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Services for NOVEMBER 2021.

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

	07/11/21	14/11/21 Remembrance Sunday	21/11/21	28/11/21
Farmborough 11am NOTE…14th 10.50am & 6.30pm Evensong	Holy Communion Revd. Dr Victor Barley	Remembrance Service	Holy Communion Revd. Anne-Marie Bird	Morning Prayer *Advent Sunday*
Intercessor Farmborough	Chris Lovell	Lisa Hegan	Ann Swabey	Tom Cook
Reader Farmborough	Jonah 3. 1 - 5,10,14 Hebrews 9. 24-end *Jeannette Jones* Matthew 13. 24-30,36–43. *Catherine Taylor*	**Remembrance** Matt 13.1-8 *Lisa/Kate Hegan* **Evensong** Daniel Chap. 3 *Barbara Chard* Matthew 13. 24-30, 46-43 *Dave Willis*	Daniel 7. 9-10, 13-14 Revelation 1. 4b-8 *Tom Cook* John 18. 33-37 *Charlotte Strange*	Jeremiah 33. 14-16 *Liz Ladd* Luke 21. 25-36 *Jeannette Jones*
Flower rota Farmborough	Jeannette Jones			Advent no flowers
Marksbury **14th 10.50am** 21st & 28th 9.30am	No service	Remembrance Service	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion Revd. Dr Victor Barley
Flower rota Marksbury	Judy Roberts			Advent no flowers
Stanton Prior 9.30am	Family & Friends	Holy Communion Canon Stephen Purvis(tbc)	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/



SPECIAL SERVICES at ALL SAINTS'.

We are celebrating our Patronal Festival on **Sunday 31st October at 11 o'clock** with a service of Holy Communion, followed by a bring and share lunch.
On Monday evening **(1st. November), at 7pm**, there will be a quiet reflective service for **All Souls.** This is a chance for us to remember those who have died and, if you wish, there will be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of someone dear to you.
14th November is **Remembrance Sunday**; we will hold our Act of **Remembrance at 10.50am**.
There will also be an **Evensong at 6.30pm** on Remembrance Sunday.
All are very welcome to come along to any of our services. CRL

FLAG DAYS FOR NOVEMBER 2021

1st	All Saints' Day
2nd	All Souls' Day
11th	Armistice Day
14th	Remembrance Sunday Prince of Wales born
20th	Queen Elizabeth II married 1947
21st	Christ the King
28th	Advent Sunday
30th	Andrew – Apostles and Patron Saint of Scotland

CHURCH NEWS...

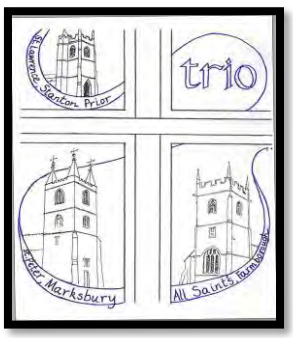
During the interregnum



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!

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

PARADE FOR REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Local newspapers advertising church services don't always get it quite right. Such as the local paper advertising a Remembrance Day service, who should have printed:
There will be a parade of uniformed organisations.
Instead, they printed:
There will be a parade of uniformed organists.

New incumbent appointed!!

It is with great delight that we can confirm the appointment of our new incumbent for the Benefice of Farmborough, Marksbury and Stanton Prior. He is the Revd Guy Martin-Scott. He is presently a curate in the Parish Churches of Coxley with Godney, Henton & Wookey, which is a rural Benefice just outside Wells. Guy will be joining us in January as he has to give three months' notice but we will announce the date of his installation as soon as possible.

