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Services for SEPTEMBER 2021.

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

	05/09/21	12/09/21	19/09/21	26/09/21
Farmborough 11am	Holy Communion Canon Stephen Purvis	Family & Friends	Holy Communion Revd. Anne-Marie Bird	Morning Prayer
Intercessor Farmborough	Tom Cook	Chris Lovell	Liz Ladd	Jan Jones
Reader Farmborough	Isaiah 35 4-7a/ James 2 1-10, 14-17 *Liz Ladd* Mark 7.24-end *Lisa & Kate Hegan*	James 3 1-14 or Mark 8 27-end *Nicky & Charlie Stone*	Jeremiah 11 1-20/ James 3 13-4.3,7-8a *Tom Cook* Mark 9 30-37 *Jeannette Jones*	Numbers 11 4-6,10-16, 24-29 *Charlotte Strange* Mark 9 38-end. *Catherine Taylor*
Flower rota Farmborough	Myra Henshaw			
Marksbury 9.30am	No service	No service	Harvest Festival	Holy Communion Revd. Victor Barley
Flower rota Marksbury	Sally Collins with all helping for harvest on 19th			
Stanton Prior 9.30am	Family & Friends	Holy Communion Revd.Dr Victor Barley	No service	No service

Church opening times for Private Prayer.

Farmborough, Marksbury & Stanton Prior are open for prayer, each day from 9.00am to 3.00pm.

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 SEPTEMBER 2021

3rd	Merchant Navy Day
14th	Holy Cross Day
15th	Battle of Britain Day
19th	Battle of Britain Sunday
21st	Matthew - Apostle
29th	Michael and All Angels

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

From a church notice sheet: PLEASE NOTE: 'From this Sunday the evening service will begin at 8pm. This will continue until October.'

From a church report on renovations at a Youth Centre in Northants: 'The lift and the new windows are installed and the non-alcoholic bar is already plastered.'

A THOUGHT?

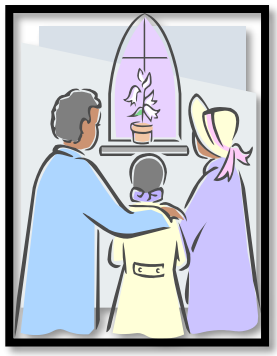
Why is it that everyone can remember their childhood phone number, but can't remember the password they set up yesterday?

CHURCH NEWS...

During the interregnum

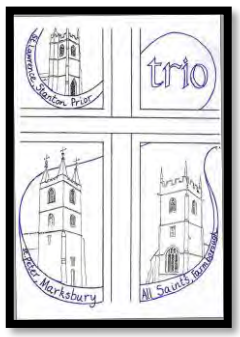


ENQUIRIES about baptism, confirmation and weddings should be made by contacting one of the Churchwardens in the relevant Parish.



AND SAY HELLO

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



…. & News from Friends of Wells Cathedral.



The members have recently launched "The Grand Organ Appeal". The Chairman of the Appeal referred to the organ as "wonderful but somewhat tired" and £2million is needed to fully recondition and enhance the organ.

There are various ways people can donate and already £200K has been pledged.

More information about this major project can be obtained on www.wellsgrandorganappeal.org.uk or e-mail the Friends at organappeal@wellsfriends.org.
There is also a brochure at the back of Farmborough Church.

Welcome to the September edition of Trio.

Quarter Days



One of the quarter days into which the year is traditionally divided falls in September; Michaelmas Day, falling on the 29th of this month, the feast of St Michael and All Angels.

In Britain and Ireland, the quarter days were the dates for the hiring of workers or servants, when school terms started, and rents were due. They fell on four religious festivals roughly three months apart, and close to the solstices and equinoxes. The days aren't now as significant as once they were, although some rents on properties in England are still due on the old English quarter days.

The days date from at least the Middle Ages, and were designed to ensure that debts and lawsuits didn't linger on. Accounts had to be settled, and publicly recorded on each quarter day.

