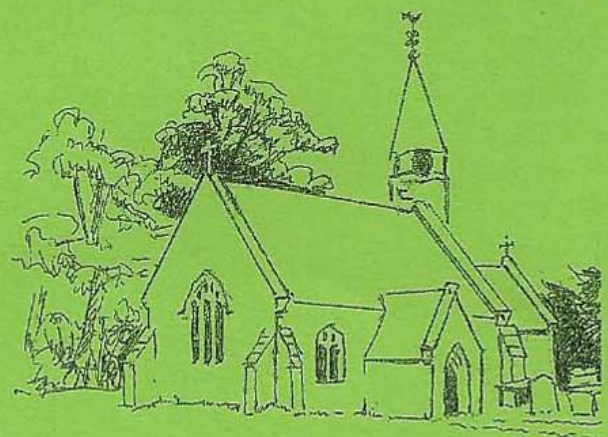
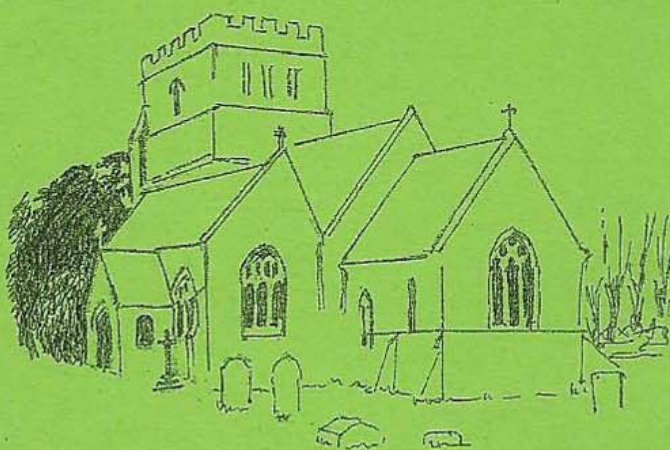


Cotswold Edge

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The Church Newsletter for
Marshfield, Cold Ashton,
Tormarton and West Littleton



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Benefice website

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Tormarton & West Littleton

www.tormarton.org/

Bristol Diocese

www.bristol.anglican.org/

Church of England

www.churchofengland.org

Information on Christian Faith

www.rejesus.co.uk/

Letter from the Ministry Team

Marshfield Vicarage

'Autumn Days when the grass is jewelled, and the silk inside a chestnut shell...clouds that look like familiar faces, and the winter's moon with frosted rings...shoes so comfy though they're worn out and they're battered and the taste of apple pie...Oh I mustn't forget, no, I mustn't forget, to say a great big 'Thank You' - I mustn't forget'

These lines are from an Autumn song of the '80's and still sung by children in schools today. It reminds us to recognise 'the small pleasures' and say thank you for them, even when 'big things' are difficult.

At Harvest we give thanks for nourishment and at the end of October we will celebrate the importance of the Bible which nourishes us spiritually and enables us to know God and ourselves better.

In its pages, as well as revelations of God we meet many characters - some positive role models, some positively dodgy!

For previous generations in our villages these characters would have been well-known and held up as examples of how to live well, or what not to do! People would have identified with them at different stages of their lives or used them as warnings, or example: maybe reflecting on 'Jacob the cheat' who was finally wrestled into godliness, or Miriam the once gifted worship-leader, who sadly grew harsh and embittered; or Job who endured great suffering and thereby discovered deep truths about God; or 'Job's comforters' - whose blame games show us how not to support someone in a crisis... or Peter, the heady mix of zeal and weakness who finally becomes a compassionate and wise leader to the early church.

Their stories encourage us to look at our lives and how we respond to situations, particularly when we don't yet understand what God is doing. Have the setbacks we have faced been springboards to greater faith, or have we fallen prey to resentment, or bitterness, cynicism or doubt?