As Liz Ladd who has been involved throughout explained to Trio. "It has been a very long and involved process to appoint a new incumbent as a Parish Profile had to be written & approved, the position was advertised, applicants were shortlisted by a team consisting of two representatives from each parish in the Benefice, plus the Archdeacon and lay Rural Dean.
The successful shortlisted applicants were then invited to an informal day to look around the Benefice followed by a formal interview day.
The interview panel consisted of the same people as the shortlisting with the addition of our churches' Patron, they felt very privileged to have three strong candidates to choose from and it was a hard choice; but the decision to appoint Guy as the right person for our Benefice was unanimous.
Guy's time will be 50% as our Rector, leading the congregations, and 50% as a pioneer. The role of pioneer is very new to our Benefice and we're looking forward to supporting Guy in this important work. It involves connecting with people in the wider community. pursuing new opportunities of Christian mission in the rural setting of our Benefice as a community organiser; pursuing a particular heart for social justice, environmental and conservation issues; listening to the concerns of people and assessing the talents, organisations and resources here, which may extend beyond benefice boundaries."



My name is Guy Martin-Scott and
I am the newly appointed rector for
the benefice.

I was asked to write a short introduction to me and my family for the Trio.

"Hello!
I write this letter at a time between two benefices - the one that I am leaving and the one that I am joining - so although I am excited to be joining you all in Farmborough, Marksbury and Stanton Prior soon I find my head is still working out how to say goodbye well to my current benefice.

With that in mind I will keep this as a brief introduction to me and my family. I am Guy, father, brother, husband, and son. I enjoy golf, whisky, and doing crafts with my boys. My wife of nearly 8 years is Becky who is a primary school teacher; she enjoys photography, baking, and board games with friends. Finally, I have two sons, Josiah who is 5 and loves everything Star Wars, and Ezra who is 3 who loves stories.

We are all excited to join you, to join in with what God is already doing in your benefice, and to explore where He is calling us as we embark on this new chapter together. Know that you are in my prayers and that your ongoing prayers for me and my family are much appreciated."

I look forward to contributing to future issues soon!

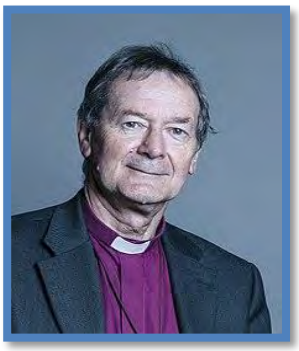
Yours,

Guy

As a Benefice we thank You for Your guidance,
Forgive us for wanting to get ahead of Your plans at times,
and helping us to realise we had to stop
and listen for Your direction.
Thank You for offering gentle grace and guidance.
In Jesus' Name.
Amen.







A message from Alistair Redfern,
Assistant Bishop of Bath and Wells
and Chair of the Clewer Initiative.

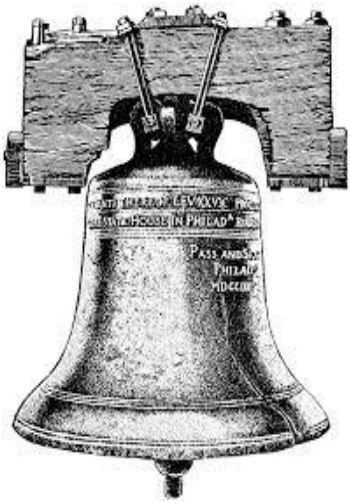
‘There is much to do’

Our church faces many challenges about funding, organisation, credibility and appropriate approaches to mission. Where might modern slavery fit in?
Bath and Wells is a leading light within the Church of England in terms of a positive and effective response to the growing evil of modern slavery. On behalf of the Clewer Initiative, which coordinates the Church of England’s work in this area, I would like to say a huge thank you to David Maggs, Sian Owen and others. They have helped the diocese lead the way in raising awareness, offering training to establish community resilience, fight back against the phenomenon of county lines (the involvement of children and young people in drug trafficking), and pioneered the development of partnerships which enable the church to play a key role in both care and prevention. Bath Abbey has been doing some ground-breaking work about monuments and the transatlantic slave trade with an approach which will be very helpful to others. Yet, with modern slavery increasing, there is much to do.
Jesus calls us to love God and our neighbour as ourselves. The gospel makes clear that the neighbour is not just the person next door, but is particularly the person everyone easily passes by – while they are suffering without hope. In Matthew 25 Jesus makes it clear that we meet Him in the poor and oppressed – or in Clewer’s words, Hidden in Plain Sight.
In the modern rush to grab cheap goods and services, we rarely notice those who may suffer and are criminally controlled in order to provide them. As we rightly reorder our priorities as churches, our ways of working, our mission and service – modern slavery is a key indicator of whether we aim to serve the church as our own safe place, or whether we aim to be out on that road between Jerusalem and Jericho, looking to encounter and rescue and raise up those who are trapped and suffering and generally ignored.
Let us not rest on our laurels, but build upon our work so far, so that others may be brought good news, embraced into our communities, and given confidence to know the love of God through the love of their neighbours.

