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Services for OCTOBER 2021.

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

	03/10/21	10/10/21	17/10/21	24/10/21	31/10/2021 BENEFICE SERVICE
Farmborough 11am	Holy Communion Revd.William Chalis	Family & Friends	Holy Communion Revd. Anne-Marie Bird	Morning Prayer *Bible Sunday*	Holy Communion Revd. Jim Balliston
Intercessor Farmborough	Lisa Hegan	Ann Swabey	Tom Cook	Jan Jones	Liz Ladd
Reader Farmborough	Genesis 2. 18-24/ Hebrews 1. 1-4,2.5-12 *Chris Lovell* Mark 10.2-16 *Liz Ladd*	Mark 10. 17-31 *Nicky & Charlie Stone*	Isaiah 53. 4-end, Hebrews 5. 1-10 *Tom Cook* Mark 10. 35-45 *Lisa/Kate Hegan*	Isaiah 55. 1-11 *Dave Willis* John 5. 36b-end. *Barbara Chard*	tba
Flower rota Farmborough	Patrick Bridges				
Marksbury 9.30am	No service	No service	Harvest Festival	Holy Communion Revd. Tony Wilds	**BENEFICE SERVICE at FARMBOROUGH**
Flower rota Marksbury	Janet Clayton				
Stanton Prior 9.30am	Family & Friends	Holy Communion Revd. Jim Balliston	No service	No service	**BENEFICE SERVICE at FARMBOROUGH**

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 OCTOBER 2021

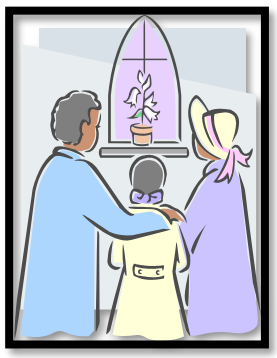
18th	Luke – Evangelist and Apostle
21st	Trafalgar Day
24th	United Nations Day
28th	Simon and Jude - Apostles

CHURCH NEWS...

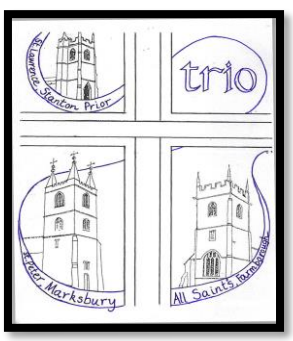
During the interregnum



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

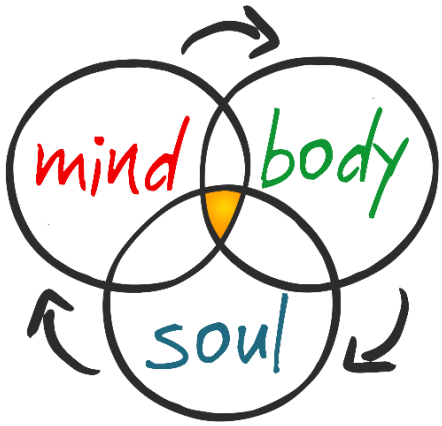


AND SAY HELLO



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

Welcome to the October edition of Trio!



I like autumn; it's the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness - a time of harvest plenty, where the fields have been cleared of crops and still dry enough to go out for long walks. The nights are drawing in, and soon we will be switching back the clocks. For as much as I like autumn, I know that many people find it a challenge. SAD - *Seasonal Affective Disorder* - is a depression triggered by lack of sunshine and daylight, the winter looms and it will be a long time before the lazy days of summer. Also, at this time of year, some people find that the increasing demands of work and life are difficult to balance.
It's why I write about exercising good mental health and I recommend *the Six Pillars of Mental Wellbeing* by Sir John Kirwan, (born 1964) the former All Blacks rugby star. He had a brilliant sporting career but suffered with bouts of depression and latterly, has put his efforts into developing healthy strategies for people of all ages and stages.
The ability, or rather the practice, of stopping and connecting with something greater than ourselves is something that Christians find important in maintaining mental wellbeing. The ability to be still and quiet with God enables human batteries to be charged and to clear a space to be positive to the challenges of life.
It is generally accepted that the key to a healthy life is balancing mind, body and soul.
The Bible takes for granted that people use their minds (St Paul was fluent in Aramaic, Latin and Greek) and are physically active. Occasionally we read of trips on donkeys, but more usually biblical figures walk long distances daily. Consequently, the bible contains little advice on Body and Mind.
The Bible says more about how to nurture the soul and St Paul gives some guidance, *"…clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord [Jesus] has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony… And be thankful!"* (Colossians 3:12-15)

I hope you have a very peaceful and healthy October.

