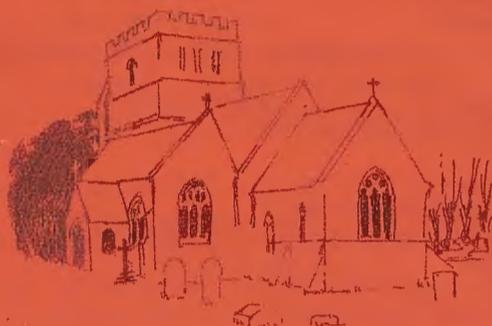




# Cotswold Edge

June 2018

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



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Tormarton [www.tormarton.org](http://www.tormarton.org)

West Littleton [www.westlittleton.com](http://www.westlittleton.com)

Bristol Diocese

[www.bristol.anglican.org/](http://www.bristol.anglican.org/)

Church of England

[www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org)

Information on Christian Faith

[www.rejesus.co.uk/](http://www.rejesus.co.uk/)

## Letter from the Ministry Team

It was an exciting day in the Diocese on Tuesday as the long-awaited announcement of the next Bishop of Bristol was made - the Very Reverend Vivienne Faull, coming to us from her role as Dean of York. I had a brief meeting with her over lunch as she made her whistle-stop tour around the Diocese and I am certain she will bring wisdom and warmth to her position as our Bishop and Diocesan pastor. Some may have been taken aback by her appointment as it was not what they had expected, but then God's ways are often surprising, but always fruitful. The day of Pentecost was certainly not what the disciples expected, but goodness, God's presence through His Spirit in the lives of Christians has been bearing fruit ever since.

It must have been awesome and confusing when the Holy Spirit was poured out on the waiting disciples in Jerusalem. They hadn't known what it was they were waiting for - quite how God would come to them - but they were obedient and trusting that God would meet with them in some new way at a time of his choosing.

It was worth waiting for - their experience of God was very physical and powerful - they were literally 'fired up', 'blown away' and certainly changed by the experience! Confidence, courage and purpose resulted from their encounter with the living God, as it can for us too.

I find it exciting when anyone shares their experience of meeting with God often in 'hard to put it into words' ways. There is no doubt that God is at work today through his Spirit just as He was in the days of the first disciples - He is the same yesterday, today and forever - and so we too can encounter him just as powerfully as they did.

In the power of the Spirit, may we bear fruit and in our prayers for Bishop Designate Vivienne, may we look forward with faith and expectation for all that God will do through her with our support, and in and through us as we welcome His Holy Spirit into our own lives.

Rev Sally Wheeler

## News for the Benefice

### From the Benefice Registers:

There were no Weddings or Baptisms in May.

### Funerals

Gertrude Iris Hope 8<sup>th</sup> May at Westerleigh Crematorium

## “Giving to God”:

In 2018 there won't be any Parish Share seminars across the Diocese of Bristol. This doesn't mean that Parish Share has become less important - it is as crucial as it ever was in resourcing our shared ministry and mission. To replace these seminars, seven Giving to God workshops between June and September will provide inspiring teaching and discussion on Christian generosity, and update parishes on the impact and ongoing challenge of Parish Share. These workshops aim to explore what it means to give to God both as churches and individuals, and help you to discover new initiatives to support you in this. They will particularly benefit parish officers and clergy, but are also open to congregation members.

Bishop Lee says: "How we approach and handle our finances becomes so much clearer once there is a foundation in Christian discipleship and a vision for God's Kingdom at the heart of our life, our church, and the communities to which we belong. Giving our all to God is at the heart of our Christian discipleship. With that understanding, we reap rich blessings of love and see our faith deepen."

Book your place by visiting [www.bristol.anglican.org/giving-events](http://www.bristol.anglican.org/giving-events) or call Clare Fussell or Kirsty Cox on 0117 906 0100. The nearest date/venue will be at **St Andrew's, Chippenham, SN15 3HT On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 7.00-9.00 pm.**

## Elections to Diocesan Synod:

A new Diocesan Synod will take office for 3 years from August 2018. Chippenham Deanery will have 4 clergy and 6 lay representatives who are nominated and elected by Deanery Synod members. Church members on an electoral roll are eligible to stand, and lay representatives **do not** need to be a current Deanery Synod or PCC member. Nominations close on **15<sup>th</sup> June**, voting closes on **11<sup>th</sup> July** with an Election count **on 13<sup>th</sup> July**. For more information, including the role of Synod and what is involved as a representative, visit [www.bristol.anglican.org](http://www.bristol.anglican.org).

