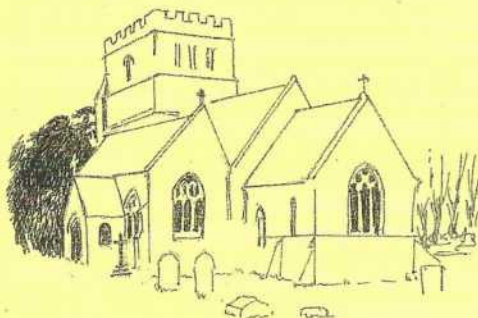


# Cotswold Edge

November 2018

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



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## Letter from the Ministry Team

As we near the end of October, the nights are drawing in, we are getting less heat from the sun, the birds are migrating and we look forward to warm cosy evenings around the fire. In fact our response to the shorter, colder days is to turn up the boiler, light the fires and drive everywhere because it's too cold and wet to walk or cycle! All this at a time when the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate change (IPCC) recommends drastic cuts in the use of fossil fuels to limit the increase in global warming from 2°C to 1.5°C by 2050. They say that to achieve this target would require "rapid, far-reaching, and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society." In other words each one of us will need to change some aspects of our current life-style.

Christians believe that God created a perfect world and gave us responsibility to look after it (see Genesis 1) but now most of us agree that we haven't done very well - as stewards we have failed! We are aware that our carbon emissions are having a devastating effect on the weather, the ice cap, and on rising sea levels. The poorest in the world are suffering.

So now we need to decide how we can reduce our carbon footprint, both corporately as a church and individually. The fifth mark of mission of the Anglican Communion is to "strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth." So what are we doing about it? We can all make a difference; to quote Christian Aid, we need to "live more simply than others may simply live."

"We pray for those who suffer as a result of our waste, greed and indifference and we pray that the day will come when everyone has enough food, clean water and shelter. Help us to respect the rights of all people and all species and help us to willingly share our gifts today and always.

Amen"

*A prayer from "Dear Lord ..." published by the Mothers' Union*  
Aurea Hart

## News for the Benefice

We were all shocked and saddened by news of Stephen Barendt's death in a road accident in October. Stephen was a faithful member of Marshfield Church serving on the PCC and as an organist, as well as a popular and respected member of the wider community. Please continue to remember his family in your prayers. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

### From the Benefice Registers:

#### Funerals

Kelley Smith, 8<sup>th</sup> October at St Mary Magdalene, Tormarton

Stephen Barendt, 9<sup>th</sup> October at St Mary's, Marshfield

William Anstey 29<sup>th</sup> October at St Mary's, Marshfield

#### Baptisms

Rupert Kneller, 28<sup>th</sup> October at St. Mary's, Marshfield



### **New Curate in the Benefice:**

I'm delighted to announce that Rev. Lynne Godfrey has been licensed as Assistant Curate in the Marshfield Benefice. Lynne has been with us on placement since January so many of you have already met her. She is self-supporting and so we are blessed by her willingness to serve God in this way as well as her ministerial gifts and the experience she brings. Lynne's husband is Philip and they have three grown-up children.

### **New minister licensed to the Deanery:**

In addition, Rev. Alice Kemp has been licensed to Marshfield Benefice as an Associate Minister in the Chippenham Deanery. She is licensed here purely because of Sally's role as Area Dean. Alice's ministry will be throughout the Chippenham Deanery with particular responsibility for LIGHT, a monthly worship service for those with learning disabilities. She will also help parishes when ministers are away on study leave or due to sickness or in times of vacancy. Alice is also Disability Advisor in the Diocese and works part-time as an MOD Chaplain.

### **Deanery Synod, 18th October:**

This was another "open" meeting, with the theme of "Whole Life Discipleship". London Institute for Contemporary Christianity's Stefan McNally began by reminding us that 98% of Christians spend 95% of their time "on the frontline" - outside church walls. God has his people right where he needs them, Monday to Saturday. He went on to help us discover these "frontlines" and to see them as opportunities to make a difference, by living and sharing the gospel. For more information visit [licc.org.uk](http://licc.org.uk)

### **Bi-Annual Benefice Weekend Away, 23<sup>rd</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup>:**

54 adults and children are going to Lee Abbey for a weekend together, with teaching and worship, all in a spectacular venue by the sea in the Valley of the Rocks, North Devon. Rev. Alice Kemp is kindly covering services that Sunday as the ministry team is with the group. We'd love to have even more people coming next time...