Every blessing *Assistant Bishop Alistair*

THE BELFRY BULLETIN

Take time to remember.



IN 1919, the bells of Farmborough Church were tuned and re-hung in memory of the men of the Parish who made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives for their country; they have probably been rung on every Remembrance Sunday since.

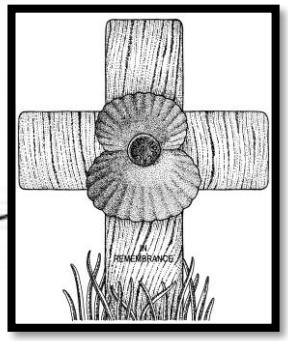
The bells of All Saints' have been rung for church services, weddings, funerals, and national events since the reign of George the Second, but in 1983 it was discovered that time had taken its toll on one of the bells when a crack was found in the 8½cwt tenor. Though only students of music, with a good ear, could have detected anything wrong with the heaviest bell in the tower, the band of ringers launched an appeal for funds to have it recast.

Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles were no strangers to Farmborough's enthusiastic bell ringers and they soon came up with their own special 'method' with 'good leading' and a few 'dodges' keeping costs to a minimum. With coffee mornings, tower tours and other events, the £2,750 required to have the bell recast was soon raised and on the 25th February 1984 the tenor bell was shipped off to London's Whitechapel Bell Foundry for recasting.

This year, Remembrance Sunday falls on November 14th when the bells will ring out; please take time to remember the fallen of all wars and conflicts.

Patrick Bridges
Tower Captain







All Saints Gift Day and Coffee Morning Saturday 30th October 10.30- 12.30

As previous years leading up to our patronal festival every house in the village will receive a special envelope and invitation to make a donation to church funds. The church will be open as usual for folk to drop in their envelopes but this year there is to be a coffee morning at the same time.
A time to socialise with good coffee and refreshments; plus there will be a raffle, bring and buy and cake stalls making a good start to our All Saints celebrations.

JGJ

Will these strike a chord with Guy?

THE CONGREGATION

A minister was considering a move to a busy town-centre church, and wanted to know what the congregation were like, and especially the church council. So, he rang the minister who had just retired from that church.

The retiring minister hesitated a moment and then replied: "Some of them are wise; some are otherwise."

ROOMS

When the vicar moved his family into the large Victorian vicarage, a member of the congregation asked the young son how he liked his new home.
"It's great," the little boy replied. "At last I have my own room, and Mike has his own room, and Jemma has her own room, and Robbie has his own room. But poor Mum is still in with Dad."

THREE TOWERS FESTIVAL
SWAN SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,
FARMBOROUGH
Saturday 4th DECEMBER
at 7pm.

A concert of carols, sacred and secular Christmas music in a variety of styles.
Admission **£10** in aid of church funds,
to include festive refreshments.
The Swan Singers are a chamber choir based in Wells, conducted by Tricia Rees-Jones.



