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a community centred on the living Jesus, growing serving
and reaching out in His name.

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Making Sense of the Cross

This year Easter Sunday falls in March. Although Easter isn't as big a celebration in the UK as Christmas, Jesus' death on the cross and resurrection is the crux of the Christian faith.

The significance of the cross took me a long time to appreciate. I simply accepted it had happened and that was it. I went to a Church of England primary school where the day began with hymns and prayers and a monthly talk by the Vicar. I moved onto a Roman Catholic secondary school where the day also began with hymns and prayers. I learnt to genuflect, cross myself and feel a bit holy in the school chapel. The cross didn't really come into it.

I thought I was a Christian because in my school atlas the UK, along with all other 'Christian' countries, was pink. Christianity was something you inherited. When I told a dear friend this she laughed and put me right by explaining the point of the cross, a mystery to me at the time. Her words were along these lines: 'Because we sinned in the Garden of Eden we were separated from God and condemned to die. God is perfect and we can't get back to him by our own good deeds, going to church or hoping for the best. We needed someone perfect to do it for us, that's why Jesus died on the cross in our place and coming back to life overcame our death. He forgives our sins and offers us a fresh start when we believe and put our trust in him. This gives us peace with God.'

Well, that made complete sense but because it was 3am we didn't talk any further! I was content. It was as if the final 'peace' of my puzzle had been put in place and with it the beginning of personal enlightenment. I didn't say any special prayer but I've never looked back, why hadn't I 'got it' before? It seems so simple. St Paul wrote, *"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."* 1 Corinthians 1:18

If you would like peace with God the following prayer may be helpful: Lord Jesus, thank you for dying on the cross for my sins. I ask your forgiveness for all my failings and come to you for life, power and peace. Amen.

Happy Easter! Anne

WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

Saturday 5	10.00am	Sanctuary Morning at St Lawrence
	7.00pm	Auction of Promises at Wick St Lawrence Village Hall
Monday 6	7.30pm	Lent Course in St Lawrence Church
Saturday 12	5.15pm	Film Night at St Martin's "Second Best Marigold Hotel"
Saturday 19	10.00am	Coffee Morning at Mead Vale Community Hall
Sunday 20		Palm Sunday

St Martin's

Sunday: 8am Holy Communion
 Sunday: 10.00am Family Communion
 (1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th)
 Morning Praise (2nd)
 Sunday: 6pm Service of Healing (1st),
 Choral Evensong (3rd), Fifth Sunday
 Service (5th)

St Mark's

Sunday: 10.30am
 Service of the Word: 1st Sunday
 Holy Communion: 2nd, 4th and 5th
 Sundays
 All Age Worship 3rd Sunday

Mead Vale

Sunday: 10.30am There is a monthly
 pattern of two Holy Communion
 services,
 one Morning Worship service and one
 All Age Worship service
 2nd Sunday: 6.00pm Evening Prayer
 4th Sunday 6.00pm Pub Presence
 (The Nightjar)

St Lawrence

1st Sunday: 10.00am All Age Service
 2nd Sunday: 6.00pm Evening Worship
 3rd Sunday: 10.00 am Morning Praise
 with
 Sunday Club for children
 4th Sunday: 6.00 pm Holy Communion
 5th Sunday: 6.00 pm Songs of Praise

MIDWEEK SERVICES OF HOLY COMMUNION

Wednesdays *9.30am at St. Mark's **Thursdays** 10.00am at St. Martin's
 *First **Wednesday** in the month 10.00am Mead Vale Community Hall

From the Rector

Christians Against Poverty - After much prayer and consultation, I will be finishing as Team Rector at the end of May 2016. I have decided to take the opportunity to become a part-time Centre Manager helping to lift people in the Weston-super-Mare area out of debt and poverty. I recognise that this may come as a shock to some and I have written a Pastoral Letter, which explains more. Copies are available in the churches.