## **Diary, News and Events for November**

### **Marshfield**

#### **Harvest:**

"Thank you to everyone involved in making Harvest special - those who decorated the church, the musicians and those who sang, the generosity of giving to Send a Cow and to Genesis Trust and those who helped make the Community Harvest Supper an enjoyable evening". Rev. Sally

#### **All Soul's:**

This years' memorial service will take place on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 4.00 pm in St Mary's. It is an opportunity for anyone to remember loved ones and light a candle in thanksgiving for their lives. Names of those who have died in recent years will be read out.

## World War 100 Commemoration:

**The Journey To The Armistice:** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30 pm in St Mary's Marshfield. This will be an evening of exploration and commemoration of the signing of the Armistice 100 years ago. In the first part we will explore the journey taken by many of the men from Marshfield who became drawn into the First World War. Using mainly contemporary accounts and poetry we will look at how events unfolded. In the second part we will honour these men by singing the Faure Requiem. It is music that, once heard, is never forgotten expressing both the sorrow of death as well as hope for the future. Entry is free but come in good time. There will be refreshments. A retiring collection will be donated to the Royal British Legion.

**Remembrance Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> November:** The 10.30 High Street parade will be followed at 10.40am by an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial and a service of Remembrance at St Mary's, Marshfield. We will be dedicating a Peal Board for the Bell Tower.

**Mothers' Union:** The local branch meets on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2.30 pm in Marshfield Church Hall.

## 2018 Christmas Choirs

Do join us to sing. All rehearsals will be in **St Mary's Church**. No auditions and open to all. Please sign up with Frances Gammie (fgammie@gmail.com)

### **Main Adult Choir Rehearsals; 7.45 pm**

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> November, Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> November, Wed 5<sup>th</sup> December, Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> December,  
**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December (3.00 pm) Carol service 7.30 pm**

### **Youth Choir Rehearsals:**

for singers of secondary school age. **Dates as for Adults but 6.30-7.15pm**

### **Christingle Choir Rehearsals:**

for singers of primary school age. **6-7 pm** on Tuesdays 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> December  
**Christingle service 24<sup>th</sup> at 5.00pm** (Rehearsal at 3.30 pm)

## Cold Ashton

**Gift Day:** for Holy Trinity Church, Cold Ashton will be held on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November.



**PCC:** meets on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November, 8.00 pm in the Parish Hall.



**ance:** in Cold Ashton at 6.00 pm on 11<sup>th</sup> November with  
of the Tommy silhouette.



### **Cold Ashton Family Service:**

The new "5 O'clock tea-time celebration" starts at the end of October (28<sup>th</sup>) and continues on fourth Sundays. It is a short service for all ages followed by tea and cake. The themes are all based on "Messy parables" starting with Bake-Off!

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

**Home Groups:** In November they will meet as follows:-

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

**Alpha Plus:** - following on from the recent Alpha course. For details of dates & venues for November, contact Mike & Celia Strathdee (891001).

**"Faith Matters":** An informal Discussion Group open to all, meeting at 7.30 pm at Tormarton Court. For more information on future meetings, please contact Rev. Sally Wheeler (892180).

**Edward Bear Toddler Time:** This meets on **each Friday**, 10.30 -11.30 am at Marshfield Chapel. All pre-school children with their parents /carers are welcome.

**Youth Groups: Bunch** - for 8-11 yr olds meets on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> November, 5.30-6.30 pm in Marshfield Church Hall. **Thrive** - for 12-14 yr olds meets on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30-8.30 pm in the Church Hall. **MY Space** - any teenagers and young adults are invited to **"Movement"**, 6.30 - 8.00 pm on 4<sup>th</sup> November at **St. Paul's Church, Chippenham SN15 1PS** (Rev Sally is happy to organise transport). Details can be found on [wearemovement.net](http://wearemovement.net).