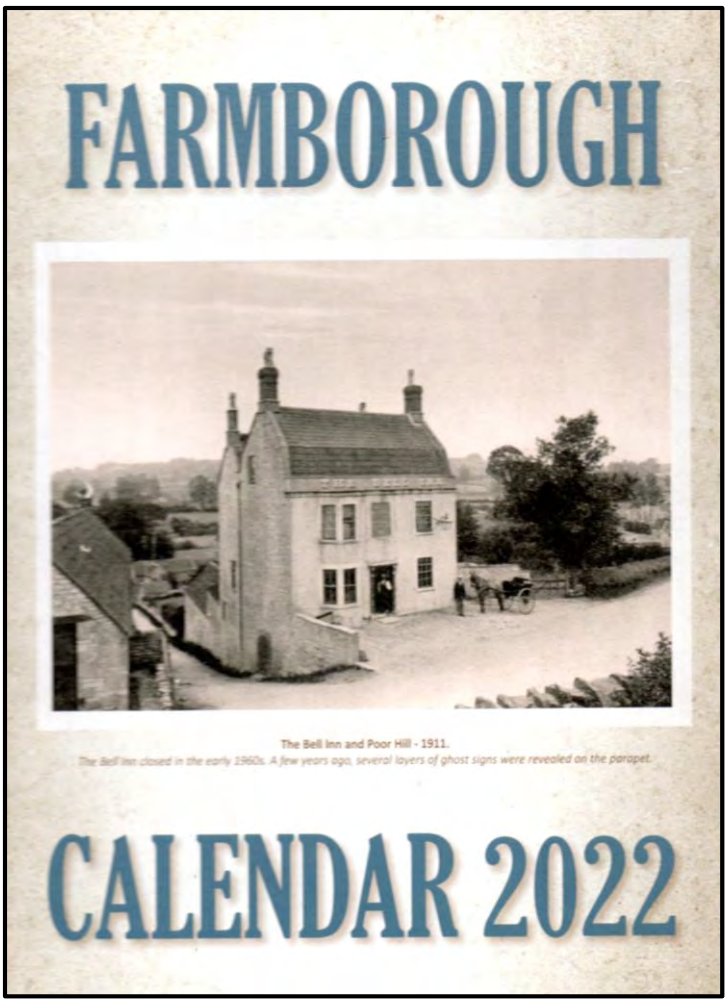


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6" £13
8" £21



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FARMBOROUGH'S UNIQUE CALENDAR IS BACK!

AFTER a year's break the Farmborough calendar for 2022 is now on sale.

Printed on quality card and supplied with an envelope, this excellent re-designed A4 product contains a selection of 17 village pictures dating from 1900 to 1980 and it's a snip at just £6!

The calendars are only available from Patrick Bridges of 79 Church Lane.

To order your copy please call Patrick on 01761 471074, mobile 0797 5655 989, or email him at p.bridges104@btinternet.com When placing your order don't forget to leave your name, address and contact telephone number, but hurry, availability is limited.

Patrick Bridges

DAILY MAIL

At a recent church meeting, our Sunday School teacher requested that a notice be put into the weekly pew-sheet, asking for church members to bring in any old copies they had of the Daily Mail.
She wanted the newspapers for a big Christmas project involving lots of paper mache, and thought that the ink on the Daily Mail would be less messy.
The secretary made a rough note, and the notice went in: 'Wanted by our Sunday School teacher: lots of daily males.'

Farmborough & Marksbury Schools



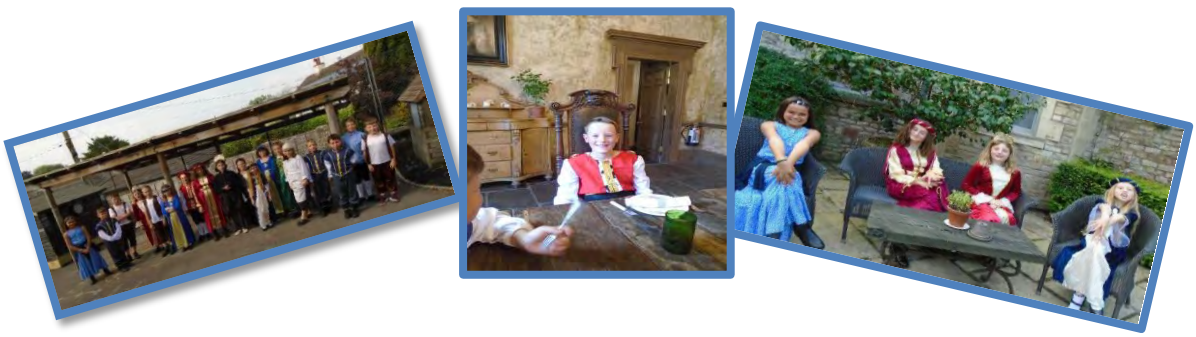
Take a look at their websites to find out more about life at our schools.
https://www.farmboroughchurchprimary.org.uk/
https://www.marksburyschool.org.uk/