**The Bible Course on Tour:** You are invited to join comedian Paul Kerensa and *The Bible Course* creator, Dr Andrew Ollerton, for a night of laughter and learning, as the big story of the Bible is unfolded. On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30 pm in Redland Parish Church, Bristol. See <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/the-bible-course/the-bible-course-on-tour/> Tickets are available from Aurea Hart (01225 891453).

## Diary, Notices and Events for June

### Marshfield

**Mothers' Union:** The local branch meets on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30 pm in Marshfield Church Hall.

**Offerings at St Mary's:** At their May meeting the PCC agreed unanimously to embrace the Parish Giving scheme that the Diocese is promoting and to encourage those who are already planning their giving to move to this scheme. As the scheme

involves more people making contributions by Direct Debit, it was also agreed to change the way offerings are made at services. Instead of our offerings being collected during the service collection plate(s) will be placed at back of the church for those who wish to give on the day and be brought up by the sidespersons during the offertory hymn. This change will take effect from **June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018**.

**Church Fete:** You can enjoy “all the fun of the Fete” on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** from **2.00 pm** onwards at the **Old Vicarage** – by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs Q Woodley. Attractions include many stalls, fun and games, a bouncy castle, music by Marshfield Silver Band and, of course tea, cakes and icecream. Admission is £1 , and children enter free!

### Tormarton

**Spring Concert, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 7.00pm:** Once again, Gilly Wells, Tormarton’s very own professional singer, and pianist Helen Wilkins, will be bringing a mixture of songs and popular arias to delight us. At her last concert for the village, one audience member was heard to say that it was ‘The best thing ever to have happened in Tormarton!’ Tickets are £12 each and include a glass of wine in the interval. This concert has been a complete ‘sell out’ every year since it was first organised in 2013, so set the date and book your tickets with Janet Wells Tel: 218549, or email drakehouse365@btinternet.com. The proceeds will go to St Mary Magdalene church funds. (*This event postponed from May 2018*)

### West Littleton

**Open Gardens:** The gardens in West Littleton will be open on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2.00 pm to 5.30 pm**. Entry is £5 (seniors £4, children free). Teas and homemade cakes will be available as well as a plant sale. On Sunday, the day will end with a Benefice Evensong in St James Church at **5.45pm (NOT at 6.15pm** as shown on the service rotas).

**String Duo Concert:** There will be a short afternoon concert at St James, **3.00 pm** on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June**, with tea and cakes afterwards, to raise funds for a CD being recorded in June by the Illyria Consort, led by Bojan Cicic. Bojan was part of the string quartet from the Academy of Ancient Music that gave a concert in West Littleton last October. The recording is of Jarnovic’s violin concertos and is being recorded in St Michael and All Angels, Summertown, in June. The 45 min programme will include works by Mozart, Jarnovic, and Hofmeister. Tickets free on request from JSGolob@gmail.com; silver collection at the door.

### Cold Ashton

**Cold Ashton PCC:** meets on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 8.00 pm, at the Parish Hall.

**Bible Study Group:** contact Jean Purnell (891274) for details of the June meeting.

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

**Home Groups:** Home Groups will continue their normal meeting patterns as follows:-

- 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 8.00pm at 86 High St. (Richard & Sue Shreeve, 891169). **Please Note:** change of day
- 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 10.00 am at Willow House, W Littleton Rd (Aurea & Christopher Hart, 891453).

**Alpha:** In June, the group will be meeting on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>, 7.00pm at 84 High St (Mike & Celia Strathdee, 891001)

**“Faith Matters”:** An informal Discussion Group open to all, meeting at 7.30pm at Tormarton Court. The next meeting will be in July. For more information, please contact Rev. Sally Wheeler (892180)

**Edward Bear Toddler Time:** This meets on **each** Friday, 10.30 -11.30 am at Marshfield Chapel. 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: Bunch** -for 8-12 yr olds meets on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 5.00pm in Marshfield Church Hall. **Thrive** for teenagers meets at the Vicarage on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 7.15pm.