The first in the year is Lady Day, 25th March, which falls on the Feast of the Annunciation, and until 1752, it was the start of the civil year in England, Wales and Ireland. In that year it was harmonised with the Scottish practice of January 1st being New Year's Day. If you wonder why the fiscal or tax year begins on the 6th April, it's because the calendar was adjusted to the Gregorian Calendar in 1752, and the change from the old Julian calendar meant dropping eleven days from September that year. 5th April corresponds to the old style 25th March, and is still used as the end of the British tax year for personal taxation. I do hope that's clear.

Midsummer Day falls on the Feast of St John the Baptist and is also celebrated in many countries, in particular in Scandinavia for fairly obvious reasons, as it's their time of maximum daylight. Because it's a quarter day, it had and still has legal significance, and can be confusing, as the summer solstice actually falls a few days earlier. Puzzled people can be even more confused, learning that June 21st is the start of summer, and the 24th is Midsummer Day. Now we know.

Michaelmas Day, on the feast of St Michael and All Angels, was traditionally the start of school and university terms, indeed the start of the educational year, and at many of the older universities, the name Michaelmas Term continues to be used. The final quarter day

is Christmas Day itself, so wasn't quite the holiday it is now. People observed the day as a religious festival in the same way as other saints' days, but legal obligations carried on.

We are so used to our rather odd year, with tax and education beginning and ending their years at different times, that we may forget the problems encountered when the calendar was changed to bring us into line with more forward-looking European countries. 'Give us back our eleven days!' is supposed to have been the catchphrase of the English calendar riots of 1752, when September 2nd, a Wednesday, was followed by Thursday September 14th. Some people thought their lives would be shortened by eleven days.

As for the reasons for changing from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar, it was all down to a calculation error set up by Julius Caesar. However, that's another story. I wouldn't like to confuse you.

With best wishes,

Judith

THE BELFRY BULLETIN

Successful ringing



BELL ringers rang a quarter peal of 1,260 changes of Single Oxford Bob Minor in 42 minutes at All Saints' Church on Tuesday August 17 2021 with compliments to Barry and Sheila Quintin who were celebrating their wedding anniversary. The ringers were 1 Nicki J Lang, 2 Patrick C Bridges 3 Nicholas C Field, 4 Josh D P Jones, 5 Robert Perry and 6 Sarah J Quinton. First in the method were ringers of 2 4 and 6 and the conductor was Robert Perry.

Monica Horseman nee Fray

WITH great sadness we heard of Monica's death at the age of 83. Monica was born at Hampstead Road Nursing Home, Brislington on September 6 1937 and following a period living in Brislington and a move to Sussex, parents Ivy and Cecil Fray, Monica and her younger brother, John, eventually settled at Upper Barrow Hill Farm, Farmborough in January 1946.

Monica's ringing career began when she learnt to ring at the Church of St Augustine of Hippo, Clutton, where she was a member from 1953 -1958. Monica met her husband to be, Michael Horseman, at a ringers' meeting and on their marriage took up residence in Pill and became members of the Easton in Gordano and Portbury tower where they got the bells ringing again after several years of silence.



Monica and Michael moved to St Clements, Clutton Hill, in 1961 and as Clutton bells were unringable Monica pledged her allegiance to Farmborough where she became an active and faithful ringing member teaching generations to ring, not only at All Saints', but at many other towers.

Sadly, due to health issues, Monica had to give up ringing some time ago but continued to assist with tuition in the theory of method ringing and rope handling. Earlier this year, for outstanding services to the association and the art of ringing, she was elected Honorary Life Member of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers, of which she was secretary of the Frome Branch for a time, as well as tower secretary at All Saints' for more years than one can remember. Monica will be sorely missed, not only by the ringers and friends at Farmborough church, but by all the ringing fraternity.



