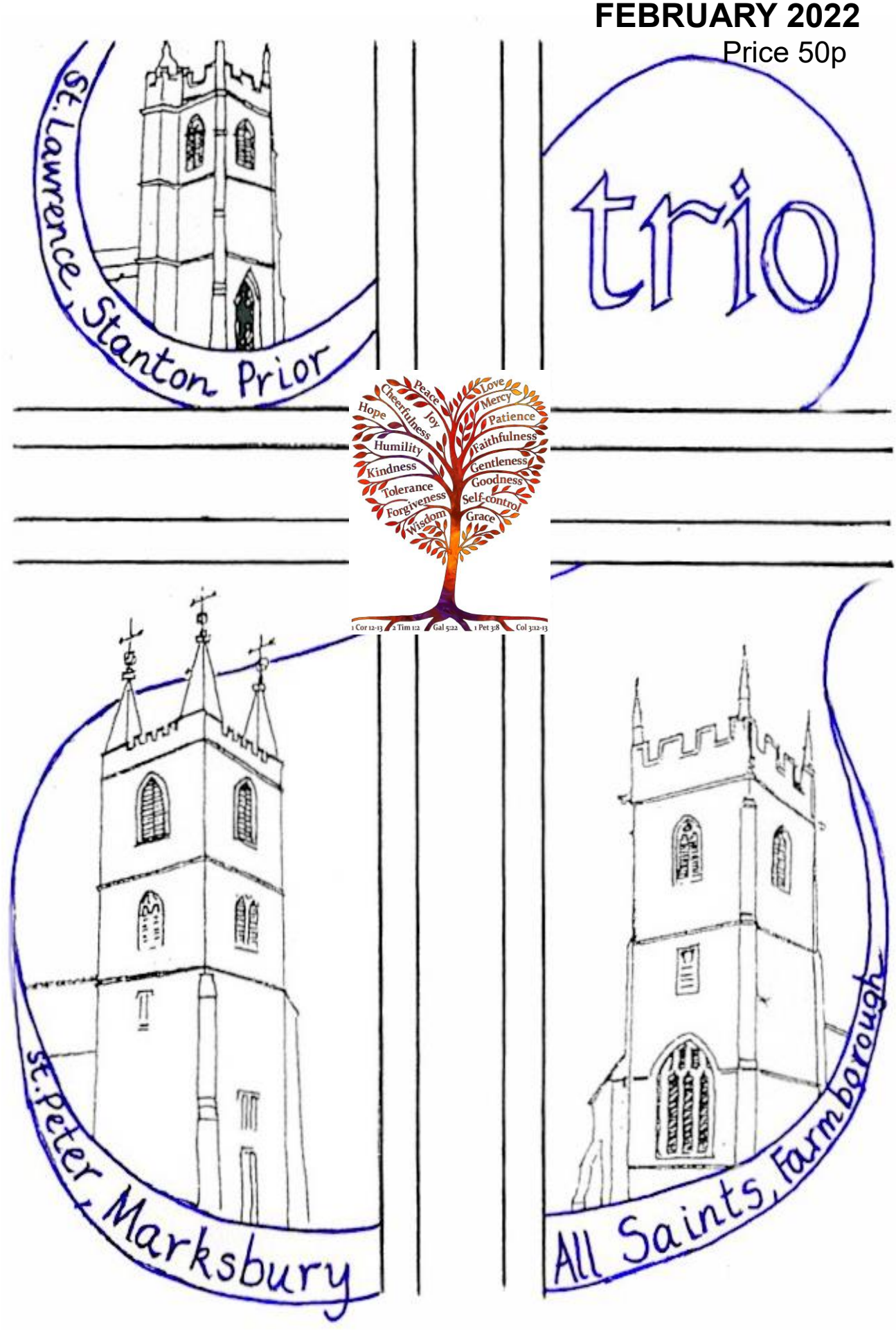
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Services for FEBRUARY 2022.

