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Services for February 2021.

Note: at time of going to print the Church is NOT open for services or private prayer but is being reviewed on 16th February so services in second half of February are possible but at present unlikely.

ANY QUERIES PLEASE CHECK CHURCH NOTICEBOARDS or CONTACT A CHURCH WARDEN [see page 3]

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Marksbury 9.30am	No service	e	Family & Friends	Holy Communi
Stanton Prior 9.30am	No service	No service	No service	No service

CHURCHES ARE CLOSED

POSSIBLE SERVICES - CHECK

SEE PAGE 6 FOR DETAILS ABOUT LENT ACTIVITIES.

A **weekly sheet with prayers and Bible readings continues to be available by e-mail** and could be used as a basis for worship, if you would like to be included on the distribution list for the virtual service contact your PCC Secretary [details page 3]
If you do not have internet access one can be printed off for you.

AND…. on Mondays **Monday @ 9 continues via zoom.**
If you would like to join us please contact Sally Davis on beneficechurchtrio@gmail.com before Sunday evening so she can send the link to the service beforehand.

The Diocese of Bath & Wells also has links to prayers & services which you may wish to access using the following link….
https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/

FLAG DAYS FOR FEBRUARY 2021

2nd	Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)
6th	Accession of Queen Elizabeth ll 1952
17th	Ash Wednesday
19th	Duke of York born 1960

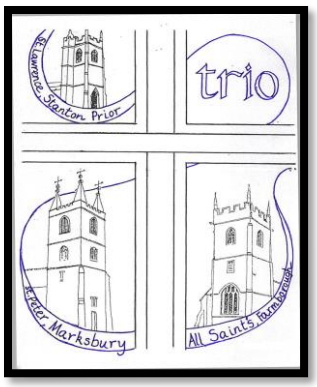
CHURCH NEWS.

During the interregnum



ENQUIRIES about baptism, confirmation and weddings should be made by contacting one of the Churchwardens in the relevant Parish.





AND SAY HELLO.

If you have new neighbours, let a Churchwarden know so they can receive a copy of Trio & a 'hello' from the Church family.





A JOURNEY TO EASTER.

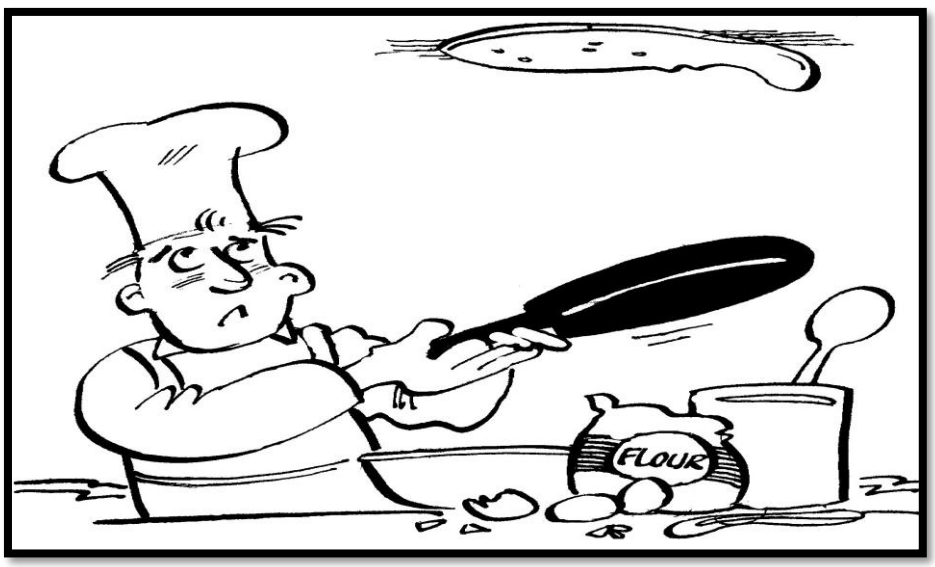


Because of the Covid pandemic, we are unlikely to be able to hold our Lent course in people's houses this year.

In its place, we propose to hold short Zoom meetings at 7.30pm on Thursday evenings during Lent.
All are welcome, and you don't have to commit to joining us every week – just drop in when you can.

Further details will be published nearer the time via the virtual service sheet and the Farmborough village website, or please contact me at chrislovell805@gmail.com or call 01761 470425 if you would like to be included. Chris Lovell.