FOLLOWING a service of praise and thanksgiving celebrating the life of Monica, a quarter peal of 1,260 changes of Stedman Doubles was rung in 42 minutes on Friday August 20 2021 by 1. Robert Perry (Conductor), 2. Adrian P Beck, 3. Nicki J Lang, 4. Gerald V Skelly, 5. David C J Marshall and 6. Patrick C Bridges.
Gerald Skelly was taught to ring at Portbury by Monica.

Patrick Bridges
Tower Captain



A message from
Ruth Worsley
Bishop of Taunton

Looking to the next chapter

Back to school!' perhaps has never sounded so good. For those of us who found last year disrupted in terms of school, college or University, some of our young people and their parents might be really looking forward to the doors re-opening! And perhaps their teachers too!

Of course things will not be the same as they were. A new school year always means change. New classes, new goals, new possibilities. An opportunity to start with a clean sheet, open the next chapter of the book of our lives.

Here in Bath and Wells we are also looking to the next chapter in our story of faith together. This month we will be bringing together all we have learnt from listening to others about where we are as a diocese and what sort of bishop we now need to lead us into the future. If you haven't already done so, please have your say by attending the open consultation Zoom meeting on September 20th. We have already heard the thoughts of almost 1000 of our children across schools in the county, as well as hundreds of adults!

It will be some time before we know who our next Diocesan Bishop will be but now is the time to start praying for him or her so that they might hear from God as we also seek God's wisdom and guidance. And let's pray too for ourselves and all those within our diocese, that each of us will find God's will for the next stage of our journey.

None of us can know what that might hold for certain. The last year or two have shown us how difficult it is to predict anything! Some of us have lost loved ones and livelihoods. It will take time to recover and to renew our hope.

There will be challenges along the way and we have much to face together. However, our hope is in the Lord and we hold to the promises of His word…

''For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Proverbs 29:11

Bishop Ruth



Greetings from Preb Jan



Dear Friends

It's almost a year since I stepped down as Rector and headed for the hills (well, Clutton Hill, actually). What a time to retire. There I was struggling to recover from surgery while Covid stalked the world and we got on with the most stressful of moves. Due to Covid there wasn't the opportunity to say a proper goodbye so, almost a year later, there was a gathering. What a gathering it was! We, my family and I, were summoned to The Memorial Hall in Farmborough. What delights awaited us. Naturally there was the kind of feast that our Benefice is renowned for (and yes there was fizz!). There was the joy of catching up with many people – how I miss you.

It didn't stop there, though.
The gifts that I received left me speechless. There were beautiful flowers, bottles of wine and then a lovely teak 3 seater banana bench for the garden with cushion and cover and a stunning piece of Bristol blue glass engraved with the date and place of my Ordination including, too, the badge of the Cathedral and emblem of the Church of England. There was more, some lovely cards and one of these had a most generous cheque inside. By this time, I struggled to keep my eyes from leaking! Thank you, thank you for this special farewell occasion and for your generosity.

Not everyone was able to join the gathering, so I include you, too, in a HUGE thank you. Thank you for all the love,

encouragement, challenges and help you have given me in the time I lived among you, serving as your Rector. I am working again, albeit part-time, as a locum covering Services so that colleagues can take time out for illness, holidays or whatever. Not quite the same but hopefully a useful role. I am not far away so, no doubt, some of our paths will cross. In the meantime may life begin to settle down for each and everyone of us as we look forward to brighter times.

With heartfelt thanks, love and blessing

Jan

The Revd. Prebendary Jan Knott



Thank you to all concerned...

Trio received an email which said…
"Just a quick note to say **thank you to all involved** for organising Jan's farewell.
I think it was a great success with great food too, an afternoon which Jan really seem to appreciate." RK

TRUE?

The most effective way to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once...

Government expert: one who complicates simple things.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

BOX OPENING

Please would Boxholders let us have their boxes to open.

The boxes can be given directly to me, I'm at Farmborough church most Sunday mornings, left in Church (in the Vestry) for me to collect or if you prefer we can collect the box from you, just give us a ring to arrange a convenient time.

