1472. July 18	Walter Gould	per mort. R.H.	Ric. Wykke "	35

<sup>1</sup> Formerly R. of Sparkf

1310. Elias de Coleshull is first mentioned as the incumbent at Brent South in 1310, at which time he had a patron – Nicholas de Longland, a Somerset man of some substance. Longland seems to have been active in matters of the Church around this time. He also provided patronage in 1311 for Rog. de Longland to take up the incumbency at Hutton. All very local and cosy. The reference to Bishop's Register in column 5 applies to the Calendar of John de Drokensford, Bishop of Bath and Wells, 1309 to 1329.

NB. An 'Elias' resigned from Locking in 1310 and there was an 'Elias' who was at Christon 1332. Are they all the same man?

So Coleshull had links for some 15 years in Somerset, down the road at Brent South, which was in the patronage of the Archdeacon of Wells at that time. It is therefore possible that Coleshull had some prior knowledge of Worle.

E. de Coleshull witnessed a Glastonbury Deed in 1316.

It is also worth noting that the subsequent entry in the Brent South extract gives '1325' Will de Lodelawe' taking over Brent South from Coleshull. The reason for the change is interesting. The latin term 'per cess E de C' translates as 'by [or as a result of] the fleeing of Elias de Coleshull. At a distance of 700 years we can only speculate on how this might be accurately interpreted.

1325. The same Bishop noted Coleshull's establishment as the first recorded Vicar of St. Martin's, Worle, and it is clear from later entries that Elias de Coleshull spent a decade as Vicar of Worle.

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1419. Oct. 17	Joh. Hoper	per mort. W.H.		Bub., 165
1458. Feb. 19	Ric. Wiche	per mort. J.H.		Beck., 234
459. Sept. 4	Joh. Crosse	per res. R.W.		245

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Raye Green, Worle History Society

## Talks and events

Weston Hospicecare offers regular community talk to groups all over the Weston area to offer insight into what the hospice does and how easy it is to support them.

Past group talks have included the NHS midwifery alliance, male and female institutes, schools, local/national businesses and many more.

In addition to this, they are lucky to have several very active Friends Groups which run a variety of events throughout the year - ranging from coffee mornings to quizzes, Christmas fairs, fashion shows and big breakfasts! They currently have groups in Blagdon, Burnham-on-Sea, Cheddar, Congresbury, Hutton, Kewstoke and Worlebury, Wedmore and Wrington

## Give as you live

A retail charity scheme, Give As You Live, is a free way to help raise funds for hospices, charities and schools around the UK - and it couldn't be easier to get involved and make your money go further. Over 4,000 retailers, including Amazon, John Lewis, eBay, Just Eat, Trainline, B&Q and most major supermarkets are all involved with the project that has so far raised over £9,000,000 for good causes. Simply visit Give As You Live, search for Weston Hospicecare or your chosen charity, shop as normal and a percentage of what you spend is turned into free funds that can be used to help patients, keep services going and buy vital equipment.

If you are interested in joining a Friends Group, or would like help setting up a new group in your area, please call Sue Harding on 01934 423926 for more information.



# Top 10 Reasons Why Eve was Created



10 – God was worried that Adam would frequently become lost in the Garden because he would not ask for directions.

9 – God knew that one day Adam would require someone to locate and hand him the remote

8 – God knew Adam would never go out and buy himself a new fig leaf when his wore out and would therefore need Eve to buy one for him.

7 – God knew Adam would never be able to make a doctor's, dentist or haircut appointment for himself.

6 – God knew Adam would never remember which night to put the rubbish out.

5 – God knew if the world was to be populated, men would never be able to handle the pain and discomfort of childbearing.

4 – As the Keeper of the Garden, Adam would never remember where he left his tools.

3 – Apparently, Adam needed someone to blame his troubles on when God caught him hiding in the garden.

2 – As the Bible says, it is not good for man to be alone!

1 – When God finished the creation of Adam, he stepped back, scratched his head, and said "I can do better than that!"