Martin

Six Pillars of Mental Wellbeing by Sir John Kirwan

1. **Chill is all about reducing stress**. It's the things you do to calm your mind, relax your body, and switch off your fight or flight response. Did you know? You can't be relaxed and stressed at the same time? Chilling tells your brain that it's safe to relax.
2. **Do is all about learning**. It's the things you do to keep your brain active and stay creative. Did you know? When you set a goal of learning something new it helps to take small steps and notice progress along the way. This strengthens brain networks that expect positive outcomes, so you'll feel more optimistic and better about yourself.
3. **Connect is all about connecting with and helping others**. It's the things you do to strengthen relationships, socialise, give back and volunteer. Did you know? Connecting boosts "feel good" brain chemicals oxytocin, serotonin, and dopamine. Acts of kindness and helping others is associated with feeling happier and more satisfied with life.
4. **Move is all about keeping physically active**. It's the things you do to move your body in a way that feels good. Did you know? Keeping active improves physical health, but it's also a way to raise your spirits. If you're not used to doing lots of exercise, just moving a little bit can be enough to lift your mood.
5. **Celebrate is all about taking time to celebrate and appreciate YOU**. It's the things you do to notice the positive, to be kind to yourself, and to feel good about yourself. Did you know? Evidence indicates that taking time to think kind thoughts about yourself leads to greater happiness and being better equipped to cope with stressful situations.
6. **Enjoy is all about having things to look forward to**. It's the things you do for pleasure and fun, and to practice self-care. Did you know? Making time for pleasure, fun and laughter can help boost "feel good" brain chemicals, serotonin and endorphins. This can help you feel more upbeat for the rest of the day and more resilient in the face of stress.



A message from
Trevor Willmott
Assistant Bishop of Bath & Wells

Made for a purpose

Whenever I listen to one of Jesus' searching questions to his listeners I find myself thinking "What would I do in these circumstances?"
If I were casting my nets, and Jesus said "follow me", would I do it? I imagine many of us would be hoping that we never have to find out.
All too often it's assumed that being called is just about the religious life to a particular ministry, lay or ordained in the life of the Church. Of course, it is about that for some of us, and thank God for that, but in the New Testament, vocation or calling has a much wider understanding.
St Paul talks to the Corinthians about this more general call when he writes "Now there are varieties of gifts but the same spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working but it is the same God who inspires them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.
Every one of us is called to use the gift or gifts we've been given to help build up the body of Christ. That "building up" can never be confined to what we do on Sunday. Building up is about using the whole of life, including Monday to Saturday. The very act of working or being at home, school, work, leisure is vocational. Our daily behaviour becomes a sacrament and an offering.
The realisation that we are being called comes in many different ways. For some, it's like a sudden flash of light as came to St. Paul on the Damascus road. But for others, it's just not that clear. In my earlier work as a Director of Ordinands and Vocation, I listened to many people who described their sense of calling as a feeling of discomfort. "Like having a toothache" someone said -their "yes" a moving towards a sense of peace and clarity.
Perhaps, as you read this, you know what God is calling you to do. Perhaps you're still searching. But remember, God has made you for a purpose. And God will work that out, but in his own time, not yours. This month's Manna is focused on our forthcoming

Archdeaconry Days which will take place early next year, February 6 to 12, with the theme of “God calls… everyone, everywhere”. One thing I can guarantee: if you book in, you won’t be alone and you’ll have a great day.

With my prayers and blessing

Assistant Bishop Trevor

This month more bloopers, announcements and some ‘smile lines!’