Thank you so much for your continued support for the vital work the Children's Society do for disadvantaged children throughout the country. The Children's Society supports not only children in need but also their families. It also carries out vital research to identify the (often very serious) problems children face and to offer advice and to propose solutions to government and local authorities.

If you are interested in supporting the work of the Children's Society by becoming a 'Boxholder' please contact us.

Thank you. Liz and Steve Ladd Tel: 471666

SUNDAY SCHOOL

A little girl had been to Sunday School for the first time and was asked by her mother how it compared with her new primary school.

"Oh, I like it much better,' she said.

'There are no exams there, you go only once a week for an hour, and at the end you go to heaven instead of secondary school."

The sentence,
'Are you as bored as I am?',
can be read backwards and still make sense.

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In the Marksbury Prayer Diary for September: We pray for the whole village, with special emphasis on the area from Church Farm Close round to Winsbury View and Hill View.



Remembered by the church this month:

17th - Hildegard of Bingen, abbess and visionary; 1098-1179



It's almost impossible to do justice to Hildegard in a short paragraph. Born in Bermesheim in Germany in around 1098, she was a sickly child, who from the age of three, knew that she received visions, which she called the reflection of the living Light.
Later, she was able to describe the experience with great precision; she said that she saw all things in the light of God through all five senses. Perhaps because of these visions, Hildegard's parents offered her to the Benedictine monastery at Disidbodenberg. It's not known exactly when she entered the order, but she was by her teens, professed with Jutta, an older woman. They formed the core of a growing female community. Jutta taught Hildegard to read and write, but Hildegard was more receptive of education, learning to study the Bible, to work in the garden, and to learn to play and ultimately write music. After various attempts at moving, the nuns were granted their own monastery at Rupertsberg.Hildegard became abbess. A great scholar, Hildegard wrote three volumes of visionary theology, and a large number of musical compositions for liturgical use. She wrote around 400 letters, one of the largest collections to survive from the Middle Ages. These included many of the sermons she preached in the 1160s and 70s. Her scientific and medicinal writings are different in focus and scope; they weren't rooted in her spiritual experience, but rather from her practical work in the monastery's herb garden and infirmary and from her wide-ranging reading. She travelled widely during four preaching tours. She was a true polymath, and was eventually canonized at the end of the 16th century. In May 2012 the Pope named her a Doctor of the Church, calling her 'perennially relevant', and 'an authentic teacher of theology and a profound scholar of natural science and music'. She died on 17th September 1179.

25th – Lancelot Andrewes, bishop and spiritual writer; 1555-1626



Born in London to an ancient Suffolk family, Adrewes was educated in London, and then Cambridge, where he gained an academic reputation and was elected fellow of Pembroke College at the age of 22.
He was ordained priest in 1581.Once a year he would stay with his parents for a month, during which he would find someone to teach him a new language, and after a few years, he acquired most of the modern languages of Europe. As vicar of St Giles, Cripplegate in London he was known to deliver striking sermons. In various moves, he became Master of Pembroke, chaplain to both the Archbishop of Canterbury and Elizabeth I. He didn't find favour with Elizabeth, because he was prepared to stick to his principles over church revenues, and also declined the bishoprics of Ely and Salisbury because of conditions attached to the appointments.. However, he did find favour with James I, assisted at the coronation and was the first on the list of divines appointed to compile the Authorised Version of the Bible, being responsible for the books from Genesis to 2 Kings, and he was also a general editor for the whole project. Andrewes was elected Bishop of Chichester in 1605. He gave a sermon on the discovery of the Gunpowder Plot, in which he justified the need to commemorate the deliverance of the king and defined the nature of the celebrations, which continue to this day.
He became Bishop of Winchester in 1619. On his death in 1626, he was mourned by leaders in church and state, and was buried by the high altar at St Saviour's (now Southwark Cathedral), which was then in Winchester diocese.

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
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CROUTONS.

Why do croutons come in airtight packages?
Aren't they just stale bread to begin with?