# St Lawrence Church

On a warm and sunny afternoon in July we all gathered at the home of Tamzin and Paul for a "Church Family Pic-nic" and had a wonderful time relaxing in their beautiful gardens, whilst the children played football and on the swings! Strawberries and cream were available for pudding and lots of delicious



cakes with refreshments. Lots of fun and fellowship took place. A big thank you to Tamzin and Paul for hosting this event for us.

At the end of July, we had a "Cheese and Cider" evening at the home of Ken and Jean Hutchings. Sitting on hay bales in their beautiful gardens, listening to the very entertaining "Banjo Boys" playing in the background, we drank lovely cider and ate a delicious array of cheese, breads, cracker, chutneys and salads. The children played in a field opposite on a tractor and hay bales and a really good time was had by all. A big thank you to Ken and Jean for hosting this event for us.

On the 15 September we welcomed our Parish Volunteer Nabik, who is here from Germany for a year. We look forward to Nabik helping Bez with our Sunday Youth Gang on the third Sunday of each month and spending time with our Church family children. Out next Sunday Youth Gang is on Sunday 20 October.

At the end of September we celebrated "Harvest" with Cream Teas in the afternoon at the Village Hall, followed by a service of Thanksgiving in the Church. We always have so much to thank God for, each and every day. But particularly at Harvest it's good to focus our thanks to Him for the beauty of the creation around us, which we are very blessed with in Wick-St –Lawrence and the wonderful work of our farmers and all those who provide food for us. At our service of Thanksgiving, we had a good time thanking God for the Harvest, the choir sang for and this year our Harvest offering went to "The Worle Community Centre".

On the 5 October and the 2 November we have our Sanctuary Mornings from 10am – 12 noon, some people may not be sure what the word "Sanctuary" means and may make people feel they need to come and do something so we are going to re-name them "Quiet Mornings". They are an opportunity to "Be" in God's presence in the quiet and stillness of our beautiful Church. You may want to light a candle, write a prayer request in our Prayer Book, chat and pray with the Vicar, read. Sit outside in our beautiful Church grounds, have a nice cuppa and delicious piece of cake! The choice is yours, but when we choose to draw near to God, He draws near to us, and truly honours the time we take to be with Him.

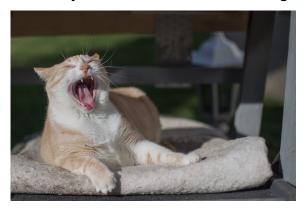
On Sunday 13 October at 6pm we have a Book of Common Prayer Service. One of the strengths of the Church of England is it's wonderful and beautiful liturgy and this service, is full of liturgy and I would recommend you come and experience it if you have not before! This service was first introduced in 1549 and is still vital to many people in their worship of God today. Please join us all are welcome.

On the 7 November from 6.30pm – 9pm, we have our annual "Ladies Night" which we have re-named "Local Crafts Night" at the Ebdon Arms. You can come and take the opportunity to buy some goodies for Christmas, from all the Stalls that will be exhibiting. There will be stalls suitable for children and adults alike, so bring the whole family! More details of this event will follow nearer the time, but for now, please keep the date free!

A big thank-you to everyone who has helped to make Church and events happen and to all those who faithfully support the Church in lots of different ways, however big or small. We Praise God for you!

Emma

"Somebody has well said that there are only two kinds of people in this world—there are those who wake up in the morning and say cheerfully, "Good morning, Lord" and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."



My ten year-old niece says her prayers every night and instead of "amen", she says "click, send".



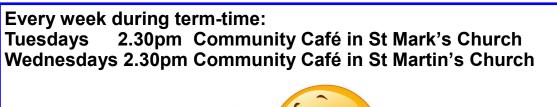
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## October

Saturday5	10am	Quiet Morning at St Lawrence Church
Saturday 26	5.15pm	Free Film Show at St Martin's Church showing "Finding you feet"

## November

Saturday 2 Thursday 7	10am	Quiet Morning at St Lawrence Church Local Crafts Night at the Ebdon Arms
Saturday 16	10am	St Martin's Day Fayre and Coffee Morning at St Martin's
-		Church
	6.30pm	Maggie Down Quiz at St Mark's Church
Saturday 30	5.15pm	Free Film Show at St Martin's Church showing "The Greatest Showman"