NEW STYLE OF PRAYER

Our minister is still getting used to live streaming our church services.
Last Sunday he invited us to join him digitally in prayer by saying firmly: "Let's bow our eyes and close our heads."

BIBLE STUDY; MINOR PROPHETS



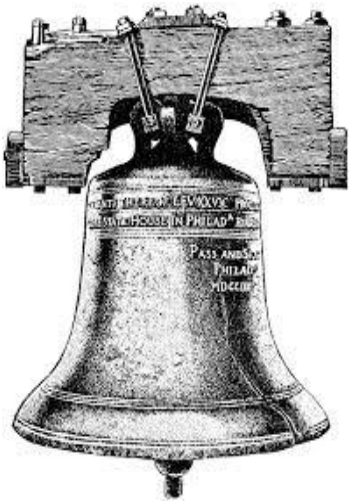
We continue our bible study series on
on Thursday October 28th
at 7pm at
Tall House, Timsbury
(Judith and John’s house).



Following our exploration of Amos and Hosea, we will attempt an overview of the Book of Zechariah. A distinctive feature of this book among the so-called “minor prophets” is that it includes several references to the coming of the Messiah – it’s not all doom and gloom!
Each of these bible studies stands alone; all are welcome to come along to any of them, and you don’t have to commit yourself to the whole series.

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THE BELFRY BULLETIN



Revd. Peter Arthur Brightman L.Th.
19.02.1930 - 24.06.2021.
A life remembered.

From the archives. For evening service and to welcome Peter, Hazel and family, a quarter peal of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles was rung on Sunday March 10 1985. The ringers were Wendy Page, Rosemary Smith, Patrick Bridges, Michael Horseman (Conductor), Ronald Smith and Kenneth Baker.

As well as being the first Rector of the United Benefice of Farmborough, Marksbury and Stanton Prior, Peter inherited a potential bill of £20,000 - £53,000 in today's monetary values - to restore parts of All Saints' Church, in particular the chancel and south aisle roofs.

Quick to respond to the challenge, Peter appointed a fund raising committee which organised a wealth of events including clay pigeon shoots, dog shows, flower festival, produce sales, tea parties, concerts, balls and dances and as a result the money was raised and the restoration work completed within two years. An amazing achievement!

IN MEMORIAM - A quarter peal of 1,260 Thelwall Bob Minor was rung on Thursday September 9 2021 by Treble: Robert Perry (Conductor), 2: Patrick C Bridges, 3: Sarah J Quintin, 4: Nicki J Lang, 5: Nicholas C Field, Tenor: Josh D P Jones. First blows for 2, 3 and 6, first quarter in the method for all and 500th quarter for 5.



Memorial Service for Revd Peter Brightman:



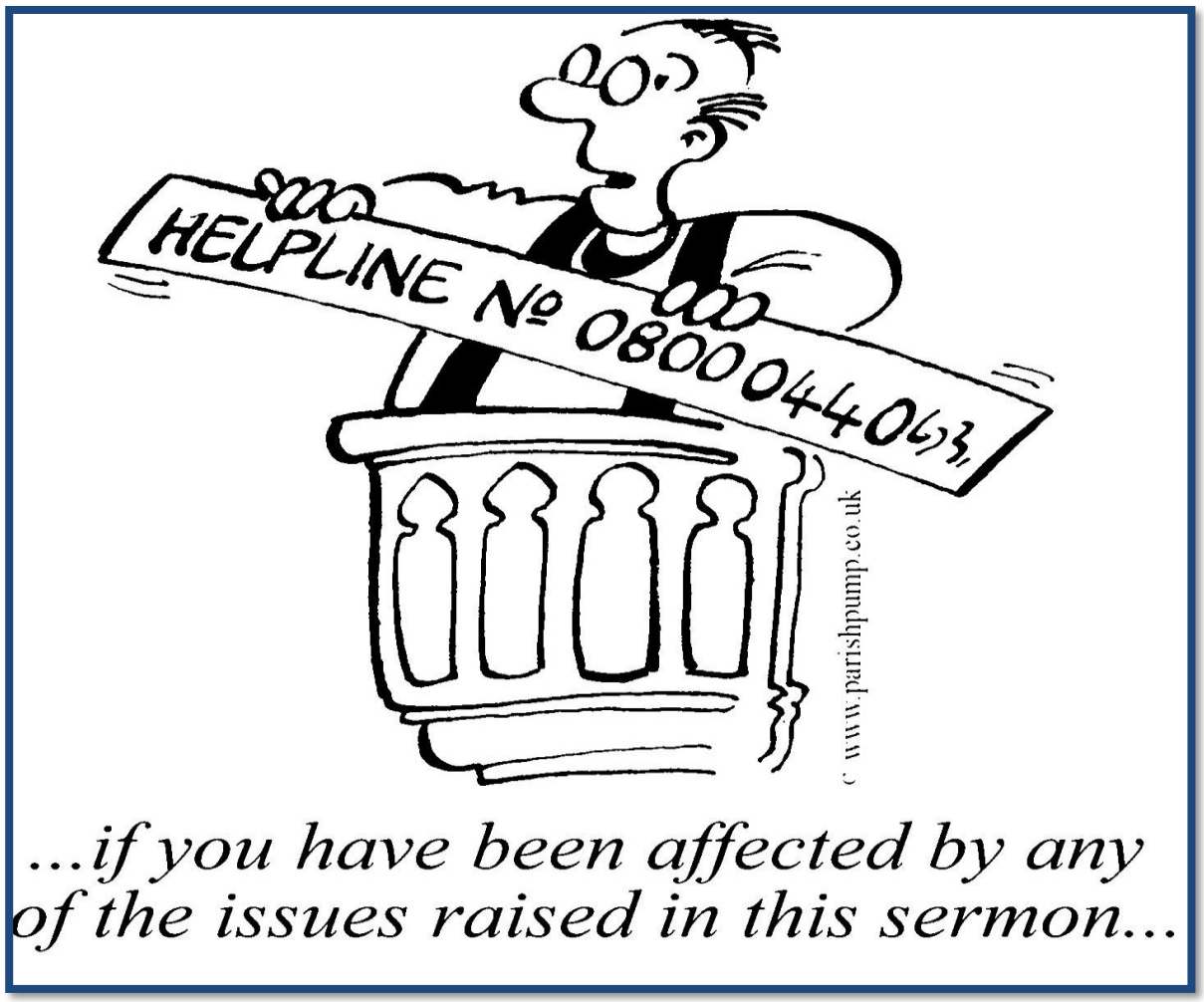
Peter's family has written to let us know that a memorial service for Peter, our Rector from 1985-1990, is to be held

at the **Weston Free (Moravian) Church,**
Bath
on **Friday 8th October at 3pm.**

The church is at 3, High Street, Upper Weston, Bath BA1 4DB.

Refreshments are being provided by the church after the service. For the purpose of catering arrangements please let me know if you are going to attend. You can call me on 01761 471074; mobile 0797 5655 989 or email: p.bridges104@btinternet.com

Patrick Bridges Tower Captain





FARMBOROUGH FLORAL ART
PRESENT THEIR
CHRISTMAS DEMONSTRATION



"A WINTER'S NIGHT"
BY MARK ENTWISTLE
(Area Demonstrator and Master Florist)



MONDAY 25th OCTOBER 2021
At Conygre Hall, Timsbury, BA2 0JQ
Doors open 6.30 pm
for 7.30 pm start
Tickets: £15 to include light refreshments
Available from Liz 01761 471317



FITTING GOD IN

A little girl said to her mother: "The minister's sermon this morning confused me." Her mother was surprised, so the little girl continued: "He said that God is bigger than we are. Is that true?"

"Yes, that's true," the mother replied.

"He also said that God lives within us. Is that true, too?" Again, the mother agreed.

"Well," said the girl. "If God is bigger than us and He lives in us, wouldn't He show through?"

OBSERVATIONS OF OUR FAITH

Plan ahead -- It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark. - *Anon*
Though the Lord is out of sight, we are not out of His. - *M Henry*

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 Christian Value focus this term is FRIENDSHIP

The emphasis on Christian Values will also remain a key focus. Whether religious or non-religious, these values are so important to our society and we want the children to be fully aware of all of these and how they ensure that we have a happy school community.