Candlemas or Candlemass is an ancient Christian festival which dates back to the 4th-5th century AD.



Candles, to be used during the year, are brought into the churches to be blessed. On this occasion, the Church celebrates the purification of Mary, the mother of Jesus, and the presentation of the infant Jesus in the temple. According to Jewish law, based on Leviticus 12.1-5, a mother was not allowed to worship in the synagogue for 40 days after the birth of a son (80 days for a daughter). She then had to be purified by presenting a lamb as a burnt offering or, if she was poor like Mary, a dove or pigeon as a sin offering. When Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple they encountered two elderly devout people, Simeon and Anna. Simeon took Jesus in his arms and praised God, describing Jesus as "a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel" (Luke 2.31-32). The image of Jesus as the light of the world has been powerfully illustrated by artists.

Conveniently, in the Western tradition, 40 days after we celebrate Christ's birth takes us to February 2nd, which marks the mid-point between the shortest day and the spring equinox. It coincides with Imbolc in Celtic mythology, the beginning of the lambing season. Like St Swithin's Day, the weather at Candlemas is said to predict the weather to come;
"If Candlemas day be fair and bright, Winter will have another flight;
If Candlemas brings cloud and rain, Go winter, and come not again".
Similarly, in German folklore, the badger pokes his nose out to test the weather; if there is snow on the ground he walks around, if it is sunny he returns to his lair. Traditionally, in French speaking countries, crêpes are tossed, while holding a gold coin in the other hand; a successful flip brings prosperity.

Until Victorian times it was traditional to display Christmas decorations until Candlemas although, with modern central heating, most Christmas trees would look rather sad. Candlemas has been described as a "sweet and sour" season, looking back at the celebration of Christ's birth, and looking forward to his trial and death on the cross.

Thank you to **Chris Lovell** for explaining the traditions & history of Candlemas.



Light of the world
Holman Hunt

This month more bloopers, announcements and some 'smile lines!'

COLLECTION..
The church newsletter announced details of the church creche: 'Children are normally collected during the Offertory Hymn.'



A message from
John Davies
Dean of Wells

February 2021

What does love require?

Having heard the announcement about the latest lockdown, I walked over to the Cathedral. I sat at the back and looked up at the Cross in the Nave. A question welled up as I sat: 'what does love require in the cold climate of Covid?', with empty streets, people shut in, schools and businesses closed.

Like many clergy I have a list of people to lift with a phone call or email. Everyone can of course ring neighbours and friends and family. And offer a word, distanced, in the street; a wave to a window; a card through a letterbox.