St. Paul tells us that 'in all things God works for good for those who love him.' (*Romans 8.28*) and thankfully the raw material that God works with doesn't have to be perfect - as Bible characters clearly remind us. We need to exercise our trust in Him in the big things and small, and not forget to say 'Thank you' either for the Bible to guide us and the simple pleasures in life.

Rev Sally Wheeler

News for the Benefice

From the Benefice Registers:

Baptism

Sybil Beatrice Fryer 17th September at St. Mary's, Marshfield

Wedding

Adam Wookey and Hermione Drew 23rd September at St. Mary's, Marshfield

Funerals

Ann-Marie Siddall 28th September at St. James', West Littleton

We give thanks for the life of Gwyn Stock and hold Valerie and family in our prayers

“Elisha’s Big Shoes & Big Heart” -Benefice Away Day: October 14th, 10am - 4pm
-You are invited for some 'Spiritual time out' following on from last year's weekend at Lindors. Led by Rev Victor Howlett we will share in reflection, discussion and food at Longbarn, Stanton St Quinton SN14 6DB Lunch and refreshments will be provided. (Donations please towards the facilities and food costs). Please contact Janet Spence (01225 891115) or Rev Sally Wheeler (01225 892180) if you would like to join those who have already signed up. NB. Only 25 places available.

Longbarn, Stanton St Quinton Directions: Drive north from Chippenham towards Malmesbury. Cross the M4 onto the A429. After half a mile, pass a BP Garage on your left. Take the next right turn (Seagry Road). Follow this road, bearing right and then left and Longbarn is on your left just before the next right hand bend.

Appointment of the next Bishop of Bristol – getting involved: Bishop Mike is retiring as the 56th Bishop of Bristol at the end of September.

Do you want to play your part in helping discern who our next Bishop will be?

Please come to an open meeting to learn about the role and process, to pray and to share your views as part of the consultation. A meeting will be held in the at **St**

Andrew’s Church Chippenham at 7.30pm on 12th October 2017. (Instead of Deanery Synod) To find out more about other ways you can pray and feed into the consultation, visit www.bristol.anglican.org/our-next-bishop.

Benefice Harvest Services and lunches/suppers:

These take place as follows:-

Marshfield, 8th October:

10.30am Harvest Celebration, followed by Village “Bring & Share” lunch in church
6.00pm Benefice Choral Harvest Service with a speaker from “Send A Cow”

Tormarton, 15th October: 10.30am Harvest Celebration, followed by Harvest lunch

Cold Ashton, 15th October: 6.00pm Benefice Harvest Evensong

20th October 7.30pm BIG Harvest Supper, Cold Ashton Parish Hall

Christian Faith - Exploring Christianity: "Exploring Christianity" is a course to help you grow in discipleship, deepen your faith and explore the Bible. There are six modules covering a breath of areas from Old and New Testament to Christian Ethics, prayer, spirituality and more. Courses are held across the Diocese, there are no age limitations and no previous experience is necessary.

You can find out more information about the course on the Diocesan website. If you would like to enrol on the course please email rachel.miller@bristoldiocese.org for further information about dates and venues and an application form.

Alpha: We will be running another Alpha Course in January for the Benefice.

Diary, Notices and Events for October

Marshfield

Mothers' Union: The local branch meets on **Tuesday 17th October at 2.30 pm** at Marshfield Church Hall.

Beautiful Baroque!: On **Saturday 14th October at 7.30 pm** a concert of Baroque music will be played by Sonority C18, at **St James Church, North Wraxall**. The programme will include music by JS Bach, Telemann, Handel, Leclair, WF Bach and Purcell, played on Baroque flutes, viola, harpsichord, viola da gamba, with soprano. Tickets, to include refreshments, are £12 on the door (or £10 in advance from Nicky Russell tel 01225 892396). There will also be a retiring collection in aid of the Julian House charity for the homeless.