The Christian Value focus this term is FRIENDSHIP



At Marksbury the focus on **Friendship** and with restrictions now lifted, they have been witnessing new relationships being made across year groups as well as within classes. They have already talked about what makes a good friend and what they see as important attributes to have as a friend. This has led to many interesting discussions. 'Does a good friend have to like football?' Over the coming weeks they will also be sharing stories from the bible about acts of friendship as well reflecting on their personal experiences.

Both schools have been on visits linked to topics they are studying…
Marksbury Year 5/6 were very excited to start the year with an afternoon at The Pig. They enjoyed a Tudor feast to launch their new topic.



While at Farmborough ….FOXES CLASS VISIT STONEHENGE



After registration, we went on a coach to the incredible Stonehenge. It took an hour and a half to get there and when we arrived, we had a snack. After that we went on a shuttle bus to Stonehenge. When we got there I was amazed by Stonehenge, it was unbelievable and my Mum, Dad and sister would have loved it as well. After lunch, we had a workshop and visited a Neolithic house. There was a fire in the middle of the house, two beds at the side and one cupboard at the back of the house. It was amazing to see it there. We also saw a workshop with lots of tools and an exhibition of Stonehenge models. The 360° video of Stonehenge was amazing as well.

By Lauren

Notable people celebrated in the Lectionary in November



Statue of Richard Hooker at Exeter Cathedral

3rd Richard Hooker 1554-1600

He was an English priest in the church of England, and an influential theologian; one of the most important in the16th century. He was born in the village of Heavitree in Exeter and attended Exeter grammar school until 1569. He came from a good family, and his uncle was able to get help for Richard from John Jewel, bishop of Salisbury, who arranged for Richard to be accepted at Corpus Christi College, Oxford and funded his education. Hooker was ordained priest in 1579. He was appointed to preach at Paul's Cross, the open air pulpit in the churchyard of the old St Paul's Cathedral. This was a place for radical evangelical preaching, and here, Hooker offended the Puritans, diverging from their theories of predestination. Hooker lodged with the Churchman family, and married their daughter Jean in 1588. He served a s priest in various livings, and was appointed Master of the Temple by Elizabeth I. Here he came into public conflict with the Puritans, beginning his great work *'Of the Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity*', because of the Puritans' attacks on the Church of England and its current Book of Common Prayer. The book is considered to be a monumental work of Anglican thought, and influential in the development of theology, political theory and English prose. He wrote that doctrinal issues were frameworks surrounding the moral and religious life of the believer, but were not issues that damned or saved the soul. He also affirmed that the power of bishops was not in every case absolute…The writings of Hooker have underlined Anglican strategy ever since. James I observed his reason and piety, and John Locke quoted Hooker numerous times in his own writings on civil government. Hooker died at his rectory at Bishopsbourne in Kent on 3rd November 1600 and was buried in the chancel of the church, where a pulpit for which he bequeathed money can still be seen today.



Lydia Sellon, pictured in 1865

20th Priscilla Lydia Sellon née Smith 1821-1876, founder of an Anglican women's order.

