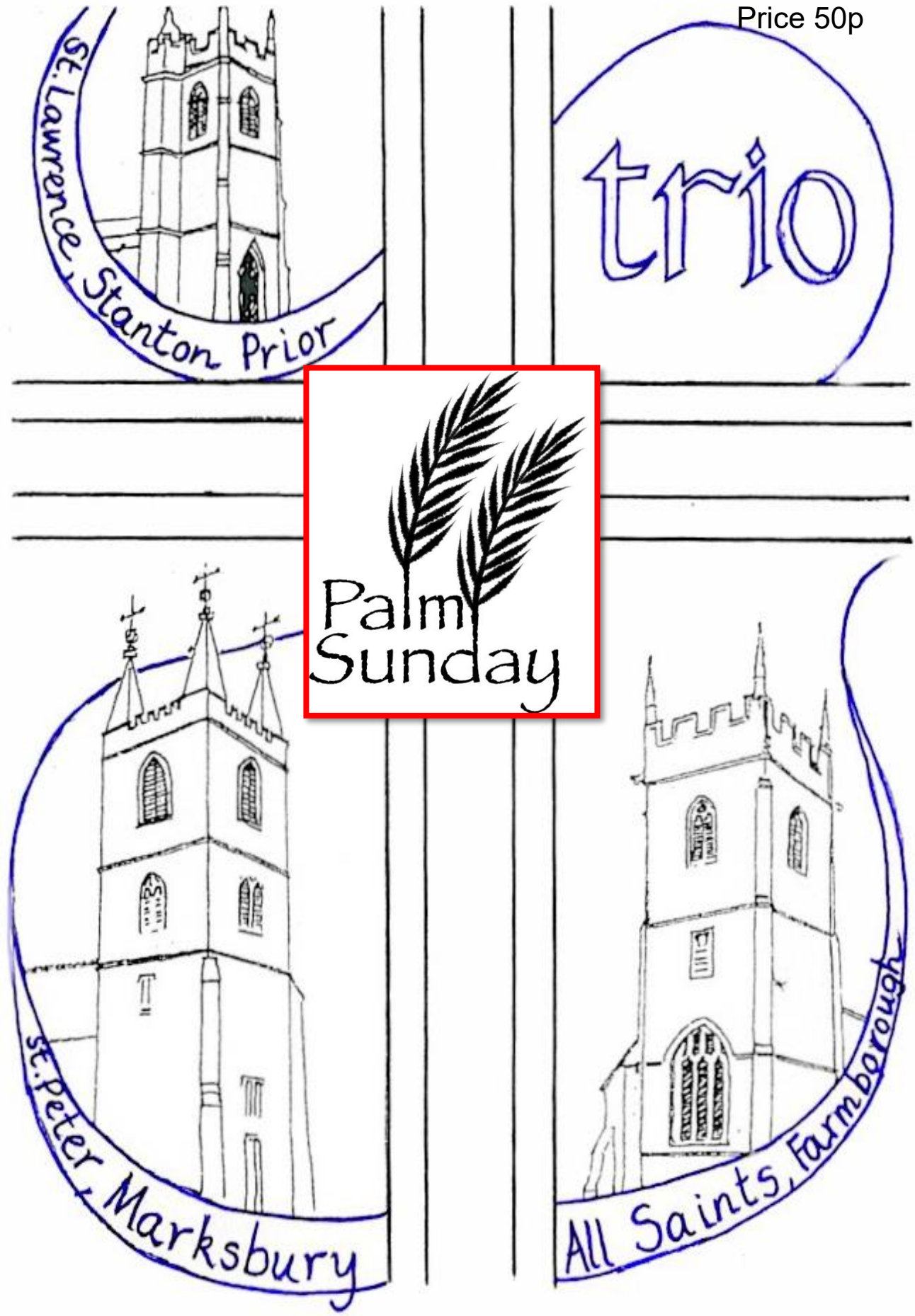
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Services for March 2021.

Note: at time of going to print the Church is NOT open for services or private prayer but is being reviewed following guidance given on February 22nd therefore check before going!