Gift Day, 4th November: This years Gift Day will be a celebration of the 775th anniversary of the founding of St Mary's Church, its history and its role today in serving both local and wider communities. Details will be available later via posters and leaflets.

Cold Ashton

Cold Ashton PCC: The next meeting is on **Monday 2nd October at 7.30 pm** at the Parish Hall.

Bible Study Group: The group meets on **Thursday 26th October at 10.30am**. For details of the venue, please contact Jean Purnell (01225 891274).

Harvest Supper: This year sees a change to Harvest Supper. You've all been to THE BIG LUNCH now it's the - BIG HARVEST SUPPER ! This year we are asking everyone to bring along a plate of food to share and something to drink.

The supper takes place on **Friday 20th October** from **7.30 pm** at Cold Ashton Village Hall. It will be followed by the AUCTION of produce from our Harvest Festival. Watch out for Flyers and Posters. Do come along and join in the fun. Details from Monica Green (01225 891669)

West Littleton

Beethoven and Schubert Concert: at St James, West Littleton, on **21st October at 7:30pm**

Growing in Faith and Prayer - Home, Youth and Prayer Groups

Home Groups: Home Groups normally meet as follows:-

- 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 8.00 pm at 86 High St. (Richard & Sue Shreeve, 891169)
- 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 10.00 am at Willow House, W Littleton Rd (Aurea & Christopher Hart, 891453).

“Faith Matters: The Ten Commandments” An opportunity to discuss the challenges of the Ten Commandments today. Each session stands alone. All welcome at Tormarton Court, 11th October at 7.30pm.

Edward Bear Toddler Time: This now meets on **each** Friday, 10.30 -11.30 am at St Mary's, Marshfield. There is playtime, a messy craft table and snacks from 10.30 am. On alternate weeks we start with a short Bible story and songs. All pre-school children with their parents /carers are welcome. .

Youth Groups: The “BUNCH” is for school year groups 5-7 inclusive and “THRIVE” year 8 upwards. They enjoy food, games, lots of fun and Bible teaching. Meetings are usually held in the Church Hall on the first Sunday of each month. Contact Rev Sally Wheeler (892180) for further details. In October: -

- “BUNCH” meets on Sunday 1st at 5 pm in the Church Hall
- “THRIVE” meets to explore Confirmation on Sunday evenings at 7.15 pm at the Vicarage on 1st , 8th & 29th .

Prayer Groups: These meet as follows:-

- Village Prayers - weekly on Tuesday, 10 am at Marshfield Chapel - except on the 2nd Tuesday when we join in the Village Communion
- Local House of Prayer - meets weekly. If you would like more details, please contact Sue Shreeve (891169) or Mike & Celia Strathdee (891001).

Chapel Programme for October

Sun 1st	9.30am	Prayer at Chapel
	10.30am	David Spence* (Harvest)
	6.00pm	Mike Strathdee (Harvest)
Sun 8th	10.30am	Joint Harvest service with St Mary's
	6.00pm	David Spence (Matthew 20:29-36)
Sun 15th	10.30am	Cafe Church
	6.00pm	Andrew Gammie* (Matthew 21:1-11)
Sun 22nd	10.30am	Trevor Brain (Acts 13 & 14)
	6.00pm	John Eaton (Matthew 21:12-27)
Sun 29th	10.30 am	Aurea Hart (Acts 15:1-35)
	6.00 pm	Paul Sawyer (Matthew 21:28-46)

(* Communion services - the offering will go to Open Air Mission)

Sat 28th 10.30 am -12 noon Morning Coffee at Chapel

Benefice Prayer Diary
Marshfield with Cold Ashton and Tormarton with West Littleton
OCTOBER 2017

A Benefice Prayer

Lord, let us not labour for you in vain. Teach us to pray, deepen our fellowship, enable our ministry, strengthen our benefice, and nurture our children. That, united in Christ, we might indeed become a holy temple in which you dwell by your Spirit. Amen