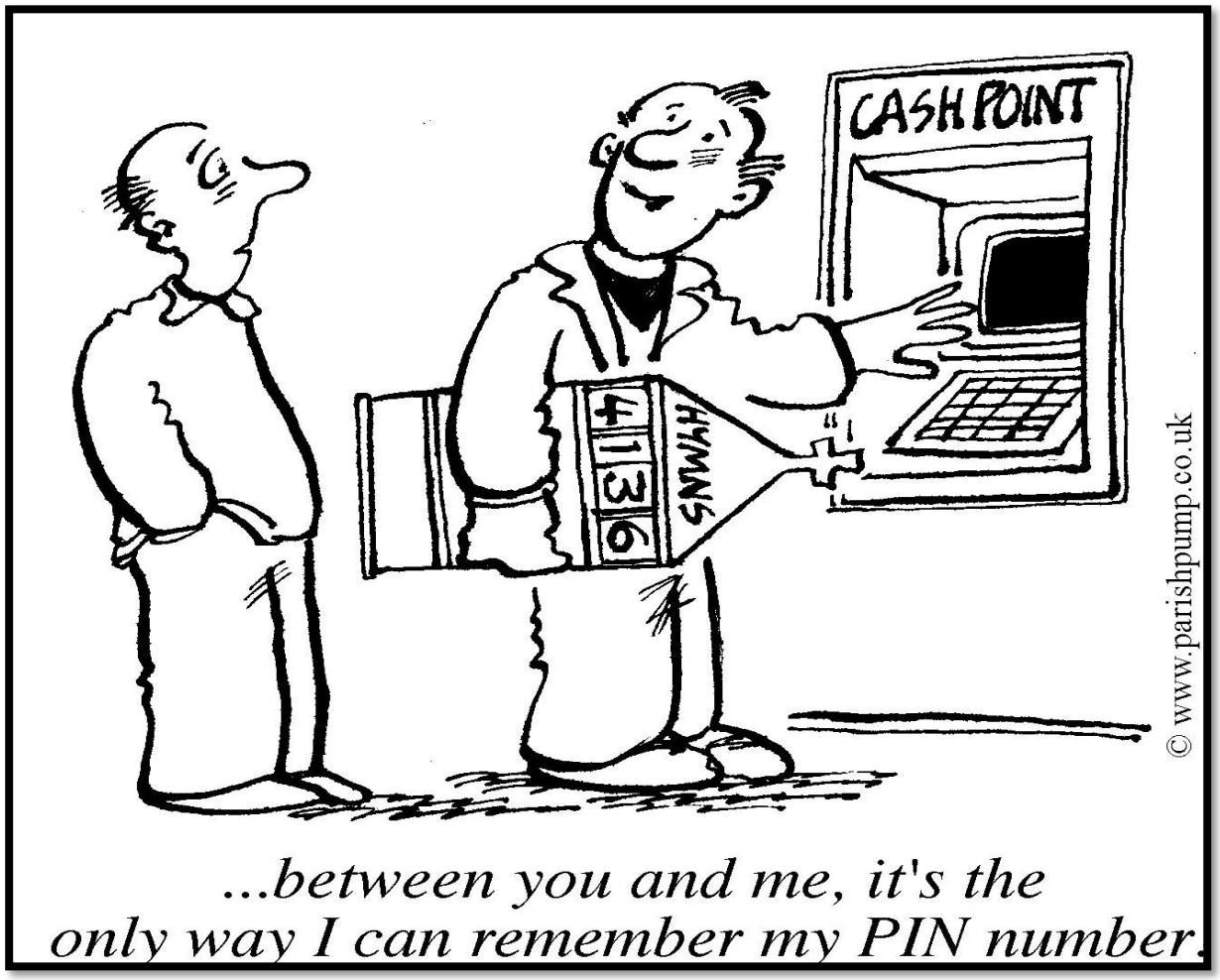
My neighbour is those I know and care for. But Christ teaches that my neighbour is also on the streets, needy and destitute. Foodbanks and charities need urgent assistance in a cold climate where indifference is not unknown.

It might be quite simple: shopping, love taking us to the supermarket. It might be conversation: love says listen as they pour it all out. It might be a bit more complicated. My neighbour might be disabled – is practical help needed? My neighbour might be held as a slave at a car wash. How do I discreetly ask? When do I alert the Clewer initiative? My neighbour may be gay, does love ask me to affirm or keep a distance? My neighbours may be black. How do I show my belief that black lives really matter?

Love can be very active in the cold climate of today. But love needs replenishing. Love becomes brittle and bossy if it is given but not received. Love means that I must be open to others, for they may want to love me and be a neighbour to me by loving me.

God is love, so in the cold climate of Covid, when community is weakened, let us give and receive love. And the coldness will vanish because love has come to stay.

John Davies.



Is this a way to choose our next Rector?

CHAIN VICARS.

If you are unhappy with our vicar, simply have our churchwarden send a copy of this letter to six other churches who are also tired of their vicar.

Then bundle up our vicar and send him to the church on the top of the list in the letter. Within a week you will receive 16,435 vicars and one of them should be all right!
Have faith in this chain letter for vicars. Do not break the chain. One church did – and got their old vicar back!

(From a Salisbury Theological College leaflet)

Benefice Churches
Temporary Church Closure
UPDATE

With great reluctance, the churchwardens of Farmborough, Marksbury and Stanton Prior have decided to close the three churches for both public and private worship as the new variant of covid 19 is much more contagious leading to the current rise in infection from the coronavirus, so we need to be super careful.
The church wardens plan to meet again (zoom) on the 16th February to review the closures, this is the day after the government review the lockdown, and it is hoped that the churches can open again as soon as possible, we will keep you posted, check noticeboards & community websites.