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

	07/03/21	14/03/21	21/03/21	28/03/21
Farmborough 11am	Holy Communion	Family & Friends Mothering Sunday	Holy Communion Revd. Anne-Marie Bird	Morning Prayer
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Reader Farmborough	*Tom…* John 2: 13 - 22 *Liz Ladd*	Luke 2: 22 – 35 …ie & …e	Hebrews 5: 5 - 10 *Catherine Taylor* John 12: …0 - 33 …vell	Isaiah 50: *4 – 9a David Willis* Mark 11: 1 - 11 *Shelagh Peschek*
Marksbury 9.30am	No service	No service	Fa… Frien…	Holy …mmunion
Stanton Prior 9.30am	Family & Friends	Holy Communion	No service	No service

POSSIBLE SERVICES - CHECK

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.

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 MARCH 2021

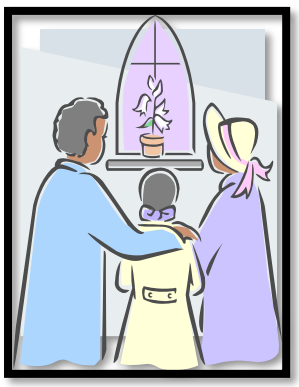
1st	David – Patron Saint of Wales
8th	Commonwealth Day
10th	Earl of Wessex born 1964
14th	Mothering Sunday
17th	Patrick – Patron Saint of Ireland
19th	Joseph of Nazareth
25th	The Annunciation
29th	Palm Sunday

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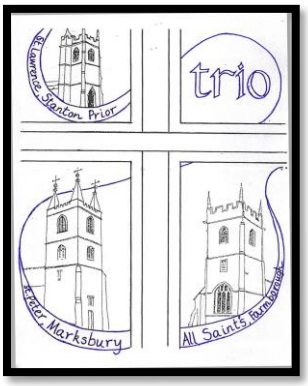
During the interregnum



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, please let a Churchwarden know so they can receive a copy of Trio & a 'hello' from the Church family.



‘What have you given up for Lent?’

Throughout the Christian world, some might ask, ‘What are you doing in Lent?’ This month’s TRIO comes out well after the beginning of the Lent season this year, so you will have taken your decision, or not, by now, but giving up things like chocolate or alcohol during the weeks before Easter is a pale reflection of what has been done in the past, and what is still considered essential in many parts of the world.

The very word ‘Lent’ is rooted in the Anglo-Saxon *lencten* or the German *lenz*, both referring to the lengthening days of spring. The religious season looks back to the time Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness without food, and this period of fasting was added to the early church’s time of abstinence from Easter Eve to 3am on Easter Day – the time when Jesus was thought to have risen from the dead. Lent itself is really a time of spiritual spring-cleaning – taking stock of our own lives, and spending more time with God. As Jan has often told us, it’s a time to take on something deeper rather than giving something up, perhaps more time reflecting on faith, reading the Bible and praying. However it’s surprising to find out how many different customs there are around the world.

Lots of them, of course, are connected with the beginning of Lent. Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Day – was the day for confession and forgiveness – shriving was the old word for this, and you were to go to church for shriving on the day before Ash Wednesday. Pancake Day in England is supposed to have started in 1445, when a housewife in Olney heard the bell for the service, and ran to get there, carrying the pan and batter with her…whatever the reason, it was the custom to finish up all rich foods before Ash Wednesday, and then to refrain from eating them, including meat, until Easter. Fat Tuesday, Mardi Gras - all have their origins in the same tradition. The Fat Tuesday bun in Sweden is filled with almond paste and whipped cream and served floating in a bowl of hot milk. Belgian children have sung seasonal carols, to be rewarded with nuts, apples and strips of bacon which were traditionally cooked outdoors on long willow sticks. The Dutch farmers of Zeeland used to take their horses, beautifully groomed and decorated with paper flowers down to wet their hooves in the sea, and this symbol of cleansing was followed by a feast back in the village. All over the world, the Christian church has marked the solemn season of Lent with a bit of a feast beforehand. And halfway through comes Mothering Sunday, when, traditionally, young people

who had left home to go into service, were permitted to return to their mothers for the day, picking flowers on the way, and sometimes, to take a cake. The Simnel cake, associated with Easter itself, was in earlier times, the Mothering Sunday treat.