In my new role as Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Centre Manager for the Weston-super-Mare area, I will be employed for 16 hours a week, starting in June 2016, subject to completion of DBS clearance. Christians Against Poverty was set up in 1996 and its aim is to help people caught in the grip of debt and poverty. There are around 290 CAP Debt Centres in the UK and, on average, 2,500 families become debt-free every year, with a number of these coming to Christ. The CAP Debt Centre for Weston-super-Mare and the surrounding area is being set up by local churches. CAP work through a lead church, which is in partnership with other churches. Destiny Church will be taking the role as Lead Partner working with other partner churches, including St Martin's Church. The CAP Debt Centre will provide debt counselling through community-based home visits.

Liz and myself would like to say how much we have appreciated the love and support from Churchwardens, Clergy, Readers, Staff and members of all the four churches throughout our time in the Parish. We would also very much appreciate your prayers as we seek to be obedient to God's call in this new phase in our lives.

Children in Communion - Open meetings were held in January for all who were interested in finding out more about this. Many parents and children attended and these were fun and interactive. The children are learning more about what Communion is all about during their Sunday teaching and activities. If anyone wants to discuss these arrangements in more detail, or has any questions, please do speak to a member of the clergy.

Lent Course, Holy Week and Easter - It feels like we're zooming in towards Easter. During Lent, our Parish Lent Course has been looking at the words of Deuteronomy 6:5, "Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." Look out for details of all the Holy Week and Easter services across the Parish, which begin with Palm Sunday on 20 March and continue into Holy Week, through to Easter Day on 27 March.

With love
Paul

St Lawrence Church, Wick St Lawrence



A prayer of St Augustine:

*O Lord, my God, grant us your peace;
already, indeed, you have made us rich in all things!
Give us that peace of being at rest,
that Sabbath peace,
the peace which knows no end. Amen*

Join us to experience such peace at Wick St Lawrence Church Sanctuary Morning on **Saturday March 5th from 10am – 12.30pm**. Drop in any time for as long or short as you like, nothing will be asked of you, nothing expected of you.



**Auction of Promises and Gifts 2016
with auctioneer Simon Hutchings
Saturday, 5th March
Viewing 6.30pm, auction begins 7pm.
Tickets: £5 to include a ploughman's
supper, bring your own drinks**

We have had over 70 offers of gifts and promises ranging from theatre vouchers, a family ticket for a steam train ride and a basket of spring flowers to a 'Cosy Night In' hamper, a complimentary family ticket to the Bishop's Palace and quarter peal of bells for a special event plus rather a lot of chocolate

For full details please see catalogues in the churches, go to www.wick-st-lawrence.com or contact Sandra Redman 515716
theredmans@ebdonbow.plus.com

Explore Holy Week (21 to 26 March) - through words, images and creative arrangements at Wick St Lawrence Church from dawn to dusk.

Maundy Thursday Communion Service, Thursday March 24th 7.30pm. This is a much appreciated quiet service with space and silence to reflect and pray as we approach Easter.

Blessings
Anne

St. Mark's Church



Children's Festival, Wells Cathedral

Twelve of us from St Mark's went along on Saturday 16 January and had a great time! We learnt circus tricks, we stroked a chicken, we listened to a professional story teller, we did craft, we heard about Christian Aid and water supplies – all set in the wonderful surroundings of Wells Cathedral. It was a fantastic day! Thank you the Diocese of Bath and Wells for organising the event.



Parish Men's Breakfast

St Mark's hosted a parish-wide Men's Breakfast at the end of January. Men from across the parish, plus friends, work colleagues and members of the public came along to enjoy free bacon butties and a chat. Then we listened to Phil Williams, Regional Coordinator of Christian Surfers Europe as he chatted about his life, his work and his faith. Phil knows Worle well - his father was the vicar at Christ Church Montpellier as he grew up with his two brothers. Phil showed us some brilliant photos of his surfing adventures, including a video of him surfing the Severn Bore. He also organises many skateboarding events and acts as a referee in surfing events across the world. A photographer from the Weston Mercury came along and took a photo which was printed on page 42 of the February 4th edition.



With love, Chris

St Martin's Church



As they might have said in Sesame Street, the St Martin's page this month is brought to you by the letter to the Hebrews and Numbers 13:2*....