ANY QUERIES PLEASE CHECK CHURCH NOTICEBOARDS
or Revd. Guy Martin-Scott [see page 3]

	06/02/22	13/02/22	20/02/22	27/02/22
Farmbor ough 11am Evensong 6.30pm	Holy Communion	Family & Friends 6.30pm Evensong	Holy Communion	Matins
Intercessor Farmborough	Liz Ladd	Charlotte & Ed Strange	Lisa Hegan	Ann Swabey
Reader Farmborough	Isaiah 6. 1-8/ 1 Cor 15. 1-11 *Jan Jones* Luke 5. 1-11 *Lisa & Kate Hegan*	Luke 2.22-40 *Charlie & Nicky Stone* **Evensong** Wisdom 11. 21-12.11 *Barbara Chard* Matthew 5. 21-37 *Shelagh Peschek*	Genesis 2. 4b-9, 15-end/ Revelations 4 *Tom Cook* Luke 8. 22-25 *Catherine Taylor*	Exodus 34. 29-end *Dave Willis* Luke 9. 28-36 *Charlotte Strange*
Flower rota Farmborough	Ros Hulcoop			
Marksbury 9.30am	No service	No service	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion
Flower rota Marksbury	Audrey Ladeveze			
Stanton Prior 9.30am	Family & Friends	Holy Communion	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.

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



MARKSBURY COFFEE MORNING



The next one is on
Saturday 19th February
at 10.30 in the **Village Hall**.

Stock up with cakes and bread and enjoy a cup of coffee with friends and neighbours!

If you do not have internet access one can be printed off for you.
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/



This month more bloopers, announcements and some 'smile lines!' with Valentine's Day in mind!

LOVE

Love may not make the world spin around, but it certainly makes a lot of people dizzy.

FLAG DAYS FOR FEBRUARY 2022

2nd	Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)
6th	Accession of Queen Elizabeth II 1952

All Saints lit until the start of epiphany….



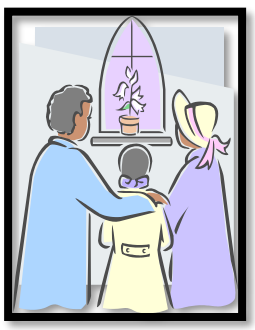
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Thank you to those involved in the floodlighting the Tower, reminding us Christmas is more than just December 25th & to Holly for the photo.

Ed



ENQUIRIES about baptism, confirmation and weddings should be made by contacting Revd. Guy.



AND SAY HELLO



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

CHURCH NEWS...
Welcome to Revd. Guy Martin-Scott.



A full moon lit up the church and the bell ringers heralded the forthcoming celebration on the crisp evening of Monday 17th January when Revd Guy Martin-Scott was licensed as the Rector of Farmborough, Marksbury and Stanton Prior and Community Organiser Pioneer Minister within Chew Magna Deanery. Over 100 people came together in the service at All Saints Church; the congregation was made up of those welcoming him to the Benefice, those saying a final farewell to him from his prior role as Curate at Coxley with Godney, Henton and Wookey or as family and friends supporting him as he undertakes his new role.

The Right Revd. Dr Alastair Redfern, Assistant Bishop led the service together with The Venerable Dr Adrian Youings, Archdeacon of Bath. Guy was presented to the Bishop by Graham Archer, a representative of our Patron and Revd Janet Shellard-James, the priest-in-charge at Guy's previous parish. Guy affirmed his belief that he had been called to serve the Benefice and the Churchwardens and people promised to uphold that they would support him in his ministry.

Guy affirmed his loyalty to the Anglican faith, his allegiance to the Queen and Canonical Obedience to the Bishop. As symbols of his ministry he was escorted firstly to the church door, then to toll a bell and finally to his stall before being welcomed by the Area Dean and Lay Dean &, from the local community, Headteachers Darren Roberts and Julie Player. Farmborough Parish Council Chair Sam Ross & Sally Davis came forward in welcome. Prayers were led by children from Marksbury School and Darren Roberts on behalf of the children of Farmborough School. (see pages 12 & 13)

Revd. Guy expressed his thanks to his former parish for their support and thanked those from his new parishes who had contributed to the preparation of the Profile, the interview process and the evening's service.

The hymns were led by a combined choir from All Saints Church and Guy's former parishes. They sang an anthem 'King of Glory, King of Peace' during the service. Tony Caisley read from the Bible, Nehemiah 2:11-20, a lesson chosen by Revd. Guy.