Farmborough & Marksbury Schools



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/

The **new term starts** on **September 6th** for pupils.
We welcome all involved with both Farmborough & Marksbury schools whether as a pupil or member of staff & wish you well as the new academic year starts. *Ed.*

Faithful God, this beginning is totally new for some among us.
Turn the sadness of leaving families to openness to new friends and opportunities.
Turn the anxiety about academics to a quiet confidence in the way you have blessed us in the past.
Give us a new perspective to see persons, events, and academic work as an invitation to develop the many gifts you have given us to be used in service for others.

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BATH CHILDREN'S LITERATURE FESTIVAL 2021

Ten days of fun and fascinating books events for all the family, from Friday **24th September** through to **Sunday 3rd October,** a whole host of big names are coming to Bath, including Cressida Cowell, Liz Pichon, TV fitness guru Joe Wicks, Kristina Stephenson, Sophie Dahl and illustrators Dapo Adeola and Steven Lenton. There'll be events starring Supertato, a draw-along with illustrator Rod Biddulph, actor turned novelist Stephen Mangan with his sister illustrator Anita, ghost hunter Yvette Fielding and Irish comedian David O'Doherty. There's a session with Bath Rugby, called Rampaging Rugby plus an interactive Listified quiz aimed at kids, parents, aunts, uncles and grandparents!
Visit: www.bathfestivals.org.uk for more information.

At last!

While some activities had started earlier in the summer it's great to see throughout the Benefice activities are returning to a pre pandemic level.

Churches are able to include singing again & numbers aren't restricted; at **Farmborough 'Tuesday Teas'** is back each week between **2.30pm & 4pm**, all welcome for a chat over a cuppa.

At the Village Halls you will see **Yoga & other fitness classes** have been going for a few weeks now, **at Marksbury Somerset Morris** & **Table Tennis** have returned & some newer groups like **'ChoirJam'** & **'Crafties'** are starting while at **Farmborough Floral Art, Cameo, Whist** & **Goodwill** are all back meaning all 'regulars' are now back as **Guides, Brownies, Rainbows, Drama** & **AK15** were able to return in an earlier phase.

Groups & venues are taking some precautions but it's good to see our community assets being used & supported by those who feel ready to join in again with life as it was in early 2020.

For contact details for the activities look at the village hall websites
http://www.farmboroughmemorialhall.org.uk/
https://marksburyvillage.wixsite.com/hall

Some of the regular events are also being planned so



Farmborough Bingo 2.30pm October 13th
Bingo 2.30pm November 27th
Farmborough WERN support & social group
3rd Thursday each month, 10.15 to 12 noon….
Sept 16th, Oct 21st, Nov. 18th & Dec. 16th

Craft & Gift Fayre
Farmborough Hall
BA2 0AH
Saturday October 16th

Lots of stalls with a wide range of crafts suitable for gifts.

Shop early, be organized for Christmas!!

Open from 10.30am to 4pm.

Refreshments available all day.

Admission £1 Children free

FINALLY ADD.. Reduce, Repair & Reuse to your calendar

on the 2nd Saturday of the month, 10am – 1pm



At Farmborough a Share & Repair Café has started, it's part of a charity based on Bath & North East Somerset. The aim is to help local people save money and the planet through reduce, repair and reuse.



Repairing your items (rather than throwing away and buying something new) saves natural resources, prevents waste & cultivates community so **have you a hoover not working? a seam needing a stitch? a light not working? a hem that's come down? If so, bring it along to the Share & Repair Café on September 11th.**

SHARE Repair

FARMBOROUGH MEMORIAL HALL, BA2 0AH

A PLACE TO BRING THINGS TO BE REPAIRED FOR FREE



Every second Saturday of the month on

14 August	13 November
11 September	11 December
09 October	08 January

10am to 1pm

last entries 12.30pm

BACON BAPS, HOT AND SOFT DRINKS AND HOMEMADE CAKES ON SALE

www.shareandrepair.org.uk CIO reg no. 1189015



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FARMBOROUGH MEMORIAL HALL REFRESH!!!