Welcoming people:

Scouts and Schools

When the **2nd Worle Scout Group** came to St Martin's recently on a Badge Work visit, two **Cub Scouts** were received into the group.

The **1st North Worle Beaver Scout Colony** came to St Martin's for a talk and a quiz about the church.

Year One at St Martin's School came to the church twice, to work on a project about our hidden treasures. (But of course they had to find them, and find out all about them first!)

A welcoming place:

On your way in, you will notice the new (and fully functional) West Gate into the churchyard. Inside, look for the new covers for the pew cushions and the kneelers near the altar. You will see that we have been able to retain some of the tapestry work which depicts designs and memorials. These projects have been possible because of the generosity of donations and legacies, supported by the St Martin's Fabric Fund, and we are very grateful to all who have given their time and resources to make it all possible.

You are welcome to join us for:

Film Night: The Second Best Marigold Hotel NB: change of date!
12th March NOT the 19th as previously advertised.

As usual, doors open 5.15pm and refreshments are available.

This is the last Film Night this season. Next season's attractions:

24th September– The Railway Man; 22nd October -The Way

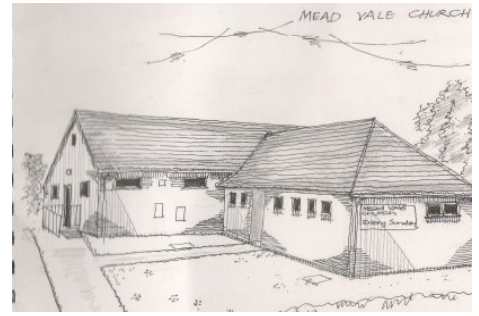
26th November - It's a Wonderful Life; 21st January- Philomena

5th February - Gone with the Wind (with an intermission and soup!)

5th March – Moulin Rouge.

*do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

Mead Vale Church



On Sunday the 7th February we had a Church Family Breakfast at 10am followed by an all-age service for all the family. It was a wonderful time of fellowship with excellent food such as bacon and egg butties and vegetarian sausages too. Thanks to Penny, Jenny and Steve, for providing us with a fabulous breakfast that set us all up well for the week ahead!

On Saturday 5th March, we shall be blessing the community, by giving bunches of flowers to all the mums and women that we come into contact with outside the church. There will be a little card with each bunch, saying "a gift from Mead Vale Church". We meet to pray and God always anoints us for this outreach. We hope the women in our community will be encouraged by our gift and it's also a good opportunity to let the community know that there is a Church here for THEM!

On Sunday 6th March, we have our Mothering Sunday service at the Nightjar Pub at 10.30am. An all age service for all the family, all are welcome. When we remember our mums and all those who care for us and remember those for whom this is a very difficult day

In March we look forward to meeting at the **Night Jar Pub every Wednesday morning from 10.30am for Coffee, and on Saturday 19th March at the Mead Vale Community Centre, for our Coffee Morning at 10am**, where Ralph Devereux's monthly publication the "Mustard Seed" will be available. Why not join us for refreshments and fellowship at both, we'd love to see you.

Rev Emma Amyes

From the Registers



Baptisms in St Martin's

28 February

Alex Jack Stockton
River Lily Andrews
Willow Mina Andrews



Funeral in February

Molly Bliss	aged 89
Nina Hankins	aged 89
Maurice Titchard	aged 62
Sarah Linaker	aged 63
Ronald Jones	aged 88
David Edgecombe	aged 73



Prayer for March

Lord,
Awaken us to your glory,
Dispel the darkness of night.
Cure the blindness of sight.
Heal the deafness of ears,
Restore a gentleness of touch,
Encourage a sense of adventure,
Bring us a new awareness of you,
Awaken us to your glory.