Of course, nowadays, as soon as Christmas goodies have been cleared from supermarket shelves, they are replaced with Hot Cross Buns and Easter eggs, but I can't bring myself to eat a Hot Cross Bun before Good Friday! There are so many foods connected with the season. Russian Pashka, with cottage and cream cheeses, Argentinian Torta Pascualina – meatless, so eaten through Lent – Colomba di pasqua, a sweet Italian bread shaped like a dove, the Greek Tsoureki, a plaited sweet bread served with hard boiled eggs, dyed red to symbolize the blood of Christ, and the Polish babka. There are many, many more. And what does all this mean? Well, I think it just goes to show how very important and significant the whole season of Lent and the glorious festival of Easter has always been, all around the world where Christ is worshipped, and where his death and resurrection are marked and celebrated year by year.

With best wishes, Judith

INSTEAD OF GIVING SOMETHING UP DURING LENT WHY NOT TRY SOMETHING NEW, JOIN IN WORSHIP & A CHAT VIA ZOOM!!

Mondays@9



During lockdown you may miss going to church and the opportunity to worship and pray with others. Why not consider joining our villages, Zoom, act of worship, every Monday at 9am? We use a set of prayers and readings that many of us find to be a great start to the week. It lasts only 20 minutes and you can leave at any time. You can taste and see, come once to try, or come once in a while. You can appear with video or leave your screen blank. You can mute your microphone to just listen or you can open your mike to join in with the prayers. If you already have Zoom then it is an easy process, if you don't have Zoom and are

reasonably competent on the computer, tablet or mobile phone, then we can help you to Zoom with us. We are not a club or a clique but just people who want to start the week in prayer. Please contact Sally if you want to know more beneficechurchtrio@gmail.com.

Martin Ward

ALSO YOU COULD TRY



A JOURNEY TO EASTER.

Because of lockdown restrictions, we are unable to hold our traditional Lent course in houses around the benefice this year.

However, we are planning a short meditation comprising readings, reflections and prayers via zoom at 7.30pm on Thursday evenings during Lent, based on extracts from the book “An Ocean of Grace” by Tim Chester.

You are warmly welcome to join us whenever you can, and you **don’t** have to commit to every week. Please let Sally Davis (beneficechurchtrio@gmail.com) or me know if you would like to be included in the invitation and to receive the weekly service sheet. Many thanks to her for securing a zoom link for the sessions.

The themes are;



18th February The Forgiveness of Sins
25th February The Light of Love
4th March The Welcome of Grace
11th March The Exchange of Places
18th March The Assurance of Faith
25th March The Gift of Christ
1st April (if there is no evening service) The Victory of God

chrislovell805@gmail.com or call 01761 470425 if you would like to know more. Chris Lovell.



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

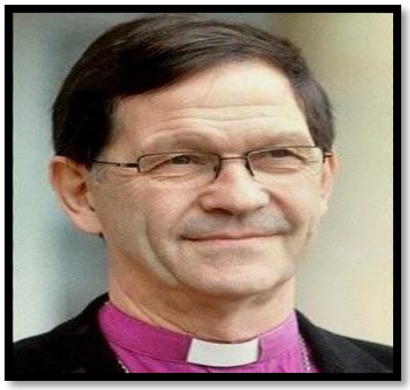
Give me a sense of humour, Lord,
Give me the grace to see a joke,
To get some humour out of life,
And pass it on to other folk.

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Deadline for copy is Sunday 21st March 2021



A message from
Nigel Stock
Assistant Bishop

March 2021

Pay loving attention

With the Lenten Season well under way, I wonder how it is going for you? I always anticipate Lent with a slight feeling of having to brace myself. Come on make an effort in something! If I am going to give something up don't just make it an exercise in self-improvement, how is it going to help others? If I am going to do something positive what will be its long-term effect? It is all too easy to 'over think' the whole exercise.