Week 1: 1st-7th October During the week, please pray:-

- for the people of the parish of Marshfield, its PCC and churchwardens
- that we will cherish and nurture those of older years in our families and communities
- in the words of the Bible Reading Fellowship Prayer, "that all who prayerfully read (God's) word, may deepen (their) fellowship through (His) love"

Week 2: 8th-14th October During the week, please pray:-

- for the people of the parish of Tormarton its PCC and churchwarden
- for those in prison and all who seek to help in their rehabilitation. Pray also for prisoners families, also serving a sentence in a different way
- that we all may find time each day to "be still and know that I am God"

Week 3: 15th-21st October During the week, please pray :-

- for the people of the parish of West Littleton, its PCC and churchwardens
- for our linked CMS mission partners Jimmy and Katia Rocks and their family, and their ministry of outreach in one of the areas of Brazil that is most in need
- that God will "give (His) Church the same love and power to heal" (*from the Collect for St Luke's Day, Wednesday*)

Week 4: 22nd-28th October During the week, please pray:-

- for the people of the parish of Cold Ashton, its PCC and churchwardens
- for the local branch of the Mothers' Union and for the world-wide work of MU in providing Christian care for families.
- for the Benefice Ministry Team members - Rev Sally Wheeler, Andrew Gammie, Aurea Hart and Mike Strathdee - and their ministry to us. Pray also for the other clergy and Lay Ministers who assist them in the ministry to the benefice.

Week 5: 29th-31st October During the week, please pray:-

- for the clergy and people of our link Diocese of Mukono, Uganda
- that God will grant governments and leaders the wisdom, justice and fairness that Jesus showed when on earth

Please Note: If you would like a prayer to be included in the prayers at our Tuesday prayer group or in this Prayer Diary, please contact Paul Sawyer, 16 Fairfield Close, Marshfield (891436)

Services for October 2017

All services are from Common Worship unless otherwise stated.

Sunday 1st October (Trinity 16)

9.00 am	Holy Communion BCP	Holy Trinity, Cold Ashton	Rev S Wheeler
10.30 am	Morning Worship*	St Mary's, Marshfield	A Gammie
10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Mary Magdalene, Tormarton	Rev S Wheeler
6.00 pm	Evensong BCP	St Mary's, Marshfield	Congregation

Sunday 8th October (Trinity 17)

9.00 am	Holy Communion BCP	St Mary's, Marshfield	Rev S Wheeler
10.30 am	Harvest Celebration	St Mary's, Marshfield	Rev S Wheeler
10.30 am	Mattins BCP	St James, West Littleton	Rev C Mulholland
6.00 pm	Benefice Choral Harvest Evensong	St Mary's Marshfield	Rev S Wheeler

Tuesday 10th October

10.00 am	Village Communion	Marshfield Chapel
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Sunday 15th October (Trinity 18)

10.30 am	Morning Worship*	St Mary's, Marshfield	M Strathee
10.30 am	Harvest Celebration	St Mary Magdalene, Tormarton	Rev S Wheeler
6.00 pm	Holy Communion BCP	St Mary's, Marshfield	Rev S Wheeler
6.00 pm	Benefice Harvest Evensong	Holy Trinity, Cold Ashton	A Hart

Sunday 22nd October (Trinity 19)

9.00 am	Holy Communion BCP	St James, West Littleton	Rev B Pettifer
10.30 am	Holy Communion*	St Mary's, Marshfield	Rev V Howlett
6.00 pm	Evensong BCP	St Mary's Marshfield	A Gammie
6.00 pm	Evening Praise	Holy Trinity, Cold Ashton	A Hart

Sunday 29th October (All Souls - Bible Sunday)

10.30 am	Benefice Family Communion & Baptism	St Mary's, Marshfield	Rev S Wheeler
3.00 pm	All Souls Memorial Service	St Mary's, Marshfield	Rev S Wheeler

*Kids Club at St Mary's, Marshfield