

Cotswold Edge

May 2023

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



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Letter from the ministry team - *Jean Purnell* (Former LPA)

Life is busy, especially during May 2023. We have the coronation of King Charles III, several bank holidays, school exams start, the garden needs attention, and the events calendar fills up eg May Fair. Everything starts to happen again now that longer sunny and dry days emerge, as does the new growth and leaves open on the trees.

Marshfield Church planted an oak tree in February as part of Queen Elizabeth II's green canopy. The oak is often called the king of trees and our focus turns from his mother towards King Charles for his coronation, being crowned now in May.

As Christians we have just experienced again the season of Easter. We think of Jesus on Good Friday hanging on the Cross with the crown of thorns. That Cross we understand was made of wood and the thorns would have come from a bush/tree. Jesus crucified to give us new Life on a tree.

The original tree of Life is the one in the garden of Eden. Adam and Eve were separated from God and the source of life by eating the fruit of a forbidden tree, the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. The Good Friday cross is the redemptive Tree of Life which brings us all into God's presence again, only achieved by that tree being the cross of death and suffering for Jesus.

***Lord of resurrection Life
Be known through our lives and through your power,
The risen Lord of Life.***

Benefice Post: A weekly briefing of the Church services and events across the Benefice is emailed to anyone who would like to receive it. If you would like to start to receive 'Benefice News' please let Melanie know in the Church office: marshfield.benefice@gmail.com

Village Midweek Communion for Church and Chapel together:
This month – Tuesday 9th May in St Mary's Church at 10am. All are welcome for a time of informal fellowship.

Village Prayer: Every Tuesday at 10am in the Chapel apart from when Village Midweek Communion is taking place. Village Prayer then takes place in St Mary's church.

From the Benefice Registers

Weddings in April:

Chloe Windle and Naithan McInnes were married on April 13th at St Mary the Virgin Church, Marshfield.

Funerals in April:

Janet Oram at Westerleigh Crematorium on April 13th.

Leroy Higgins at Westerleigh Crematorium on April 17th.

Hilda Mitchinere at Haycombe Crematorium on April 27th.

There were no Baptisms in April

Café Church: Monday 1st May, in Marshfield Church Hall from 12.30 pm-2.00 pm. Come and join us for a light lunch and a light touch 'Thought for the Day'.

Benefice Study Group in Marshfield

A friendly fortnightly Bible study group, open to new members anytime on Monday May 1st and May 15th 7.30-9.00pm at the home of Melanie and Rowan Hardy: Broadway Cottage, Sheepfair Lane, Marshfield. Details: lynne.rev@sky.com; 01249 446734

Benefice Weekend Away at Lee Abbey in 2024

Lee Abbey is home to a Christian Community who host conferences, retreats and holidays for groups and individuals.

It is set in a spacious country house amidst 280 acres of farm and woodland, overlooking the Exmoor coast.

There are opportunities for walks, cream teas and it even has its own beach. There's great accommodation including the library, gift shop and book sales. The children are catered for with lively youth and children's ministry and there are sports facilities provided in the sports hall. Our last Benefice weekend was in October 2021 and was much enjoyed by the 65 people (adults and children who came).

These **Renew, Refresh, Resource** weekends at Lee Abbey are designed for individuals, small groups and churches to strengthen their relationships with each other, to deepen their relationship with God and to learn how to be salt and light more effectively in their local communities.

















Possible dates are the weekend of **11th-13th October 2024**. So we know if this is something that would be welcomed and supported, please could you let Aurea Hart know that you're interested.

You can email her via : aurea.hart@gmail.com or phone 01225 891453
 Please can we have the following information:

- (a) how many adults and children;
- (b) if you cannot manage this weekend when would suit you better?

For guidance, the cost this year would be £170 per person (£210 for ensuite) and reduced rates for children.

THE CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY

	LOCATION	TRANSPORT	SPEAKER	FOOD
<u>BUDGET</u> →	 OWN CHURCH	 WALK	 THE VICAR	 BRING YOUR OWN PACKED LUNCH
<u>STANDARD</u> →	 RETREAT HOUSE	 COACH	 THE EX-VICAR	 CANTEEN MEAL
<u>STANDARD PLUS</u> →	 RETREAT HOUSE WITH VIEW	 COACH WITH LOO	 MINOR CHRISTIAN CELEBRITY	 PLENTEOUS BUFFET
<u>LUXURY</u> →	 HOTEL IN MAJOR WORLD CITY	 SOMETHING INVOLVING A CHAUFFEUR	 INTERNATIONAL CHURCH LEADER	 UP-AND-COMING CHEF

Christian Aid Week 2023 14th-20th May

This year, the focus of CAW is on Malawi, where soaring costs of food and essentials are crushing dreams and keeping people in poverty. Children are robbed of schooling when their parents can't pay the fees. Farmers are struggling to survive in the face of the climate crisis and its threats of devastating droughts, floods and storms. Christian Aid has

worked in Malawi for 20 years, empowering vulnerable communities to escape poverty by giving them the skills to:

- Grow crops that are more resilient to the climate crisis
- Restore soil fertility and increase harvests
- Learn business skills
- Join cooperatives to earn more for their crops

During CA week you can support their work by donations as follows:-

- Via the open-plate collections at St Mary's, Marshfield on Sunday 14th May
- In envelopes that will be available at St Mary's from 14th-20th May
- At Marshfield Chapel's Coffee Morning, 10.30 am-12 noon on Saturday 27th May

Please Note: if you wish to Gift Aid your donation it will need to be made in an envelope from Church.