**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 June

<b>Sun 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	9.30am	Prayer at Chapel
	10.30am	Brian Knowles* (Haggai)
	6.00pm	Steve Whitaker (Proverbs - Wisdom)
<b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am	Joint Service with St Mary's
	6.00pm	A Scott (Proverbs - Speech)
<b>Tues 12<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	Village Communion at St Mary's
<b>Sun 17<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am	Peter Foster (Come and Share - Acts 4:32 - 5:16)
	6.00pm	David Spence* (Proverbs - Anger)
<b>Sun 24<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am	Michael Paton (Galatians 1:1-24)
	6.00pm	Paul Sawyer (Galatians 2:1-21)
<b>Sat 30<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am	Morning Coffee at Chapel

(\* Communion services- the offerings will go to “4H”)

**Benefice Prayer Diary**  
**Marshfield with Cold Ashton and Tormarton with West Littleton**  
**JUNE 2018**

**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: 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> June** During the week, please pray:-

- for Christians who live in our community but are not part of our parish churches
- for those who are not at peace with themselves - that they may come to know God's loving, forgiving presence and the joy of being reconciled to him

**Week 2: 3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> June** During the week, please pray:-

- for the people of the parish of Marshfield, its PCC and churchwardens
- giving thanks for the new life Jesus offers us and pray for those who have yet to experience it for themselves "I came that they may have and enjoy life and have it in abundance" (*John 10:10*).
- that all the gifts God gives us - time, talents and money - are put to good use as we work to build His kingdom here

**Week 3: 10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> June** During the week, please pray :-

- for the people of the parish of Tormarton, its PCC, and churchwarden
- for our newly appointed diocesan Bishop, Vivienne Faull , our suffragan Bishop Lee Rayfield, and for the staff that support them in leading this diocese.
- for the unity of God's people worldwide, and that we may show respect and understanding in our relationships with those of other faiths

**Week 4: 17<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> June** During the week, please pray:-

- for the people of the parish of West Littleton, its PCC and churchwardens
- for parents as they face the challenges and dilemmas of bringing up their children.
- for people who are vulnerable - because of gender, race, creed or social standing. Pray also for those who are often forgotten - the homeless, the elderly, the unemployed and families under stress
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**Week 5: 24<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> June** During the week, please pray:-

- for the people of the parish of Cold Ashton, its PCC and churchwarden
- for the Benefice Ministry Team members - Rev Sally Wheeler, Rev Lynne Godfrey, Andrew Gammie, Aurea Hart, Charles Keene and Mike Strathdee
- for the clergy and people of our link Diocese of Mukono, Uganda

**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 June 2018

*All services are from Common Worship unless otherwise stated.*

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** (Trinity 1)

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

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June** (Trinity 2)

9.00 am	Holy Communion BCP	St Mary's Marshfield	Rev S Wheeler
10.30 am	All Age Worship	St Mary's, Marshfield	Rev L Godfrey
5.45 pm	Benefice Evensong	St James, West Littleton	Rev S Wheeler

### **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

10.00 am	Village Communion	St Mary's, Marshfield
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### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June** Trinity 3 - Father's Day)

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity, Cold Ashton	Rev S Wheeler
10.30 am	Morning Worship*	St Mary's, Marshfield	M Strathdee
10.30 am	Family Service	St Mary Magdalene, Tormarton	Rev S Wheeler
6.00 pm	Holy Communion BCP	St Mary's Marshfield	Rev S Wheeler

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June** (Trinity 4 - John the Baptist)

9.00 am	Holy Communion BCP	St James, West Littleton	Rev S Wheeler
10.30 am	Holy Communion*	St Mary's, Marshfield	Rev S Wheeler
6.00 pm	Evensong BCP	St Mary's, Marshfield	C Keen
6.00 pm	Evening Praise	Holy Trinity, Cold Ashton	A Hart

*\*Kids Club at St Mary's, Marshfield*