Born in Hampstead in London, she was brought up in Grosmont, Monmouthshire. The family name was changed to Sellon, following her father's inheritance from a maternal aunt in 1847. Lydia, as she was commonly known, was influenced by an article in the weekly Anglican newspaper, *The Guardian,* in January 1848, appealing for help for the poor of Devonport. Lydia, about to travel to Italy for her health, answered the call, and ,with a family friend, Catherine Chambers, and the backing of Edward Bouverie Pusey, a leading member of the Oxford Movement, took advice from the local clergy and worked in a Devonport school. With her father's support, Lydia created new institutions – an industrial school for girls, an orphanage for sailors' children, a school for the starving and a night school for teenage boys. She worked in Devonport looking after the poor, and founded *The Devonport Sisters of Mercy*, later combined with the *Sisterhood of the Holy Cross*, which Lydia also led. When Florence Nightingale travelled to the Crimea in 1854, 14 of the 38 nurses were from Lydia's Order. Later, she led the new *Society of the Most Holy Trinity*, which had a purpose built convent, Ascot Priory. Lydia was known as the abbess. The order still had St Dunstan's Abbey in Devon. Lydia Sellon died at West Malvern in 1876, following 15 years of being paralysed. The sisterhood continued through the 20th century, and the last nun died in 2004 and was buried at Ascot Priory.

In the Marksbury Prayer Diary for November:
As well as praying for the whole village,
we focus on the Green, then down the Vale
and around the School.



HAROLD

A little girl attempted the Lord's Prayer:
"Our Father, who does art in heaven, Harold is your name.
Amen."

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
Nov. 3rd , & Dec 1st
Choir Jam each Tuesday 7.00pm – 9.30pm
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
Nov 2nd & Dec 7th
Floral Art 2nd Monday of the month 7.30pm – 9.30pm
But NOT November then Dec 6th, note change of date
Goodwill Club 2nd & 4th Thursday each month 2.30pm – 4.00pm
Nov 11th, & 25th , Dec 3rd lunchtime
WERN support & social group
3rd Thursday each month, 10.15 to 12 noon
Nov. 18th & Dec. 16th
Whist every Wednesday 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Nov 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & Dec 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th.

Share&Repair Café 2nd Saturday each month 10am – 1pm 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

HOLD HER HAND

While out in the town, I saw an elderly couple holding hands while they were walking. As they approached, I commented on how romantic it was.

The man replied, "We have been holding hands when we go out in public for over 30 years. I have to. If I let go, she shops."

KETCHUP

A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup to come out of the bottle. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her four-year old daughter to answer it.
"It's the minister, Mum," the child said to her mother. Then she told her caller: "Mummy can't come to the phone right now. She's hitting the bottle."

And for December note…

On Saturday 18th December 3.00pm at Farmborough church we are holding "Christmas Cracker".





This will be an afternoon for young and old to join in activities and sharing a festive time together.

Jan Jones



...it's perhaps not the most dynamic of mission statements...
but at least it received the unanimous approval of the Church Council!

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

Farmborough Craft & Gift Fayre result!



As mentioned previously this event has been cancelled due to Covid over the last 18 months but on October 16th we went ahead with rearranged layout & slightly reduced stall numbers to ensure people had more space.

We were wondering what the response would be, we needn't have worried we had a record attendance with 197 through the door, well-spaced throughout the day, thanks to the support of many residents from the village & further afield.

We raised £950 the most ever, it was AMAZING & will really help towards the defibrillator we are putting outside the hall which will be more convenient for residents particularly from that end of the village.

A huge thank you to everyone whether on the day by attending or before with putting signs either large or poster size, sorting out money, doing the food, making cakes, preparing the hall for the stalls, organising parking etc it is a whole committee effort.

We are delighted to say the cake stall in aid of the RUH also did very well making £170.

Thank you so much to everyone from both Anita & myself.