It has been fantastic to start the year with a great deal more normality. The removal of bubbles has been a breath of fresh air and enabled the school communities to begin to feel properly together again. They will still need to be vigilant and each play their part in preventing any spread of Covid-19 in the school community, as there will be cases within the local community and this will be something we all need to manage throughout this academic year. With this in mind, advice to schools is that if a child exhibits any symptoms, they do not come to school.

As ever, the aim this year to make sure that every child has the best possible educational experience, so that they can achieve, participate, be happy and become valued members of our community.

As Mr Roberts said *"The children have settled in extremely well and it's been great to see everyone arriving promptly, being so smartly turned out and engaging with their learning*."

And as Marksbury are reminding families time doesn't stand still…

If you have a child due to start school in September 2022 you are invited to attend one of our welcome sessions, please contact the school office on enquiries@marksburyschool.org.uk or 01761 470628 to book your space, sessions will start at 9:30am and 11:00am on the following dates:

Tuesday 12th October Tuesday 2nd November

Thursday 4th November

In the Marksbury Prayer Diary for October:
As well as praying for the whole village, we focus on the area from Whidcombe Farm, then down the street as far as the Green.



Notable people celebrated in October's Lectionary.

1st October: Anthony Ashley Cooper, 7th Earl of Shaftesbury; 1801-1885



He was one of the most effective social and industrial reformers in 19th century England. He was also the acknowledged leader of the evangelical movement within the Church of England. He experienced a loveless childhood, seeing little of his very formal parents, and attending a school which he shuddered to remember in later life – 'bad, wicked, filthy, and the treatment was starvation and cruelty.' All this was softened by the affection he received from the family housekeeper, Maria Millis. She showed him a model of Christian love that would form the basis for much of his later social activism and philanthropic work. By his teenage years, Ashley had become a committed Christian, and the sight of a pauper's funeral while he was a pupil at Harrow brought home to him the existence of a whole empire of callousness, putting his own childhood miseries in context. Aged 25, he was elected MP for Woodstock, then a pocket borough controlled by the Duke of Marlborough, his uncle. His political rise was swift, and he was instrumental in the reform of the treatment of 'lunatics'. His work in reforming the hours worked by women and children in factories and mines, and educational reform were fundamental to the improvement in conditions for the poor in the 19th century. Shaftesbury, (he had become the 7th Earl on his father's death in 1851) was an evangelical Anglican who believed in the imminent second coming of Christ. He was president of the British and Foreign Bible Society from 1851 until his death, and also believed that Jewish people should be allowed to return to Palestine. It is his philanthropic work which is his lasting legacy, and which gave rise to the erection of the Shaftesbury Memorial Fountain in London's Piccadilly Circus just eight years after his death. Officially titled 'The Angel of Christian Charity', it depicts Anteros, symbolising selfless philanthropic love, commonly mistaken for Eros. It points down Shaftesbury Avenue.



9th October : Robert Grosseteste, bishop, philosopher and scientist; 1168-1253



An English bishop, who worked on geometry, optics and astronomyand made Latin translations of many Greek and Arabic scientific writings. He was born at Stradbroke in Suffolk, and educated at Oxford University, where he became Chancellor in 1215, remaining in the post until 1221. He is said to have attended the signing of Magna Carta. After this, he held a number of ecclesiastical positions and from 1229 to 1235, he was a lecturer in theology to the Franciscans. He became bishop of Lincoln, the largest diocese by area in England, in 1235, and remained in this post until his death. He insisted that his priests should spend their time in the service of their people, in prayer and in study. As bishop of Lincoln, he attended the Council of Lyon in 1245. As a scientist, he was particularly interested in optics, experimenting with mirrors and lenses, and was able to demonstrate the refraction of light by water. He theorised that it is possible to magnify objects and enable the reading of 'the smallest letters at incredible distances, or to count sand or seed or any sort of minute objects.' (Way before the first microscope in 1590, and well before the first eyeglasses in 1284…). Four centuries before Newton proposed gravity and seven centuries before the Big Bang theory, Grosseteste described the birth of the Universe as an explosion, with the crystallisation of matter to form stars and planets in a set of nested spheres around Earth. He is now regarded as a key figure in pre-Renaissance science, showing that it was far more advanced than previously thought. He died on 9th October 1253 and is buried in his memorial chapel in Lincoln Cathedral. His name, aptly, means 'Great head'.