### 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 Said Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion with Choir 11.15am Worship Together (family friendly service) 6pm Choral Evensong 3rd Sunday of the month

#### 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

- 7 July
- **Florence Mann** Parker Hunt **Kiera Stone** Zara Skirrow 21 July Jessica Alsop 28 July Layla-Rose Alder



4 August Grace Lydia Joan Daw **Emilia Piper Rose Williams 18 August** Madison Louie Emma Williams **Braydon David Lee Williams Tobias Lennon Weller Marshall** 25 August **Callie Rose Belle Gregory Arlo James Alexander Chappell** 22 September Thanksgiving Service 4 August **Isla Gates** 





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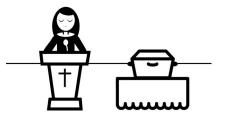
8 June Paul Dando and Lucy Gaulton 14 June Thomas Vaux and Kristina Lewis 24 August Richard Gould and Adele Wall

St Lawrence

7 August Duncan Bennett and Catherine Hucker 20 July Bowman and Offer 29 June Appleyard and Tyler

June Margaret Stubbs Mary James Kenneth Hewlett Anthony Brown Annie Williams Patricia Thompson	aged 89 aged86 aged 88 aged 41 aged 9 aged 85
July Elsie Orzeszko Keith Bradley Rose Middle	aged 95 aged 83 aged 88
September Susan Walters	aged 76

Kenneth Williams



**Funerals** 

If you wish to book a Wedding or Baptism please phone or email the Parish Office on 01934 515922, to discuss arrangements.

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# **USEFUL LOCAL DETAILS**

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	for Voluntary Services, 8 Walliscote Grove Road,	. 631169
Community Association Lawrence Road Community Mead Vale Community	on Contacts in Worle: nunity Centre: y Centre, Redwing Drive,: Paddy Payne	515681 239186
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Dr M H Pimm & Partne The Cedars Sure Weston-super-N		515878
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Tel: 515922 Baptisms & Weddings -	to book an appointment please contact the Parish Office: 1st Monday of the month 7.00pm - 8.00pm or 3rd Monday 9.30am to 10.30am
Church Schools	St. Mark's Primary School, a Bath & Wells Academy
Home Groups	WHAT'S ON AT ST MARKS Midweek adult fellowship and study Colin Guichard 521792
Lettings	Guides on Wednesday The Parish Office 515922 (Liz Winter)
Choir Church Cleaning Group. Bellringers Baby & Toddler Group Little Martin's Children's	Jim Lambard 514004
Group Café @ St Martin's	Every Wednesday, in term time, 2.30pm to 4.30pm
Open Church	WHAT'S ON AT ST. LAWRENCE During daylight hours the church is open for anyone seeking a sanctuary of peace and quiet
Bellringers Choir Sunday Club	Paul Tomlinson 515853 Elizabeth Glen 832283 (Youth) Jaqueline Hockley 520956 (Adult) Sunday morning groups for children and young people. Kath Kidd 520273

The Sunday School teacher had her class around her and was teaching the class about the Easter story and the resurrection of Christ. "What did Jesus do on this day?" she asked the class; to which there was no response, so she decided to give the boys and girls a bit of a clue. "The word you want" she said "starts with the letter R."

Quick as a flash one boy blurted, "Recycle!"

Seen in a local paper: -

Wanted: Cemetery Superintendent. "Now hiring," read the classified ad. "Cemetery superintendent required. The ideal candidate must be able to supervise in a fast-paced environment."



It was the five year old boy's first trip down to the Communion rail at church. Fascinated he watched the vicar place a wafer in the palm of each person kneeling before him. When the vicar reached the little boy, he ignored the child's outstretched palm, and laid his hand on the child's head in a gentle blessing instead. The boy, utterly bewildered, whispered to his father in a piercing voice, "He's put it on my head!"



A small boy returned from Sunday School in floods of tears. When questioned by his mother about his distressed state, he sobbed: "Jesus wants me for a sunbeam, but all I want to be is a train driver!"