Sally Davis

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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

Abbey celebrations



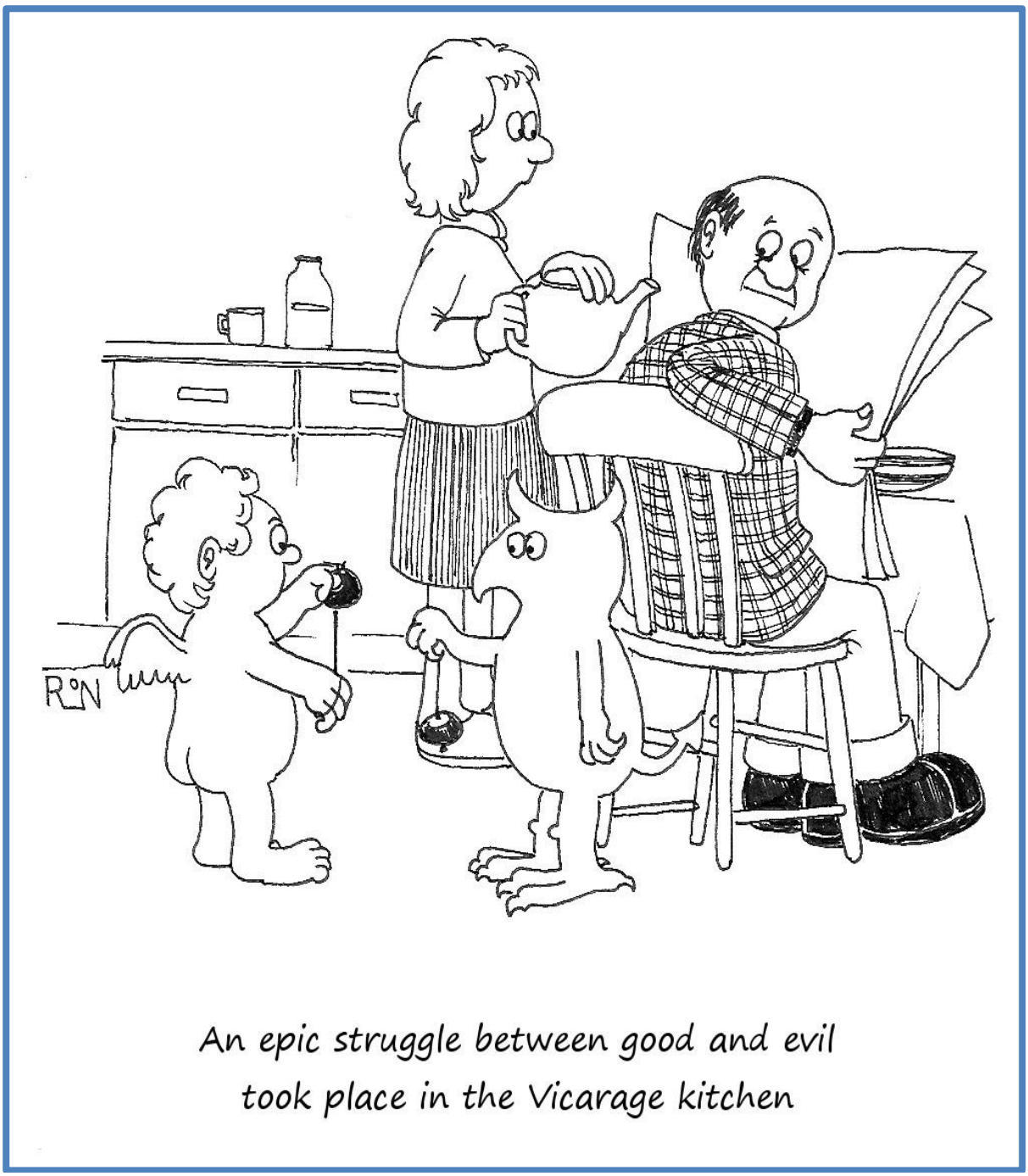
Hundreds of Bath Abbey's supporters, congregation, staff and volunteers have attended a special Footprint Celebration Service followed a Thanksgiving reception and a tour on Sunday 17th October.

Guy Bridgewater, Rector of Bath Abbey, said: "We are overjoyed to celebrate the completion of the building work of the major Abbey Footprint project. The vision of a fully restored Abbey floor, and greatly enhanced facilities for welcome, worship and ministry with the city and its visitors, has been gloriously fulfilled. The Celebration Service is a chance to express our gratitude to God - and to everyone who has helped renew Bath Abbey by their generosity, patient faith and hard work."