You may have noticed the outside of the Memorial Hall has been repainted, like other improvements it's thanks to grants available to community buildings following Covid-19.

Last time the Hall was painted it was at least 12 years ago by volunteers working solidly over a weekend, it was hard work so this time the financial support enabled us to employ experts & thanks to Dave & Lee for making it look so good, those of us involved last time haven't forgotten that weekend 12 years ago even now!







Before





After

And this is just the start!!

By the time you read this, work on replacing the flat roof adjacent to the patio may have commenced, it's scheduled to start the last week in August.

We are also updating our website over the autumn period & all this complements the kitchen improvements which many of you will see for the first time as activities resume at the Hall, we thank you for your continued support & are delighted regular users will all be back by September, one off bookings are also very encouraging as we move forward.

Plans to install an EV charge point, thanks to support from the Parish Council, look as if it will happen in the next couple of months & our next project is to raise funds for a defibrillator to be installed.

If you are interested in joining the Hall committee, we'd love to see you, please contact me on 01761 472356.

Sally Davis (Chair of Memorial Hall committee)

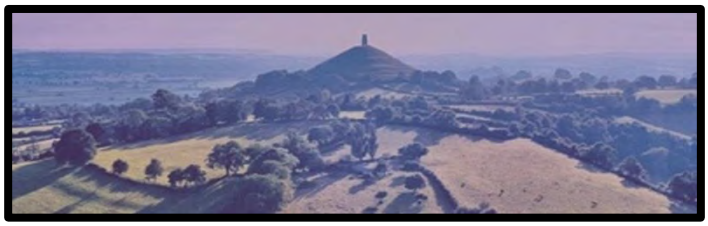
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BATH AND WELLS..

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

News in brief

The search for a new bishop



Following the retirement of Bishop Peter in May, the diocese is now looking to the future and taking the necessary steps to appoint the next Bishop of Bath and Wells.

As part of the process of finding our new bishop, people across the diocese are being asked to share their views. Hundreds of people completed surveys expressing their hopes for the new bishop in the summer and in September the Archbishops' Appointments Secretary and the Prime Minister's Appointments Secretary will meet with various groups of people in the diocese and then hold an open public meeting, where all can contribute.

The process is taken forward by the Vacancy in See Committee, a cross-section of people from across the diocese. The Vacancy in See committee has two aims, to consult, discern and prepare a diocesan Statement of Needs, a document which reflects the hopes and challenges for the ministry of the next bishop and to portray what is distinctive about the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

The second aim is to elect six representatives to join the Crown Nominations Commission (CNC) which is responsible for the actual interviews process.

Chaired by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the CNC, is responsible for interviewing the potential candidates before a recommendation is sent to Her Majesty the Queen. The appointment of a new bishop is then made by the Queen following an established process.

Simon Hill, Archdeacon of Taunton and Chair of the Vacancy in See Committee says, "Everyone, young and old, church going and non-church going, has been invited to share their thoughts through surveys and consultation."

If you have any queries or views you wish to contribute please email: newbishop@bathwells.anglican.org. Find out more about the progress at www.bathandwells.org.uk/new-bishop.

Cross cultural climate crisis conference

“We need to address climate concerns in our hearts and minds.” Bishop Ruth told clergy and church members from across the diocese at a climate crisis event organised with the charity Send a Cow.
The group heard Rob Walrond, rural affairs adviser, and Titus Sagala, Country Director of Send a Cow Kenya, who joined from Kenya on Zoom, tell them first-hand how climate change is forcing farmers in every country to find new ways of operating and how climate change is hurting crop yields and damaging farmland in places all across the world, from England to Kenya



Landlubbers Holiday Camp

Every year in Minehead the Exmoor Youth Project runs a summer holiday club for children aged 5 to 12. This year the theme was Landlubbers! The children learned all about Jesus and St Paul through song, games, story-telling and crafts. Fr Simon, vicar of Minehead, said "Our thanks go to Jess and Lynne from the Exmoor Youth project"