Meanwhile if anyone has a need for the services of any of the churches please contact the Churchwardens, details are on page 3.
A weekly service sheet is available; please contact Judith Haywood 01761 470317 or Chris Lovell, 01761 470425 for details.
Paper copies can be provided for those without internet access.
Monday@9 continues via Zoom. If you would like to take part in this approx. 20 minute prayer service, please email Sally Davis; beneficechurchtrio@gmail.com for inclusion in the zoom invitation.

And a reminder, 'We thank you, God, for the open door of prayer, which can never be closed.' *(William Barclay, Scottish theologian)*

In granting the dispensation for the churches to be closed, Bishop Ruth's Personal Assistant expressed a huge thank you for the tremendous work that has been done in managing to keep the churches open for prayer and regular Sunday worship whilst the benefice is in interregnum.

Catherine says…"There really is light at the end of the tunnel, I am a nurse so have had the privilege of participating in the vaccination program this week under the twinkling lights of the pavilion in Bath . It really is the most joyous job I have ever done. Yesterday I vaccinated an amazing lady 100 years old she was full of beans and plans for the year ahead, an inspiration to us all!"

With best wishes
Catherine Taylor & Judith Haywood
on behalf of the Benefice Churchwardens & PCCs

Thank you!

Back in May last year the Trio contained an appeal for supporters of our three churches to continue making contributions to church funds and the various ways this could be done whilst our churches were closed.

We would like to thank all those who kept up their existing commitments by standing order, to all those who moved over to this method and those that gave in so many other ways ensuring money got paid into church accounts.

The end of the year is the end of the financial year for our churches and all three have been affected financially and it is now a challenge to manage the losses experienced and to move forward.

At this moment we are in “lock down” and our churches closed but still we must meet our overheads; so again, we ask you to please maintain your giving if you possibly can.

Thank you so much!

If you would like more information of the various ways to donate, please do contact us.

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Family Focus

Please look out for the regular emailing / posting of story and activity packs. Paper copies are available in the church porches for anyone to take and use.

To be on the mailing list to receive the activity packs please contact Liz Ladd 01761 471666 eladd1@btinternet.com



NOTES FROM THE TOWER.

2020 was the year that wasn't! Never in my wildest dreams would I have thought there would be virtually a blank ringing year like 2020.

New St George flag floodlit over the Christmas period.

When allowed we continue to ring four of our six bells for Sunday worship and on New Year's Eve three of my colleagues joined me in the tower to ring out the old year and ring in the new. *Ring out the old, ring in the new, Ring, happy bells, across the snow: The year is going, let him go; Ring out the false, ring in the true.*

There is something typically English about the sound of church bells. Apart from bells half muffled for sadness and mourning it's mostly for joy and celebration.

Since March of last year church bells have, for the most part, fallen silent due to the restrictions imposed by the pandemic. It has been a difficult time and it's my fear that some bell ringers will not return to their towers when the emergency is over so enticing the next generation to ring is the key to keeping this very English tradition of change ringing going - but the problem is finding new blood.

As a campanologist of 72 years I can't wait to get back to some serious bell ringing. We're constantly being told to exercise more and improve our mental health. Bell ringing has it all! It requires a little strength and for the art of change ringing some skill too. Ringing methods such as Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge, which appear to be mathematical formulas when on paper, require a bit of brain power but that's good for all of us. And then there's the social side. You make new friends and bell ringing practice usually ends with a trip to the pub.

You don't have to be a church goer to learn the ropes. With church attendance in serious decline we can no longer rely on the church to supply new recruits. Something needs to be done to ensure this part of our national soundscape survives. So during this lockdown please give it some thought and if you want to know more give me a call on 01761 471074 or 07975 655 989.

Now for some thank yous. To Church Warden, Tom Cook, for the new flag of St George flown for the first time on Christmas Day and finally to you, the residents of Farmborough, who tell us how much you love to hear the church bells.

P. Bridges Tower Captain

The thanks aren't one way Patrick, this was sent to Trio….

Church tower.
How wonderful it was to see the flag pole on the top of All Saints lit through the festive season.
The bells and the lights on the tower brought a special feel on New Years Eve, with fireworks in the back ground the bells of All Saints rang out 2020 bringing us hope for 2021.
Thank you to all those who made it happen.

and more Thank Yous…

Footpaths
On my daily walk over the past few months I have seen some real changes to the footpaths around the village. Cleared paths, cut back hedges and space to walk freely and carefully especially in these times of Covid. I feel I am very lucky to have such beautiful spaces to walk. Thank you to the hard work in making these changes. [SW]

CAROL SINGING AROUND FARMBOROUGH



On three rainy evenings in December a group of us sang carols at various points in the village. In spite of the dismal weather, it was really encouraging that several people (and some well-behaved dogs) joined us en route and many households opened their doors to join in. Although we didn't knock on any doors, people were very generous and donated £360 which will be split between two children's charities, the Children's Society and NSPCC.