**Prayer Groups:** These meet as follows:-

- Village Prayers - weekly on Tuesday, 10.00 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 November

<b>Sun 4<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30 am	Prayer at Chapel
	10.30 am	David Spence* (Colossians 3:1 - 17)
	6.00 pm	Michael Paton (Colossians 3:18 - 4:1)
<b>Sun 11<sup>th</sup></b>	10.50 am	Remembrance Day Service at St Mary's Church
	6.00 pm	Richie & Hilary Newman (Colossians 4:2 - 18)
<b>Tues 13<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00 am	Village Communion at Marshfield Chapel
<b>Sun 18<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30 am	Peter Misselbrook (Msg of Malachi)
	6.00 pm	Peter Foster* (Come & Share)
<b>Sat 24<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30 am	Coffee Morning at Chapel
<b>Sun 25<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30 am	Church Weekend Away -
	6.00 pm	<b>no services at Chapel</b>

(\* Communion services- the offerings will go to the Children's Society)



**Benefice Prayer Diary**  
**Marshfield with Cold Ashton and Tormarton with West Littleton**  
**NOVEMBER 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>-3<sup>rd</sup> November** During the week, please pray:-

- for all those who serve our communities by giving their time as volunteers
- for other Christians who live in our community but are not part of our parish churches

**Week 2: 4<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> November** During the week, please pray:-

- for the people of the parish of Marshfield, its PCC and churchwardens
- on 5<sup>th</sup> November, for the Church, the broken Body of Christ: that God will overcome our differences for the sake of the Gospel (*the Gunpowder Plot has its origins in Christian conflict*)
- for those families facing challenges due to concerns over finance, particularly as the Christmas season approaches

**Week 3: 11<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> November** During the week, please pray :-

- On Armistice Day, that nations may learn to use the ways of peace rather than those of violence and terrorism in reconciling differences and securing justice and equality for all
- for the people of the parish of Tormarton, its PCC, and churchwarden
- for those whose memories are difficult and painful, and for those who can remember the present but not the past
- that all our ways of "doing Church"- traditional or "fresh" - will help people find Jesus and grow in faith

**Week 4: 18<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> November** During the week, please pray:-

- for the people of the parish of West Littleton, its PCC and churchwardens
- that, through the power of his Holy Spirit, we will bear witness to God's truths in the way we live our daily lives
- for all involved in caring for others in our communities and for those needing care

**Week 5: 25<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> November** 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 November 2018

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

### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November** (All Souls)

9.00 am	Holy Communion BCP	Holy Trinity, Cold Ashton	Rev S Wheeler
10.30 am	Morning Worship*	St Mary's, Marshfield	Rev L Godfrey
10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Mary Magdalene, Tormarton	Rev S Wheeler
4.00 pm	All Souls Memorial	St Mary's, Marshfield	Rev S Wheeler

### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November** (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent - Remembrance Sunday)

10.55 am	Remembrance	St Mary's Marshfield	Rev S Wheeler
10.30 am	Remembrance	St Mary Magdalene, Tormarton	M Strathdee
6.00 pm	Remembrance Evensong	Holy Trinity, Cold Ashton	Rev S Wheeler

### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

10.00 am	Village Communion	Marshfield Chapel	
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### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November** (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent)

8.30 am	Breakfast Church	St Mary's, Marshfield	A Gammie
9.00 am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity, Cold Ashton	Rev S Wheeler
10.30 am	All Age Worship & Baptism	St Mary's, Marshfield	Rev S Wheeler
10.30 am	Family Service	St Mary Magdalene, Tormarton	A Hart
6.00 pm	Holy Communion BCP	St Mary's, Marshfield	Rev S Wheeler

### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November** (Christ the King)

9.00 am	Holy Communion BCP	St James, West Littleton	Rev A Kemp
10.30 am	Morning Worship	St Mary's, Marshfield	Rev A Kemp
5.00 pm	Teatime Celebration	Holy Trinity, Cold Ashton	Rev S Wheeler
6.00 pm	Evensong BCP	St Mary's, Marshfield	C Keen

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

Connecting with God, Each other and our Community  
In the Name of Christ

