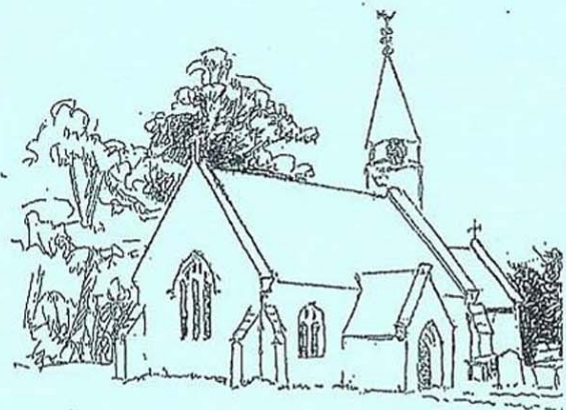


Cotswold Edge

November 2017

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



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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

"Remember, Remember...."

In the UK, October became "Stoptober" – the name given to the 28-day stop smoking campaign from Public Health England. Following this trend, November could correctly be renamed "Remember". On the 5th bonfires will be lit, "guys" burnt and fireworks set off across the country as we remember the "Gunpowder Plot" of 1605, whilst on 11th November the end of the First World War in 1918 is traditionally marked by a national "Two Minutes Silence".

Reflecting on these events might involve recalling that:-

- the prime cause of the "Gunpowder Plot" was the enmity between Catholics and Protestants. Four centuries later there are divisions and tensions between and within the various Christian denominations. We are still some way from responding fully to Jesus' urgent prayer for unity so that "the world may believe" (*John 17:21*)
- World War One became known as "the war to end all wars", yet only thirty years later came the start of another global conflict. In today's nuclear age of "Mutually Assured Destruction", we are still a long way from "beating swords into ploughshares and spears into pruning hooks" (*Isaiah 2:4*).

For Christians, there is one act of remembrance that takes place daily or weekly. Whenever and however it is celebrated, Communion is the most important act of remembrance of all. As we share bread and wine, we obey Jesus' command to "do this in remembrance of me" (*Luke 22:19*), and we recall:-

- His life, teaching and ministry as revealed in the Gospels
- His sacrifice on the cross, taking away the sins of the world
- His resurrection, so that, as Sydney Carter's song (*The Lord of the Dance*) puts it, his Spirit will "live in you if you live in me"

Paul Sawyer,
on behalf of the Ministry Team

News for the Benefice

From the Benefice Registers:

Baptism

Leo Christopher Stacey 24th September at St. Mary's, Marshfield

Wedding

James Alcock and Laura Eatwell 7th October at St. Mary's, Marshfield

Funeral

Ellen Maud Henderson 6th October at St. Mary's, Marshfield

“Weekend Away”, 23rd - 25th November, 2018: Next year we have decided to hold the biennial “Weekend Away” at the beautiful Lee Abbey Christian conference centre in North Devon.

We have provisionally booked for 40 adults, but will need to firm this up with £25 deposits per person as soon as possible. The price will depend on the quality of the room chosen - from £99 per person per weekend (full board) for a basic room, to £150 for an en-suite with a sea view. There are good reductions for children and we may be able to subsidise children again as before.

Lee Abbey offers a full programme of teaching and reflection for the adults, and also have excellent facilities for children of all ages, including a climbing wall, table tennis and snooker, and outdoor trekking.

If you are interested, please contact Aurea Hart aurea.hart@gmail.com or Janet Spence. janetfspence@btinternet.com. This would just be a statement of interest with no obligation or money required at the moment.

An Advance Invitation to Alpha: In January 2018 it will be Alpha time in the benefice! Most of us, at some time or other, want ask the big questions: Why am I here? What is it all about? The Alpha Course is a chance to do so whilst finding out about the basic truths of Christianity. It is a weekly informal get-together over food, with an informative and entertaining DVD and wide open conversation.

Would you like to give it a try and/or do you know someone who would? Call Mike or Celia Strathdee on 01225 891001 or just come to the first supper on **Wednesday 10th January 2018 at 7.00 pm at 84, High St., Marshfield.**

Deanery Confirmation: The Deanery Confirmation service will be held at **St Mary's Marshfield on Wednesday, 8th November at 7.30 pm.** Please plan to attend the service and support the candidates from across the Deanery who are taking this step forward in their journey of faith.

Mission Shaped Ministry: Are you interested in exploring how to form new Christian communities? If so the Mission Shaped Ministry Taster Day in Chippenham on 11th November is for you. It is being held from 10:00 am-1:00 pm at St Peter's Church, Lords Mead, Frogwell (SN14 0LL) – refreshments served from 9.50 am. Come and imagine Church for those who don't do Church. The speaker will be Tim Lea from Fresh Expressions. There will an opportunity to share what God is doing in your local area and to ask questions. The event is free, but donations are appreciated

This will launch the Mission Shaped Ministry course starting on 27th January 2018.