Once the season is underway I begin to appreciate it. But in the end it should be about paying attention to God. I am always struck by the end of the story of the temptations in the wilderness. Jesus refuses to be a cheap miracle worker to benefit himself, and refuses to follow the route to worldly power and status. He faced temptation by stripping away all the necessities of life and knew deep hunger. At the end of this exhausting wrestle with his vocation the Gospel tells us "…suddenly angels came and waited on him." (Matthew 4:10)

Whatever Lenten discipline you are following, perhaps the #Live Lent course, or a local study group, a focussed effort to support others or a form of self-denial (or all of them!), may it bring a greater focus on God. There were those who ministered to Jesus in the Gospel stories. The angels in the wilderness, the woman who anointed him, Simon who carried his cross for example. We might not be able to do those things for him, but we can pay loving attention.

When we emerge from the austerity and effort of Lent, which has had an even more austere aspect in Lockdown, we come to the bright hope of Easter. We know in the Risen Christ the same relief that Jesus knew from the Angels. As we offer our love to Him, His love for us is always returned.

May the blessing of the Risen Christ be with you. *Nigel Stock.*

BISHOP.

A little girl told her mother, "We went to a confirmation service at the cathedral and I saw the bishop.
Now I know what a crook looks like!"

APCM – 20th March 2021 at 11am.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Parish of All Saints, Farmborough

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in Church if possible, if not via Zoom, link below, on the **20th day of March 2021 at 11am.**

For election of parochial representatives of the laity as follows –

To the Parochial Church Council 9 representatives.

For the appointment of the Independent Examiner or Auditor.

For the consideration of:
(a) a report on changes to the Roll since the last annual parochial church meeting OR a report on the numbers entered on the new Roll;
(b) an Annual Report on the proceedings of the parochial church council and the activities of the parish generally;
(c) the financial statements of the council for the year ending on the 31st December preceding the meeting;
(d) the annual report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church or churches of the parish;
(e) a report of the proceedings of the deanery synod; and
(f) other matters of parochial or general Church interest.
In this Notice, 'parish' means an ecclesiastical parish.

Signed: Lisa Hegan
PCC Secretary

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88470634990?pwd=czZVMXc1VXVXNy8rdk5CWnlodngyZz09
Meeting ID: 884 7063 4990 Passcode: 603154

Nominations for Churchwardens & PCC Members

Nominations for the role of **Churchwarden** welcome. Those wishing to stand must be persons who have been baptised and —

a) whose names are on the church electoral roll of the parish;
b) who are actual communicants;
c) who are twenty–one years of age or upwards; and
d) who are not disqualified (criteria for disqualification can be found on the Nomination Form)

Nominations to serve on the PCC are also welcome. Nominees must be:

- at least sixteen years of age;
- actual communicants;
- on the Electoral Roll of this Parish for at least six months

Criteria for disqualification can be found on the Nomination Form.

Nomination Forms can be found in an acetate wallet in the Church Porch. Please could they be returned, by email or post to: lisa@hrdbristol.co.uk or Mrs L Hegan, Brook House, Prestleigh Lane, Prestleigh, Shepton Mallet BA4 4NG.



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

Friends of Farmborough Churchyard



During the summer and autumn, our team of volunteers have worked hard to bring All Saints' churchyard under control, and we owe them a great debt of gratitude. Volunteers will still be needed to do various horticultural and tidying projects throughout the year.

There are some tasks, however, that need professional attention. These include work on some of the trees, especially the crown of the large yew at the northeast end of the churchyard; it is estimated the cost will be around £300. Part of the wall adjoining the car park where the wall has crumbled, and one or two other areas may need attention in the future. We are seeking quotes for this. The grass has recently been given a winter cut by a professional, and we have received many favourable comments on the result. Of course cutting will need to be repeated regularly during the growing season to keep it looking in good shape.

We are keen to maintain and create environmentally friendly areas within the churchyard, including a small wildflower meadow. There is no doubt that other projects will crop up, and suggestions for improvements are always welcome.

We are most grateful to the Parish Council who have contributed £700 towards the upkeep of the churchyard this year, but we will still face a shortfall in funds and this is where the Friends of Farmborough churchyard come in. If you have not already done so, can I encourage you to set up a standing order? The promise of a regular source of income, even a small sum, helps us to plan for the future.