Amen



USEFUL LOCAL DETAILS

Citizens Advice Bureau, Badger Centre, 3-6 Wadham Street.....836200
Opening: Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri 10.00am - 3pm

CVS—W-s-M Council for Voluntary Services,
Room 6, Roselawn, 28 Walliscote Grove Road,..... 631169

Community Association Contacts in Worle:
Lawrence Road Community Centre: Mrs. J.C.M. Thompson.....515681
Mead Vale Community Centre, Redwing Drive,,: Paddy Payne.....239186
Preatnes Green Resource Centre 9.30am-1.30pm529733

Doctors Surgeries

Dr R J B Bowering & Partners:
Riverbank Medical Centre, Walford Avenue, North Worle,
Weston-super-Mare BS22 7YZ.....521133

Dr M H Pimm & Partner:
The Cedars Surgery, 87 New Bristol Road, Worle.
Weston-super-Mare BS22 6AJ.....515878

Dr N D Patel
The Village Surgery, Hill Road East, Worle
Weston-super-Mare BS22 9HF..... 516671

Worle Medical Practice, High Street, Worle BS22 6HB..... 516789

Pharmacies:

See local chemists rota for late night opening but Milton Pharmacy,
260 Milton Road is open Monday 8am till Friday 8pm ,
Saturday 8am to 2pm and Sunday closed. 413100

Samaritans call any time.....632555

Waste Disposal Tip, Herluin Way.....419447
Sat 9.00am—4.00pm; Mon—Fri 8.00am—4.30pm Sunday 9.00am - 4.00pm

North Somerset Town Hall WSM.....888888

Worle Library, High Street.....426090
Open: Mon, Tues 9.30am—5.30pm
Wed Closed
Thurs. 9.30—5.30
Friday 9.30—7.00pm,
Saturday 9.30am—1.00pm and 2.00pm—4.00pm
Mobile Library Service.....426020

Guide contact numbers

Worle District: Ann MacDonald.....642053
Moira Wilmot..... 521980
Milton District: Liz Griffiths 624366
Priory District: Andrea Drury..... 515208
Sue Cox..... 515913

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2nd Worle - Marion Hillcok..... 521021
District Secretary- Ann Coombes..... 513699
1st Wick St Lawrence Beavers, Cubs and Scouts..... 620719

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Parish Administrator Liz Winter

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Tel: 515922

Baptisms & Weddings - Come to The Parish Office between 9-12noon Monday to Friday or Wednesday Evening 7-8pm (by appointment only)

Church Schools
St. Mark's Primary (V.A.) School..... Tel: 513008
St. Martin's Primary (V.C.) School.....Tel: 628651
St. Georges Primary (V.A) School..... Tel: 426901

WHAT'S ON AT ST MARKS

Home Groups Midweek adult fellowship and study....
Enid Wills 512677 Colin Guichard 521792

Sunday Morning Teaching Groups for ages 0-13

Young People during the week Rainbows: Weds 4.30pm-5.30pm (Julia Watt 420422)
Brownies Mondays and Wednesdays (Sue Cox 515913)
Daily Pre-school (515922)
Guides on Wednesday (Nicky Parker-Hall 518406)
Thursday Parents & Toddlers (Rosemary Burden 514415)
Lettings..... The Parish Office 515922 (Liz Winter)

WHATS ON AT ST MARTIN'S

Choir..... Richard Lennox 07710788911
Church Cleaning Guild. Friday Morning
Flowers..... Diane Swatton 513111
Social Events..... Diane Swatton 513111
Bellringers..... Jim Lambard 514004
Sacristy..... Communion, Servers, Vestments Joan Elliott 513968
Baby & Toddler Group..... Revd Anne Farmer 515610
Little Martin's Children's Group Every Sunday during 10.00am Service

WHAT'S ON AT MEAD VALE

Life Group.... Penny Devereux 511140
Coffee Morning.... Wednesdays 10.30am in the Nightjar / 3rd Saturday in every month
Mead Vale Community Centre 10.00am
COSMIC.... Sunday morning groups for children
Lettings Contact for hall Paddy Payne 239186

WHAT'S ON AT ST. LAWRENCE

Open Church During daylight hours the church is open for anyone seeking a sanctuary of peace and quiet
Bellringers Paul Tomlinson 515853
Choir Elizabeth Glen 832283 (Youth) Jaqueline Hockley 520956 (Adult)
Sunday Club & Sunday Youth Gang Sunday morning groups for children and young people. Contact Revd. Anne Farmer 515610