Planting the green canopy

Bishop Ruth was invited with all the Bishop's in the Church of England to plant a tree as part of the Queen's Green Canopy initiative; a royal initiative which asks people from across the UK to plant a tree to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee next year. Bishop Ruth was given a broadleaf sapling by Forestry England and asked to choose a special place to plant it. The tree represents the bishops' commitment to "pray, speak out and take action" on climate change. She donated her tree to King Ina Church of England Academy in Somerton to plant in the grounds of their new school. Though it is a very small sapling now it's hoped the tree will eventually grow to around 30 feet high. It will help the environment by absorbing and storing carbon and will also act as a symbol of the church's commitment to take care of God's world.



An epic struggle between good and evil
took place in the Vicarage kitchen

NOVEMBER ALSO BRINGS US REMEMBRANCE DAY...

War does not determine who is right - only who is left. – *Bertrand Russell*

The tragedy of war is that it uses man's best to do man's worst. – *Harry Emerson Fosdick*

The Church knows nothing of a sacredness of war. The Church which prays the 'Our Father' asks God only for peace. - *Dietrich Bonhoeffer*



Interview

A community approach to ending modern slavery

Volunteer, Sian Owen runs the Hidden Voices, a Modern Slavery Support group in Bridgwater and was shortlisted for one of this year's Modern Slavery Awards for her work.

How did you get involved with Hidden Voices?

I first heard about Hidden Voices about four years ago when they ran a training course at my church, St Francis in Bridgwater. I went to support the church but got very interested in the subject. That intensified after the death of a family member, who we later found out had been exploited.

What does your work involve?

It is mainly getting out into the community and onto the streets to raise awareness of the issues. We started by getting in touch with the Mayor who put me in touch with the leader of the Town Council who had recently written an article about Bridgwater being the first town to petition against slavery back in 1785 and our network has grown from there. We try to attend as many community events as possible, including the Bridgwater Together event which is a celebration of the diversity of our community. It was a fantastic day, then lockdown hit.

How has the pandemic affected your work?

I have been able to do some online training for village agents and they still keep in touch and call us if they have any concerns. We have continued to be out and about and visible as much as possible and my partner and I were even able to spot an incident of County Lines drug exploitation on our early morning walks.

How can people help?

Everyone can learn to spot the signs and make a call. You can call the Modern Slavery Helpline (08000 121700), the local police on 101 or the Gangmasters & Labour Abuse Authority (0800 432 0804). You can also report it on their website (https://www.gla.gov.uk/). The easiest thing to do is know your neighbour. If someone moves a lot of people into a house and you see people leaving early in the morning and not returning in the house, you are more likely to get a feel if something is wrong if you have spoken to them. So start with saying 'hello'!

You could also take a look the Hidden Voices course available on the Clewer website and do your own research.

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We so enjoyed the fireworks display, can we do it again at New Year?

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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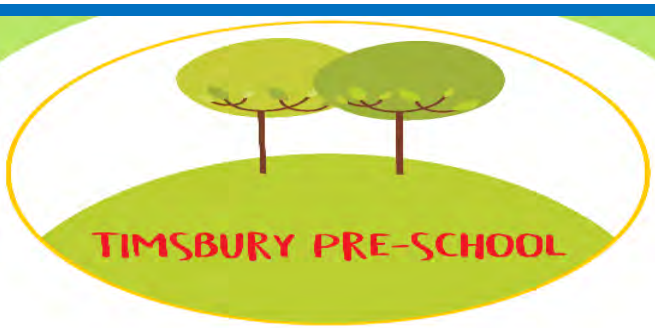
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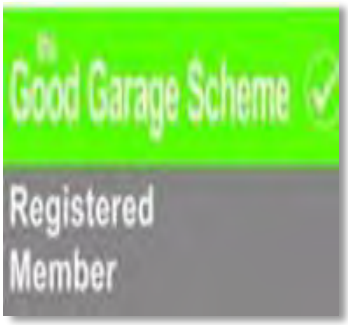
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