(Above; 19th century stained glass window depicting Robert Grosseteste.)



A big thank you to everyone who helped decorate for Marksbury Harvest Festival service, which was held jointly with Stanton Prior on September 19th. The church looked beautiful, and the altar steps were a special tribute to our local farming community! Tins and packets were sent to the Timsbury Cheshire Home, and fresh produce to Fairfield House in Bath. The collection was for Christian Aid.



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

WHAT YOU NEED

A Sunday School teacher had just concluded her lesson and wanted to make sure she had made her point. She said, "Can anyone tell me what you must do before you can obtain forgiveness of sin?"

There was a short pause and then, from the back of the room, a small boy spoke up. "Sin?"

Activities in the Benefice..



Farmborough 'Tuesday Teas' is back each week between **2.30pm & 4pm**, all welcome for a chat over a cuppa in Church.

At Marksbury Hall besides 'fitness/sport related' or children/youth activities there is……..

Crafties 1st Wednesday each month 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Oct 6th , Nov 3rd & Dec 1st
Choir Jam each Tuesday 7.00pm – 9.30pm
Oct 5th, 12th, 19th,26th, Nov 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th,
Dec 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th.

While at Farmborough Memorial Hall besides 'fitness/sport related' or children/youth activities there is……..

Cameo 1st Tuesday each month 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Oct 5th, Nov 2nd & Dec

Floral Art 2nd Monday of the month 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Oct 11th, NOT November but Dec 6th, note change of date

Goodwill Club 2nd & 4th Thursday each month 2.30pm – 4.00pm
Oct 14th, 28th, Nov 11th, & 25th

WERN support & social group
3rd Thursday each month, 10.15 to 12 noon
Oct 21st, Nov. 18th & Dec. 16th

Whist every Wednesday 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Oct 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th , Nov 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & Dec 1st

Share&Repair Café 2nd Saturday each month 10am – 1pm
Oct 9th, Nov 13th & Dec 11th.

The aim is to help local people save money and the planet through reduce, repair and reuse as 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
It's run by volunteers but a donation is appreciated to help cover costs.

For contact details & information about all activities in our halls look at the village hall websites
http://www.farmboroughmemorialhall.org.uk/
https://marksburyvillage.wixsite.com/hall



TOO CLEAN

My mother is a cleaning fanatic.
One Saturday she told me and my brother to get down to the living room and straighten it up.
We had held a party there the previous evening, and she was none too happy about the mess.

As she watched us work, it was clear that Mum was completely dissatisfied with our cleaning efforts and let us know it.
Finally, my brother, exasperated with having to do it all over again, reached for a broom and asked Mum, "Can I use this, or were you planning to go somewhere?"

RIDE+STRIDE for Churches

Did you know….'Ride+Stride for Churches' was founded in Suffolk in 1982 and is the single most important event of the county churches trusts' annual fundraising calendar. Since its beginning, over £35 million has been raised to be returned in grants to enable churches, chapels and meeting houses to carry out essential repairs, restorations and adaptations to ensure they are available for worship and their community for generations to come.

Here in Somerset, a total of **almost £479,000** has been **raised** during 'Ride+Stride for Churches' since the Trust was founded in 1996.

This has been a significant contribution to the total of £771,150.00 that the Somerset Churches Trust has given in grants to more than 400 churches.

Considerable effort goes into the challenges that people set themselves for 'Ride+Stride' and this year, our Silver Jubilee, is no exception.