If you would like to contribute or would like further information, please contact Myra Henshaw, Jeannette Jones or myself.

Thanks so much for your generosity.

Chris Lovell. chrislovell805@gmail.com

People celebrated in the Lectionary during March:

17th March: St Patrick Born in fifth century Britain, very possibly in the north west, near to Carlisle, but none of the details of Patrick's birth are certain. At the age of sixteen he was captured by Irish pirates and taken to Ireland, where he was enslaved and held captive for six years. He worked as a shepherd, and though he had not, previously, been a believer, he claimed, in his *Confession*, to have converted to Christianity, and that his captivity was critical to his spiritual development. He was able to escape, find a ship bound for England, and returned to his home. He continued to study Christianity, travelling to Auxerre in France and becoming ordained to the priesthood. A vision encouraged him to return to Ireland, settling in the west, later becoming a bishop. He wrote that he baptised thousands, and ordained priests to lead new Christian communities. He didn't have an easy life in Ireland, reputedly being robbed and imprisoned. Patrick, because of his mission to Ireland, is venerated as a saint in the Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches, and regarded as a saint by the Anglican Communion and the Lutheran Church. Many legends survive; one, that Patrick used the shamrock, because of its three leaves, to illustrate the teaching of three persons in one God, and another, that Patrick banished snakes from Ireland. However, it appears probable that Ireland, because of its geography and post-glacial history, never had snakes in the first place!

20th March: St Cuthbert 634-687 An Anglo-Saxon saint of the early Northumbrian church in the Celtic tradition. He was a monk, bishop and hermit. After his death, he became the most important medieval saint, with a cult centred on his tomb in Durham Cathedral. He was born in Dunbar, now in East Lothian in Scotland. Then in Anglo-Saxon Northumbia, it was an area slowly converting to Christianity. Throughout Cuthbert's lifetime, there was tension between Roman and Celtic forms of the faith. He joined the new monastery at Melrose, becoming its prior in 661. His fame as a pious monk grew quickly, and he became known for his charm and his generosity to the poor. Miracles were associated with him, and he gained a reputation for gifts of healing. He travelled widely as a missionary, until he chose to retire in 676 to lead a more contemplative life, eventually in the Farne islands. He lived in his cell, only opening a window to bless visitors. After a brief period as Bishop of Hexham, then of Lindisfarne, he returned to his cell, where he died on 20th March 687.He was said to have been the most popular saint in England prior to the death of Thomas Becket. His tomb remains, behind the High Altar of Durham Cathedral, as does his reputation as a most beloved saint.

24th March: Oscar Romero 1917-1980 A prelate of the Catholic Church in El Salvador, he was its fourth Archbishop. He spoke out against poverty, social injustice, assassinations and torture in a growing war between left and right-wing forces in the country. Having urged Salvadorian soldiers to obey God, and to stop carrying out the government's repression and human rights violations, Romero was himself assassinated on 24th March, 1980, whilst celebrating Mass at a church-run hospital specialising in oncology and care for the terminally ill. He was canonised as a saint in St Peter's square in Rome on 14th October 2018.

In the Marksbury Prayer Diary this month, we pray especially for the homes and families around The Green, down the hill to the Vale, and the area around the school.



Remember...

North East Somerset & Bath Methodist Circuit
Area Minister: Revd. David Winstanley Tel: 01761 439 934
40 North Meadows, Peasedown St.John, Bath BA2 8PS
Information if required at present can be obtained from Revd.David Winstanley via e-mail:- dwin64@hotmail.com

KNOCK KNOCK

A conscientious minister decided to get acquainted with a new family in his church and so he visited them one Spring evening. After his knock on the door, a lilting voice from within called out, "Is that you, Angel?"

"No," replied the minister. "But I'm from the same department."

Three Towers Festival

It will come as no surprise that we will not be able to hold our three-day festival in the Benefice at the end of April this year. However, in a spirit of optimism, we have scheduled it to take place from **April 29th to May 1st in 2022** – put the dates in your diaries now!