Magnificent Go Team mural made in Saltford

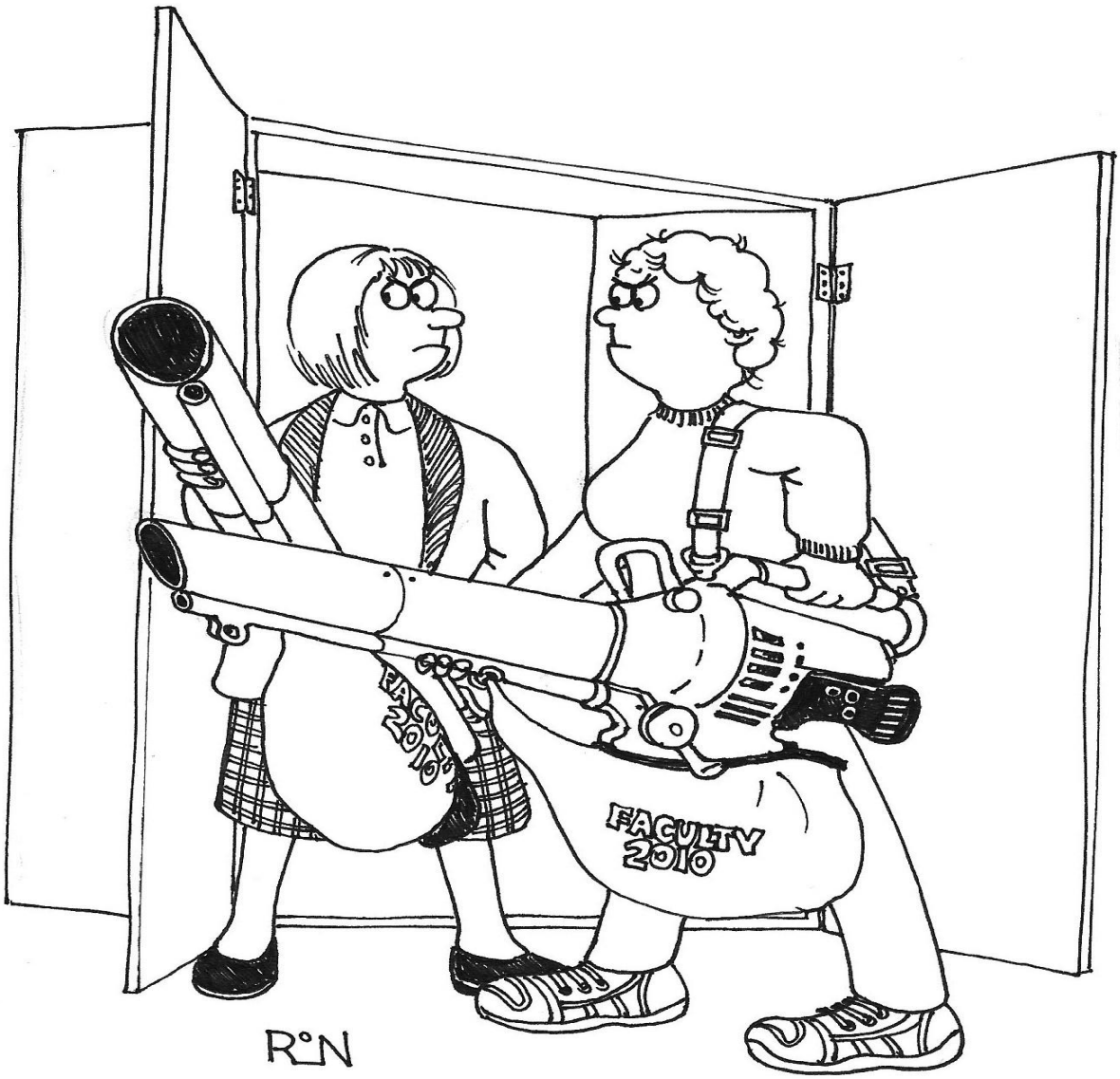
A fantastic school mural is taking shape in Saltford Church of England primary school. Andy Gray, the diocesan faith sharing enabler, also an artist, was commissioned to create the mural. It is based on the Go team's Bible Chat Mats, also designed by Andy, which encourage children, young people, and adults to read the Bible and have conversations together. Andy was presented with 400 design ideas from the children and he wove them into what he has called “The Chat Wall, the artistic sibling of Go Team Advisers’ Bible Chat Mats initiative.”