Top of the list must be the Skydive that supporter and Trustee, Marion Jeffrey, did on Saturday 11th September, the official date of 'Ride+Stride'; Simon Hill, Archdeacon of Taunton cycled around the churches of his archdeaconry; 92 year old Ted Marsh of St Mary Magdalene, Sparkford, South Somerset, inspired by Capt. Sir Tom, Moore, walked 50 laps around his home village, a distance of approximately 37 miles; David Sisson, past chairman of the Trustees of Somerset Churches Trust cycled around the churches of his Axbridge Deanery; and Trust coordinator, Philip Skelhorn, together with other members of the Trust, made a pilgrimage from Woodspring Priory, three miles north of Weston super Mare, to Wells Cathedral, a distance of approximately 26 miles, visiting eight spectacular churches designated either Grade I or Grade II * 'en route' through some of the most beautiful countryside Somerset has to offer.

What better way to have fun, exercise and fresh air and make a real contribution to the work of Somerset Churches Trust. *Philip G Skelhorn*

Autumn Prayer

Dear Loving, Father God,

As the season changes and we enjoy the beautiful colours of autumn, there are other changes which we don't enjoy. Changes we cannot control; changes and suffering in the world, beyond our comprehension; changes to our work routines, or health, or circumstances; changes which cause us anxiety and uncertainty. When everything seems to be falling around us like the autumn leaves, help us, Lord, to remember that you stand firm. You are our rock. You never change. You are always faithful, always with us, as we move into each new day and each new season.
Thank you for loving us so much that you gave us Jesus, so that by putting our trust in Him, we can know the security of your love, for ever!
In His name, we thank you, Sovereign Lord.
Amen,

By Daphne Kitching



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MUSINGS ON EVERYDAY LIFE

If you can smile when things go wrong, you probably have someone in mind to blame.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

When dog food is new and improved tasting, who tests it?

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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

Plant a tree in partnership



In November, global leaders come together in Glasgow at COP26 to talk climate change. In Bath and Wells we are asking people to come together with farmers in their local area to plant trees. Farmer and our Rural Affairs Adviser, Rob Walrond, who is in talks with organisations who may supply the trees, says, "It's a great way Christians can make a practical difference in their communities. The fruits of these partnerships will benefit us all."

Modern Anti-Slavery Day

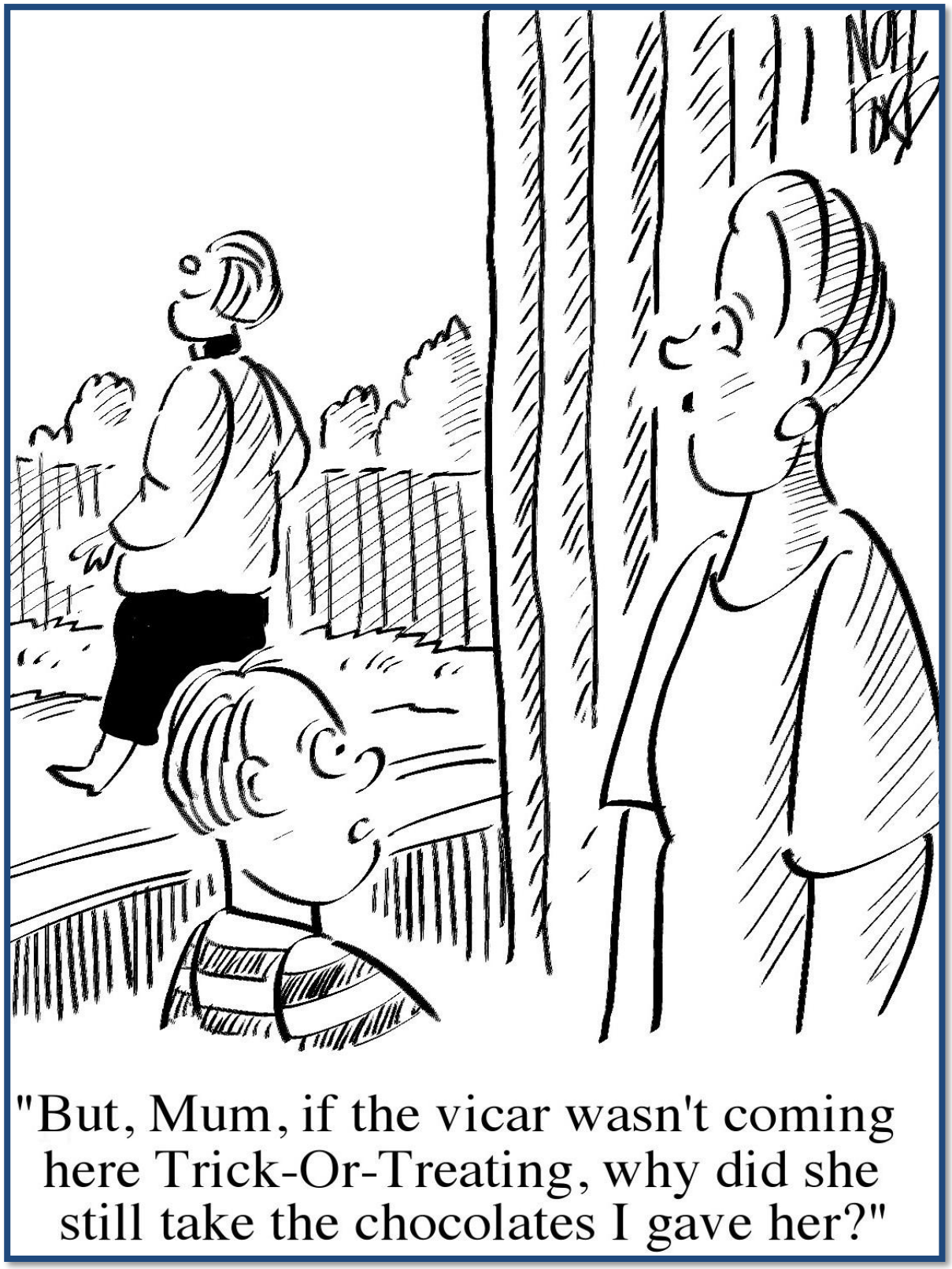
It is estimated that around 40.3 million people in the world today are trapped in some form of modern slavery, including many thousands of people in the UK. Victims are men, women and children of all ages, ethnicities and nationalities.
Anti-Slavery Day 2021 on the 18 October is a national day to raise awareness of the need to eradicate all forms of slavery, human trafficking and exploitation.