When we are allowed out, we plan to run a series of concerts in a wide range of musical styles later this year in each of our churches – watch this space.

Our chosen musical charity this year is Buskaid, which does fantastic work in supporting music education at all levels in South African townships. Several Buskaid alumni are forging international musical careers and their concerts are inspirational!

Some are available online together with clips on you tube , and I recommend visiting their website for more information;

https://www.buskaid.org.za/donations.htm

Chris Lovell

SWITCHED ON.

A housewife was helping her aged mother get up the stairs on their brand-new stair lift when the minister telephoned her. He was horrified to hear her say: "I'm so sorry, but I'll have to ring you back. I can't talk right now because I've finally got Mother in the electric chair and I'm eager to press the switch and see if it works!

BEND

I got a package envelope in the mail the other day that had written on the front, 'Photographs: Do Not Bend.

Underneath the postman had written: "Oh yes they do."

FARMBOROUGH…*Obituary – Phyllis Donaldson*



FEW members of Farmborough's community would have known Phyllis Donaldson who has died at the age of 86; she was the widow of Bob Donaldson who was Licensee of the Butchers Arms Farmborough from January 18 1978 until February 2 1989.

Phyllis Irene Donaldson was born to William and Olive Coffin-Stainer in St Mary's Hospital, Paddington on February 6 1934 - her father was Landlord of The Swan, Tytherington. She had two siblings, brothers Ron and David that predeceased her. Phyllis attended the local village school - a climb over the wall from the pub - where many friendships were made which would last a lifetime resulting in Phyllis being godmother to her best friend's children, often spending holidays away with them.

In her twenties and unhappy at home prompted a move to Bath where Phyllis lived with an aunt and uncle in Grosvenor Place and gained employment at Bath's General Post Office as a Telegraphist. She met her husband to be, Robert Bruce Donaldson, at a dance; Bob was a soldier in the 1st Battalion of the Black Watch and they were married at the Parish Church of St James, Tytherington on November 2 1963. Sadly they were not blessed with children.

When Bob left the infantry the couple managed the T.A. Centre's Club in Bath before taking the tenancy of a very busy village hostelry, the Butchers Arms. Phyllis was engaged in the day to day running of the business; she was warm, friendly, helpful and infamous for her toasted cheese and ham sandwiches.

Due to its popularity major changes were made to the pub by extending the licensed part of the building into a former garage to increase its capacity. Bob and Phyllis were extremely popular and supportive of many charities and village events providing occasional outside bars at various locations in Farmborough and beyond.

After eleven years Bob and Phyllis gave up the pub taking up residence in Timsbury before moving to Camerton where Bob sadly died. Phyllis eventually returned to live in Farmborough at Meadway but poor health meant the last four years of her life was spent in residential care.

Phyllis died peacefully on February 2 at Blooomfield Care Home, Paulton; her funeral was held at Haycombe Crematorium on February 23 2021.

Phyllis Irene Donaldson, born February 6 1934, died February 2 2021.

Patrick Bridges

Farmborough & Marksbury Schools



The Christian Value focus for term 3 was

PERSEVERANCE

and it could not have been more appropriate & has been reflected on in many ways by pupils & staff, this prayer by Theo [Farmborough] expresses the feelings of many.

Dear Lord,
Thank you for giving us second chances. Thank you also for helping us stick with it when the going gets tough; please let us persevere in everything we do. Amen.

and Staff at both schools have really appreciated the way families have responded to the challenges of home schooling and this is reflected in this comment from Marksbury…

To all families managing remote learning at home, we think you are amazing. We are all extremely proud of the way our families have taken on the challenge and fitted learning from home around work and family commitments.

Despite all the challenges of everyday life running the schools both schools have continued working on their environment.

FARMBOROUGH



At the beginning of February Farmborough were very pleased to have some new trees planted on their field – a field Acer and two of a Prunus variety.

They are all already quite well established at over 3m high and will help to create further shade, shelter and screening for everyone, as well as a habitat for wildlife.