2023 will be my last year as the Christian Aid representative for Churches Together in Marshfield. If you are interested in taking on this role, please contact either myself or Rev Sally.

Paul Sawyer

The Coronation of King Charles III:

The Coronation will be a historic moment in the life of our nation, a time to reflect on our history, celebrate who we are and look to our future. At its centre is a Christian service in which His Majesty will be anointed as King. It will be rooted in longstanding tradition and Christian symbolism. We offer our prayers for King Charles III and the Royal Family for this important occasion.



A Prayer for the King and Queen:

O God, you are present everywhere through your Spirit and your Word is a light upon our path. Hear us as we pray for King Charles, for Camilla the Queen Consort, and for and all the Royal Family; and grant that we, together with them, may be led by beauty and music, word and sacrament, to a greater knowledge and love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please note: **No evening services** Sunday May 7th due to Street Parties

Benefice Prayer Diary MAY 2023
Marshfield with Cold Ashton and Tormarton with West Littleton

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-6th May During the week, please pray:

- for the parish of Marshfield, its PCC and churchwardens
- for Christians who live in our communities but worship elsewhere
- for King Charles III and all who serve in national leadership

Week 2: 7th-13th May During the week, please pray:

- for the parish of Tormarton, its PCC and churchwardens
- 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 the work of "chaplains" – in the Services, hospitals and prisons and in places where people work

Week 3: 14th-20th May During the week, please pray :

- for the parish of West Littleton, its PCC and churchwardens
- for Christian Aid, Tearfund and other organisations that aim to show God's love in action in a needy world
- for our linked CMS mission partner Katia Rocks and her family Joanna and Davi as she continues to develop her ministry of outreach in one of the areas of Brazil that is most in need

Week 4: 21st-27th May During the week, please pray:

- for the parish of Cold Ashton, its PCC and churchwarden
- for all those going into further education from our communities, whether as students, apprentices or in other ways
- for all those who share the Gospel's "Good News" through the songs and hymns they are inspired to write

Week 5: 28th-31st May During the week, please pray:

- for the Ministry Team members - Rev Sally Wheeler, Rev Lynne Godfrey, Andrew Gammie, Aurea Hart and Mike Strathee.

*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)***

Benefice Services for April 2023

Please note: 10.30am services can be joined on Zoom marshfieldchurch.org

Sunday 7th May

8:30am	Breakfast Church	St Mary's Marshfield	A. Gammie
9:00am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity Cold Ashton	Rev S Wheeler
10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's Tormarton	Rev S Wheeler
10.30am	Morning Worship & KC	St Mary's Marshfield	M. Strathdee

Sunday 14th May

9:00am	Holy Communion	St Mary's Marshfield	Rev L Godfrey
10:30am	Family Service	St Mary's Marshfield	A. Gammie
10:30am	Mattins	St James' West Littleton	Rev L Godfrey
7:00pm	The Well	St Mary's Marshfield	Rev S Wheeler

Sunday 21st April

9:00am	Holy Communion	St Mary's Tormarton	Rev L Godfrey
10:30am	FS & Baptism	St Mary's Marshfield	Rev S Wheeler
4:00pm	Together @4	Holy Trinity Cold Ashton	Rev S Wheeler
6.00pm	Holy Communion	St Mary's Marshfield	Rev SW/MS

Sunday 28th May

9:00am	Holy Communion	St James' West Littleton	Rev S Wheeler
10:30am	Morning Worship & KC	St Mary's Marshfield	Rev S Wheeler
6:00pm	Evensong	St Mary's Marshfield	A. Hart

Chapel Programme for May: Theme - Spiritual Gifts

Sun 07	10.30am	Richard Shreeve * (Acts 1:4-8)
No evening service – street parties!		
Sun 14	10.30am	Graham Bennett (1 Cor 12:12-31)
	6.00pm	Come and share with Pete Foster
Sun 21	10.30am	Café Church with Operation Mobilisation
	6.00pm	Rev Lynne Godfrey (Eph:4:7-13))
Sun 28	10.30am	Join with St Mary's for Pentecost Service
	6.00pm	John Schofield * (1 Peter 4:7-11)
Wed 10 & 24	10:30-12pm	Home Groups at 112 High St
Tues 9	10.00am	Village Communion in St Mary's

(* Communion services - offerings to 4H (supporting churches in Hungary)