This year, Sunday the 17 October the Church of England national online service led by Rt Revd Simon Burton-Jones Bishop of Tonbridge will be on the topic of modern slavery. 17 October will also be an opportunity for churches to focus their services and prayers on modern slavery to help raise awareness of the issue.

Preparing to welcome Afghan refugees

Many areas across the diocese of Bath and Wells are preparing to receive Afghan refugees. It’s not yet known how many families will be coming, but in places such as Bath and Weston-super-Mare,

organisations are already making preparations. Bath Welcomes Refugees have put out a call out for non-perishable foods, toiletries, and cleaning products and set up three collection points. Organisations across the diocese will also be looking for volunteers to help and support those families in need. Check your local organisations for more information.



Interview



Where I am meant to be

Tracey Staples, Church Administrator, Exmoor explains why she feels her role is her ministry.

Why do you feel your role is your ministry?

I feel it is where I am meant to be. It is where has God has called me – it may not be what I set out to do, but it is where I am and it feels right. The knowledge and skills that I have gained on the way seem to be what people need at the moment.

What makes it feel like your calling?

I was a ballet teacher but a drunk driver put paid to that by crashing into me so I retrained as a primary school teacher and started helping out in my church office when I wasn't working. After having some medical issues, I moved back to mum and dad's and started helping dad – who trained for ordination as I was training to be a teacher - with a bit of admin. It just seems I've always been pulled back to church administration.

Did you always consider it your ministry?

No, I became aware of it over time. As I felt I kept being called back, it came to feel it was my ministry. I took on more admin responsibilities when my dad became ill and when he died I was asked to take on the admin of eight parishes. I am now full time and look after 18 parishes in Exmoor deanery.

Do you see other people living out their ministry when perhaps they don't?

Absolutely, I see it in people from the organist to the person who is good at listening. We need to get over the fact that ministry is for everyone and remember we are all the body of Christ.

DOES THIS STRIKE A CHORD?

Do you ever get up in the morning, look in the mirror and think, "That can't be accurate?"

Much that is good and useful is made of chocolate. - Anon

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