For more information about MSM, go to: <http://www.missionshapedministry.org/>
For more details of the 2018 course, contact: msmnorthwilts@gmail.com

Diary, Notices and Events for November

Marshfield

Mothers' Union: The local branch meets on Tuesday 14th November at 2.30 pm at Marshfield Church Hall. *Please note change of date.*

Taizé Evensong: The Evensong in Marshfield on November 12th will use the music of the Taizé community in the worship. The style is a reflective, repetitive chant that encourages prayerful and thoughtful devotion. The service will be a wonderful opportunity to find space for prayer and contemplation, with music to inspire. Do come and join us.

Marshfield Church's Great Big Birthday Party & Gift Day!:

Saturday 4th November

The Village Church is 775 years old

On this year's Gift Day we are celebrating the life of the church both in previous centuries and today. Please join us and bring your gift to help us last another few centuries!

The Gift Day starts at 10.00 am and the programme includes:-

- refreshments – morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea
- music from soloists, groups, the organ and 'Uke can't be serious!'
- displays of church life today showing how we connect to God, the local community and the wider world
- a church trail quiz for children
- displays of Church artefacts, photos and kneelers
- displays of Birthday Cards from Marshfield School pupils
- activities for children – build a church

Please come and join the celebrations – your gifts are welcome, and the church will be open from 10.00 am to receive them.

Christmas Coffee Morning: At **Marshfield Chapel, Sat 25th November** from **10 am - 12 noon**. Come and buy your Christmas cards, wrapping paper and gift tags from us - all in a good cause. Also hand-made jewellery, gift items from India and Fair-trade produce. There will be a cake stall as well as the usual tea, coffee and tea-cakes to eat! All proceeds will go to the Rohingya DEC appeal.

Cold Ashton

Gift Day: The Gift Day for Holy Trinity will be held on **Sunday 5th November**.

Bible Study Group: The date and venue of the November meeting are to be arranged. Contact Jean Purnell (891274) for details.

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,

Edward Bear Toddler Time: This now 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: 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 November: -

- “BUNCH” meets on Sunday 3rd at 5 pm in the Church Hall
- “THRIVE” meets

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 November

Sun 5th	9.30am	Prayer at Chapel
	10.30am	John McNicol* (Acts 16:1-15)
	6.00pm	Robert Simkins (Matthew 22:1-14)
Sun 12th	10.50am	Joint Remembrance Day service with St Mary's
	6.00pm	David Spence (Matthew 22:15-22)
Sun 19th	10.30am	David Spence (Acts 16:16-40)
	6.00pm	Peter Foster* (Come & Share)
Sun 26th	10.30am	Tim lewis (Advent)
	6.00pm	John Eaton (Advent)

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

Sat 25th 10.30 am -12 noon Morning Coffee at Chapel

Benefice Prayer Diary
Marshfield with Cold Ashton and Tormarton with West Littleton
NOVEMBER 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-4th November During the week, please pray:-

- that all the gifts God gives us - time, talents and money - are put to good use as we work to build His kingdom here
- for other Christians who live in our community but are not part of our parish churches

Week 2: 5th-11th November During the week, please pray:-

- for the people of the parish of Marshfield, its PCC, and churchwardens
- 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 work of the Genesis Project in Bath among the homeless and needy people

Week 3: 12th-18th November During the week, please pray :-

- 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
- 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: 19th-25th November During the week, please pray:-

- for the people of the parish of West Littleton, its PCC and churchwardens
- for all those who feel "trapped" - by illness, addictions, poverty, broken relationships or in other ways
- for the Benefice Ministry Team members - Rev Sally Wheeler, Andrew Gammie, Aurea Hart and Mike Strathdee - and their ministry to us

Week 5: 26th-30th November During the week, please pray:-

- for the people of the parish of Cold Ashton, its PCC and churchwardens
- for the choice of a new Bishop of Bristol, and also for Bishop Lee Rayfield and the Diocesan staff during the time of the vacancy
- 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 2017

All services are from Common Worship unless otherwise stated.

Sunday 5th November (4th Sunday before Advent - All Saints)

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

Sunday 12th November (3rd Sunday before Advent - **Remembrance Sunday**)

10.30 am	Remembrance Day Service	St Mary Magdalene, Tormarton	M Strathdee
10.50 am	Remembrance Day Service	St Mary's, Marshfield	Rev S Wheeler
6.00 pm	Remembrance Day Service	Holy Trinity, Cold Ashton	Rev S Wheeler
6.00 pm	Taize Evensong	St Mary's Marshfield	A Gammie

Tuesday 14th November

10.00 am	Village Communion	Marshfield Chapel	
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Sunday 19th November (2nd Sunday before Advent)

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity, Cold Ashton	Rev S Wheeler
10.30 am	Morning Worship*	St Mary's, Marshfield	A Hart
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 26th November (Sunday next before Advent - Christ the King)

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	A Hart
6.00 pm	Evening Praise	Holy Trinity, Cold Ashton	M Strathdee

*Kids Club at St Mary's, Marshfield