Mr Roberts says "*A huge thank you to everyone that made this possible, through the generous donations that we received, we can't wait to see them grow & add to our school grounds environment.*"

MARKSBURY



Bird Watch:
We have welcomed many feathered friends to our bird table this week including a pair of robins and a nuthatch.



Take a look at their websites to find out more about life at our schools.
https://www.farmboroughchurchprimary.org.uk/
https://www.marksburyschool.org.uk/

Marksbury School has a Governor Vacancy.

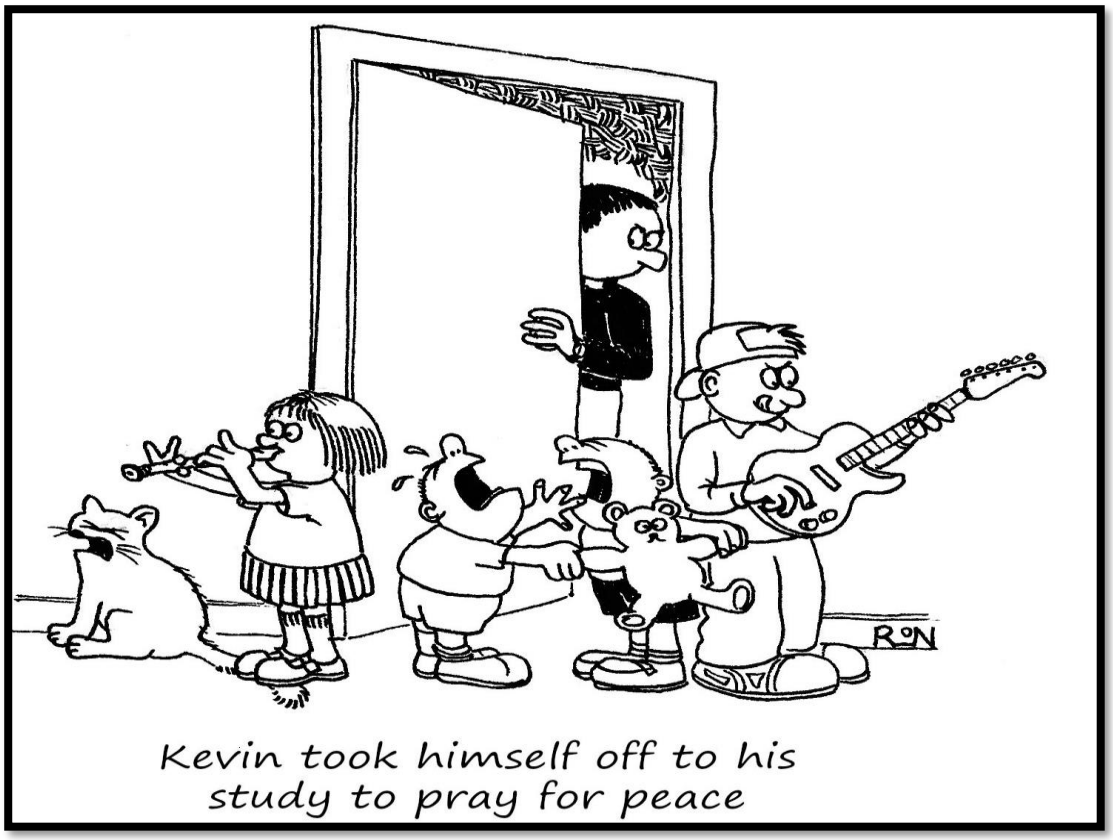
Could you help our friendly village school?
School governors have a varied and important role helping the school run effectively. We have 3 core functions:

1. Planning the strategic direction of the school
2. Overseeing financial performance of the school and ensuring money is well spent
3. Holding the headteacher or school leadership to account

The governor role is strategic rather than operational. Governors don't get involved with the day to day running of a school, instead supporting and challenging the school's leadership team to drive school improvement.

Governors attend six meetings a year. Being a school governor is a commitment and a responsibility but offers you the chance to see first-hand the impact you can make in improving education for children in our community.