Many thanks! Chris Lovell.

PRAY WITH GRANNIE

'A small boy went to church with his grandmother and joined her when she quietly slipped off the pew to kneel and pray. He even copied her example of burying her face in her hands. But after a few seconds his curiosity got the better of him. "Who are we hiding from, grannie?"'

People celebrated in the Lectionary during February:

Two of the many who are celebrated this month are Anskar and George Herbert.

3rd February: Anskar 801-865

Archbishop of Hamburg-Bremen and missionary.

Anskar (also written Ansgar, Anschar, Oscar) was French, born in Amiens to a noble Frankish family. His mother died early, and Anskar was brought up in a Benedictine monastery in Picardy. When he had a vision, telling him that his mother was in the company of Mary, mother of Jesus, he became serious about spirituality. He continued to have visions, these becoming his main life motivator. He became a missionary in Saxony, now in Northern Germany, and was a teacher and preacher in the abbey he helped to found at Corvey in Westphalia. Later, he went to Sweden at the request of King Björn at Hauge, preaching and making converts. In 831 he returned to the court of King Louis (son of Charlemagne) and was appointed to the archbishopric of Hamburg-Bremen. After a life spent in missionary work in a time of turmoil for the church, Anskar died on 3rd February 865 and was buried in Bremen. He is remembered for his missionary work and his charity to the poor.

27th February: George Herbert 1593-1633 - priest and poet.

He was a Welsh-born poet, orator and priest of the Church of England. Born to an artistic and wealthy family, he was raised largely in England, receiving a good education which enabled him to go to Trinity College, Cambridge, with the intention of entering the priesthood. However, he became the University's Public Orator, and attracting the attention of King James I he served in Parliament in 1624-25. After the King's death, Herbert renewed his interest in ordination, and taking holy orders in the Church of England, spent the rest of his life, three short years, as Rector of the small parish of St Andrew's, Lower Bemerton, Salisbury. He was noted for his unfailing care for his parishioners, bringing the sacraments to them when they were ill and providing food and clothing for those in need. Never a healthy man, he died in 1633 at the age of 39 from consumption. He is best known for his religious poetry, written in Latin and Greek as well as English. Some of these he, a skilled lutenist, set to music. Many of our well-loved hymns were written by Herbert, including King of glory, king of peace; Let all the world in every corner sing; Teach me, my God and King; and The God of love my shepherd is; all of which are in our church hymn book.

‘Planned Gift Service at Marksbury on February 21st.

As churches are closed for services at time TRIO goes to press, and there’s no certainty about when they will re-open, we will postpone the gift service until we are able to hold it safely. By then, we can circulate the list of items which will be acceptable as suitable for the needy.’ [JH]

In the Marksbury Prayer Diary this month, we pray especially for the village, with special mention of the area around Whidcombe Farm, and down the Street as far as the Green.



BISHOP.

An exam for R.E. asked the following question:
‘What does a Bishop do?’

Came one answer: ‘Move diagonally across the board.’

FARMBOROUGH HALL CRAFT & GIFT FAYRE… the re-arranged Fayre for **March 6th** has been **cancelled BUT** put **October 16th 2021** in your diary, surely we will be able to hold it by then!! [SD]

REMEMBERING RESIDENTS IN THE BENEFICE.

FARMBOROUGH…*Obituary - Jeffrey R. Sluggett*
Quick to smile and quick to help those in need.



COMPLICATED, closed, slapdash, shy and retiring are not words that would describe Jeff Sluggett. Straight forward, no nonsense, fun loving, artistic, talented, dedicated and caring would all fit the man who died suddenly at his home just a few weeks short of his 81st birthday.

Jeff with his wife Linda and two children moved to Farmborough in the 1970s when the village and its community welcomed them with open arms. The Sluggett family became active members of All Saints’ Church where Jeff served as Social Committee Secretary organising fetes, bazaars

and harvest suppers; he was also involved in establishing the original kitchen on the ground floor of the church tower.