GYM?

Before setting off on a business trip to Birmingham, I called the hotel where I'd be staying to see if they had a gym.

The hotel receptionist's sigh had a tinge of exasperation in it when she answered.

"We have over 100 guests at this facility," she said. "Does this 'Jim' have a last name?"



Shifting the cobwebs in the North aisle required a faculty

OTHERS

If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?

MEN & THE TV REMOTE CONTROL.

Men don't want to see what's on television. They want to see WHAT ELSE is on television.

Interview



All generations have their say

Youth worker Emily Hatton reflects on her role in the Vacancy in See Committee

What is the Vacancy in See committee for?

It's a group of people who represent the diocese in different ages and stages.
It's for finding out what the diocese needs in terms of the next bishop.

Why is it important young people are represented?

I think it's really important that young people are represented because we are an equal part of the church. The church is a family, and in families you have all generations. The committee should ensure that all generations are represented and spoken for and all voices are listened to.

Who is on the committee?

So, we've got Archdeacon Simon, he's the Archdeacon of Taunton, who's been chairing a lot of it, Bishop Ruth is also on the committee. We've got people from the diocese's support services team like Sue Rose, and Matt Orr from Movement, the youth worship team based in Bath. There are also lots of clergy and lay people.

What has your experience of the committee been?

Most of it has been on Zoom, which is interesting when you've got such a big group of people and they've all got things to say. I'm really glad I'm on it, it's quite an honour to be on the committee.

Why does it take so long to get a new bishop?

It's a whole huge process, and the bishop has a lot of responsibility and is an important person in the diocese. You need to make sure you get the right person and that the person who ends up being the bishop is God's best for the diocese.

LISTEN.

My three-year-old was saying his nightly prayers in a very low voice.
"I can't hear you," I finally whispered.
He said firmly, "Wasn't talking to you."

PUZZLE SECTION!

Have a go!!

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FLYING BISHOP.

The new Bishop wanted a bird's eye view of his new diocese, so he had an idea. He rang his local airfield to charter a flight, and was told that a twin-engine plane would be waiting for him. Arriving at the airfield, the bishop spotted a plane warming up outside a hangar. He jumped in, slammed the door shut, and shouted, "Let's go!"

At once the pilot taxied out, swung the plane into the wind and took off. Once in the air, the bishop spent several minutes enjoying the views, and looking for local landmarks. Finally, he instructed the pilot, "Fly down the valley now and make low passes so I can take pictures of some of the best of the old parish churches."

"Why?" asked the pilot.

"Because I'm the new bishop," he replied happily, adjusting his camera, "and I want some good aerial views of my diocese."

The pilot was silent for a moment. Finally he stammered, "So, what you're telling me, is, you're NOT my flight instructor?"

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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Easy Suduko

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GRAMMATICAL SENSE.

If people from Poland are called Poles, then why aren't people from Holland called Holes?

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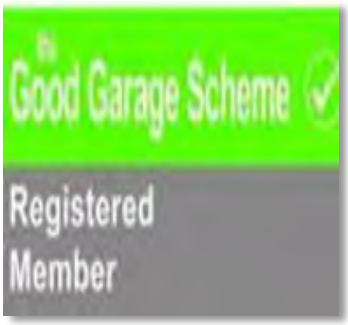
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