We have a vacancy for someone with qualifications and experience in Health and Safety in our small, Church of England, village school. We have filled our quota of parent governors, so ideally our new governor will not have children at the school.
Find out more by emailing Martin Ward, Clerk to the Governors and ask for an information pack.
governorsclerk@marksburyschool.org.uk



Things we would not have known without Sunday School

With your eyes closed for prayer, anything can happen in a room full of pre-schoolers.
Squash and song motions do not mix.
When dropped, offering money always rolls to the other side of the room.
Children's prayer requests reveal a lot about their parents.

MISCELLANEOUS OBSERVATIONS ON DAILY LIFE.

The way some people love to find fault, you'd think there was a reward.

The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail and not his tongue.

Content makes poor men rich; discontent makes rich men poor. - *Benjamin Franklin*

It turns out that being an adult now is mostly just googling how to do stuff.

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BATH AND WELLS..

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

INTERVIEW: Going the extra mile



Steve Gillan, Headteacher of Thurlbear CE VA Primary School shares how they have stepped up to the challenges of the pandemic.

How differently have you had to work in the pandemic?

I can honestly state I have seen our teachers adapt to unique challenges and problems like never before. From day one, we committed to doing whatever was needed for our families. We offered to be open for pupils of key workers and vulnerable pupils, through half term holidays and at weekends to allow one parent, an NHS hero with no family support, to work.

What has impressed you about your school community throughout the pandemic?

I have been at Thurlbear nearly 9 years and I knew that we would stand up and be counted when it mattered. What has impressed me most has been the level of enthusiasm, drive and community swell of support that has been sustained over a full year.

How have you (and your staff) been sustained throughout the pandemic?

Sustaining a level of teaching at this intensity is incredibly hard. Our teachers have been delivering both online, live lessons every day as well as teaching the pupils who are still in school. During this most recent lockdown, our school has 40 per cent of pupils which presents a big challenge to maintain staff safety and wellbeing. The resilience and drive of all staff is a wonder to behold.

Looking back over the last year is there any single moment that stands out for you?

I emailed the staff regarding opening for the weekends, a desperate measure as I knew I couldn't do it on my own for safeguarding reasons. I sent it out, in hope rather than expectation, and within 10 minutes, I had 30 replies from staff volunteering. That was a tight-throat moment and quite overwhelming.

Have you got any words for parents who are worrying about the impact of the pandemic on their children's schooling?

We will all get through this and every family will have had some beautiful, golden moments at home; the kind of family experience that you simply couldn't get in school. Children are incredibly resilient and positive. They will catch up. To borrow from Proverbs: "We will do everything in our considerable power to train up our children in the way they should go!"

DEFINITIONS FROM CHURCH LIFE

AMEN: The only part of a prayer that everyone knows.

PEWSHEET: Your receipt for attending Matins.

HYMN: A song of praise usually sung in a key two octaves higher than that of the congregation's range.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: The last song at Sunday morning worship, often sung a little more quietly, since most of the people have already left.

JONAH: The original 'Jaws' story

PEW: A medieval torture device still found in some churches.

PROCESSION: The ceremonial formation at the beginning of a formal Sung Eucharist, consisting of altar servers, the celebrant, and late parishioners looking for seats.

SIDESMEN: The only people in the parish who don't know the seating capacity of a pew

Written in March



The cock is crowing,
The stream is flowing,
The small birds twitter,
The lake doth glitter,
The green field sleeps in the sun…

There's joy in the mountains,
There's life in the fountains,
Small clouds are sailing,
Blue sky prevailing,
The rain is over and gone.

From a poem by William Wordsworth



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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IN PRAISE OF MOTHERS

A mother's love endures through all. - *Washington Irving*

Life doesn't come with a manual. It comes with a mother. - *Anon*

Life began with waking up and loving my mother's face. - *George Eliot*

A mother understands what a child does not say. - *Jewish Proverb*

All I am I owe to my mother. - *George Washington*

Mother's love is peace. It need not be acquired, it need not be deserved. - *Erich Fromm*

I can imagine no heroism greater than motherhood. - *Lance Conran*

A mother is the one who fills your heart in the first place. - *Amy Tan*

A mother's hug lasts long after she lets go. – *Anon*

Sooner or later, we all quote our mothers. - *Bern Williams*

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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