With his organisational skills and incredible knowledge of theatrical production Jeff joined and soon became a huge asset to the Farmborough Amateur Dramatic Society (the FADS) where he stage managed productions and occasionally performed.

Jeffrey R. Sluggett was born and brought up in Exeter and after leaving grammar school studied stage management at the Bristol Old Vic School. Before taking up employment as a floor manager with BBC Bristol he worked in a number of theatres around the country. His work for the BBC encompassed the full range of regional programming together with nationally shown productions such as *'Songs of Praise'.* Jeff's greatest joy was people, so his work as a floor manager must have suited him down to the ground.

When the FADS folded in the 1980s Jeff turned his attention to Timsbury Theatre Group where his professional experience made him invaluable. His roles included stage managing, designing and constructing sets, painting scenery, making props and occasionally directing. He also appeared on stage from time to time, most memorably - given his stature - as the Giant in *'Jack and the Beanstalk'.* For his dedication and outstanding service to the group he was made an Honorary Life Member.

Jeff will be missed by many, none more so than in the village of Timsbury where he was familiar with the hall and its facilities. On formation of the Conygre Trust he immediately became one of the Trustees and remained so until his death. He increasingly played an active part in the hall's management eventually taking on the role of hall manager.

He was quick to smile, quick to help those in need, and quick to say what everyone else was thinking but didn't have the courage or confidence to say it. He was an incredible person and a real gentleman; loved by many, feared by a few and respected by all that knew him. His sudden death came as a huge shock.

Jeff is survived by his wife Linda, from whom he was separated, his two children, Simon and Cath, and three grandchildren.

Jeffrey R. Sluggett born January 1940, died December 16 2020.

[PB]

Kathleen Bunty Wright



26.06.1932 – 17.12.2020

Bunty was the youngest of three children & attended her local primary school, in the same class was a boy called Alan Wright, over the years their paths crossed occasionally and in 1958 Alan got on a bus and saw Bunty sitting there. He joined her and they started chatting. He asked her if she would go with him to a dinner dance and she said yes.
They were married on the 3rd of September 1960 in their local church and their first home was in home in Rotherham, they moved to other areas in Yorkshire during this time Alan & Bunty finally moving to Lytham near Blackpool.

After leaving school Bunty worked as a receptionist in the outpatients' department at one of Sheffield's hospitals until Nicky was born followed by Lindsey.

Bunty adored cats, there was always at least 1 at home, she loved to knit and always had some creation on the go as the girls were growing up, she also had a love of (aka obsession) for those magical 2 weeks each summer, when men in white shorts run round on grass courts, and when strawberries are plentiful. Bunty also loved the sun & favourite times were when she was away on holiday, particular favourites being 'Woodpeckers' in Kent.

In 2010 it was suggested that it might be better if Bunty and Alan moved closer to one of their daughters. It was agreed that they would move to Farmborough which they did in 2012 and Bunty enjoyed very much going to the Goodwill club.

Bunty's health deteriorated and she started going to Pinelea Day Centre in Midsomer Norton. Bunty and Alan were **so grateful** to Farmborough Good Neighbours for providing transport and she enjoyed their company. However, her health continued to deteriorate and after becoming ill and going into hospital it was decided in February 2019 that Alan could no longer care for her properly any more so she entered Pondsmead Care Home. Bunty passed away peacefully on the 17th December.

Bunty was a devoted Wife & wonderful Mum always making sure we had what we needed & will be missed by the family who would like to thank all friends & neighbours for their help support to make Bunty [& Alan] feel part of the Farmborough community.

MARKSBURY…

Anthony John Smith

26th March 1938 to 1st December 2020

Tony moved to Marksbury in 1982. In his early years he attended Lord Wandsworth College and went on to study Law at Southampton University. His career started as a Housemaster for a school in the Cotswolds and following this, Tony joined the BBC, initially as a newsreader and announcer, and then as the Producer of the Radio 4 programme Down Your Way, which he did for around 20 years. Alongside his career, Tony had many interests. He was Chairman of the Bristol branch of the Leukaemia Research Fund; stood for Parliament in two General Elections; was a member of the board of visitors for Horfield Prison; was on the board of governors at Chew Valley School and was latterly involved with Marksbury School. In addition to this, Tony was a Bristol magistrate for approximately 30 years and became the longest serving Chairman of the Magistrates in the region. After leaving the BBC, he lectured in Law and Economics in various colleges around Bath and Bristol. When Tony finally retired, he spent many happy months of the year in rural Spain.

OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH THEIR FAMILIES

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

Thank you to family & friends for providing the information for the obituaries. Ed.

Remember...

North East Somerset & Bath Methodist Circuit
Area Minister: Revd. David Winstanley Tel: 01761 439 934
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Information if required at present can be obtained from Revd.David Winstanley via e-mail:- dwin64@hotmail.com

FALL DOWN.

One way to find out if you're old is to fall in front of a group of people.
If they laugh, you're young.
If they panic and start running toward you, you're old.

Farmborough & Marksbury Schools



This term has seen schools being closed quickly to all but key workers so all staff have again had to work really hard to provide resources for pupils as well as some online teaching.

Please take a look at their websites

https://www.farmboroughchurchprimary.org.uk/

https://www.marksburyschool.org.uk/

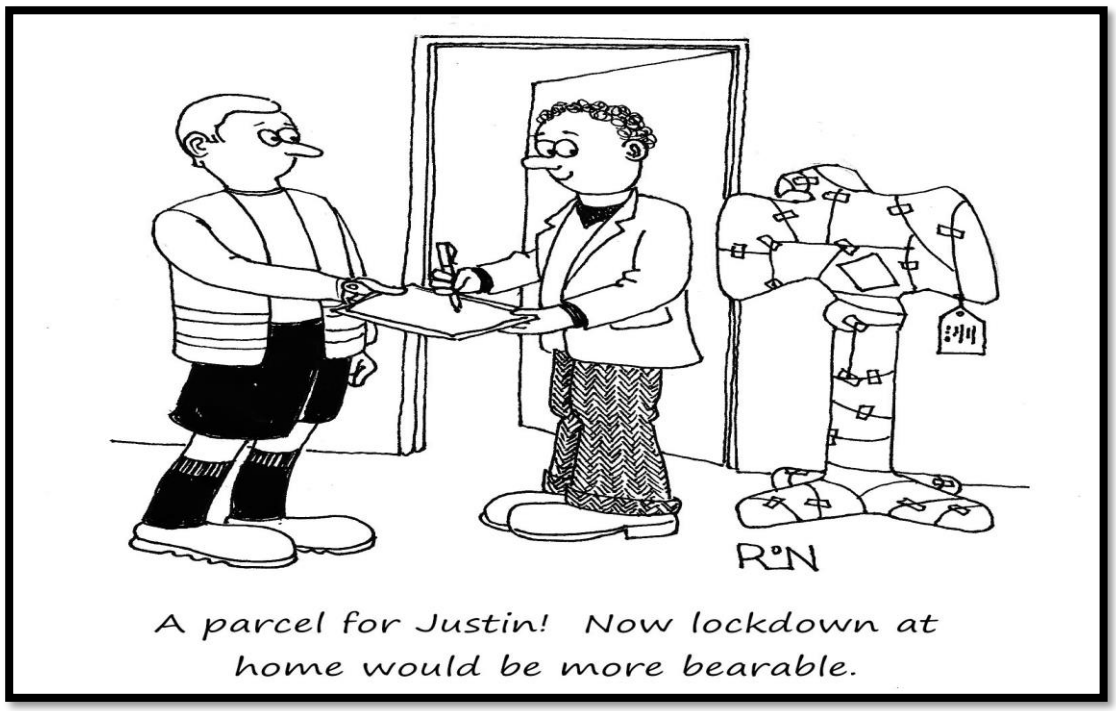
to see what they are doing, it really shows the dedication of staff to ensure pupils are getting as much as possible from their learning & not missing out.

A huge thanks to all involved & to parents as they again home school their children, our thoughts & admiration are with you all.

Thank you….. Alan, Nicky, Lindsey, Dave and Charlie would like to thank family and friends, from within Church and School, and throughout Farmborough, for all their support and prayers, kind words and condolences, cards and flowers, over the last few weeks, following Bunty's death.

A special thanks to Preb Jan, for her help and for leading the service, and to Chris for playing the organ, along with Pat for help on the day.

We were so pleased to be able to include a hymn Mum had chosen - 'Make Me a Channel of Your Peace' as the first hymn. Xx



LECTERN IN LOCKDOWN

BATH AND WELLS..

The Manna magazine has now changed to a monthly mailing format allowing Parish Magazine Editors to include items.



Going where we are called

Julia French, Lead Chaplain and Head of Spiritual Care at Musgrove Park Hospital Trust, shares an insight into hospital chaplaincy during Covid.

How has Covid affected chaplaincy in your hospitals?
With our 50 or so volunteers not allowed in, our chaplains went from working office hours plus Sunday mornings to covering twelve-hour days, seven days a week. Overnight on-call was stopped to ensure we all got some uninterrupted sleep.
Visiting is restricted so we support relatives by facilitating phone and video calls. We still try and visit every ward each week and those patients referred to us by staff, family, friends or church communities within 24 hours. Some patients who need a high degree of support we see every day.

Do you visit patients with Covid or is it too risky?
Yes, wearing appropriate PPW which for patients on ventilators means surgical gowns, gloves, FFP3 masks and goggles. We are grateful PPE is available and we are allowed in to see these patients, but it does increase the length of every visit very significantly. To a degree yes it is risky, but we go where we are called.

Do you have a message for those with loved ones in hospital?
Be assured that ward staff are still very much caring for their patients as individuals. Although it is a difficult environment to work in, even more so now than in the first wave, everyone is still focused on putting the patient first.

If someone wishes one of the chaplaincy team to visit a patient at Musgrove, how do they get in touch?
Telephone 01823 342515 (there is an answerphone which is checked several times a day)
E-Mail Chaplains.Acute@Somersetft.nhs.uk
Read more about Julia and hospital chaplaincy during Covid at bathwells.anglican.org/hospital-chaplain

Miscellaneous observations on modern life...

- As any member of a church committee will tell you, after all is said and done, there's a lot more said than done.
- I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.
- If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.
- Good judgment comes from bad experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.
- 'Most cars on our roads have only one occupant, usually the driver.' (*BBC reporter*)
- I really don't mind getting older, but my body is taking it badly.
- I thought getting old would take longer.
- Cleaning is just putting stuff in less obvious places.

FOX.

I called the RSPCA today to report I had just found a suitcase in the woods containing a fox and four cubs. "That's terrible," she said. "Are they moving?"

"I'm not sure, to be honest," I replied, "But that would explain the suitcase."



Could you offer a 'Home for Good'?

Matthew 25 37-40 “Then those ‘sheep’ are going to say, ‘Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you a drink? And when did we ever see you sick or in prison and come to you?’ Then the King will say, ‘I’m telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.’

Home for Good in BANES has a very simple vision and that is that we find a loving home for every child that needs one through fostering and adoption. As we head toward Christmas we are excited to tell you that we only need 5 new foster placements to make sure every child in our area has a loving family. Wouldn't it be incredible if the Church could meet this need over this festive period and you could be part of that? Remember, there is no top age for fostering and the needs of children run from babies to teenagers. Maybe you could help us become the first local authority in the country to say that we met the needs of vulnerable kids!
Please contact Dave Kingswood
at batharea@homeforgood.org.uk or call 07533978055 to chat about adoption or fostering. We look forward to hearing from you.

PORTRAIT.

‘A primary teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher blinked: "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."



Community Support options

Don't forget all our villages are continuing to support residents; Farmborough Community Shop details are on page 28, contacts for Marksbury are on the village web site & Stanton Prior have a well-established strong 'contact' network.

PUZZLE SECTION!

Have a go!!

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HYMNS FOR SEASONED CITIZENS.

- The Old Rugged Face
- Precious Lord, Take My Hand, And Help Me Up
- It is Well With My Soul, But My Knees Hurt
- Nobody Knows the Trouble I Have Seeing
- Amazing Grace, Considering My Age
- Just a Slower Walk With Thee
- Count Your Many Birthdays, Name Them One by One
- Go Tell It On The Mountain, But Speak Up
- Give Me That Old Timers' Religion
- Blessed Insurance
- Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah, I've Forgotten Where I Parked

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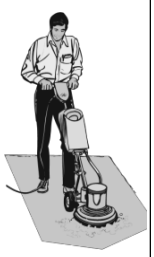
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