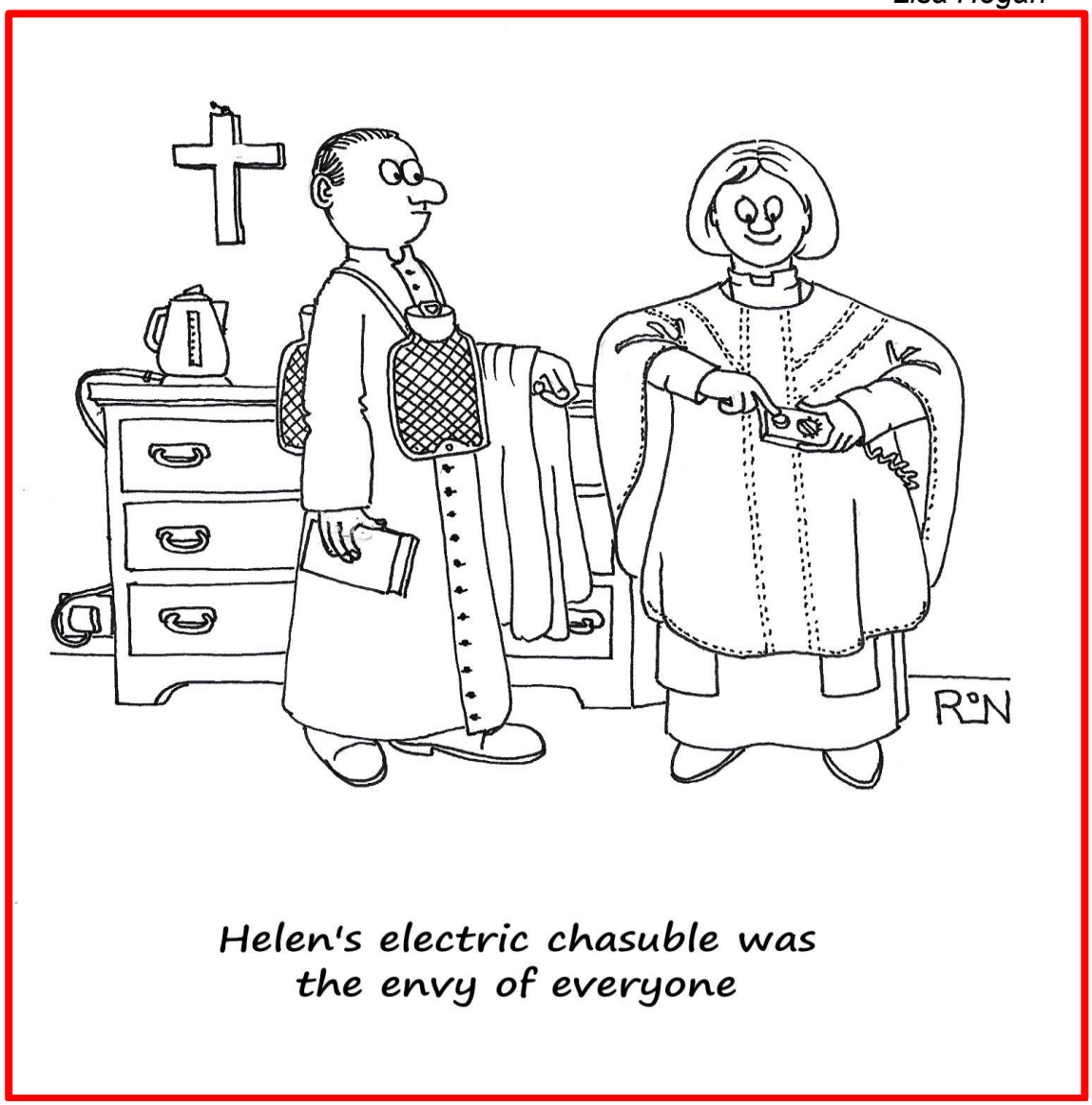
Whilst we were unable to hold a reception after the service, it was lovely to welcome so many of the retired Priests who have helped lead our worship during the interregnum and for them to join the procession.

The Dedication to Ministry concluded with us all committing, in prayer, to share in God's ministry in this benefice together with Revd. Guy.



We pledge ourselves to pray and care for the communities in this place:
to share the Word of God,
to celebrate the sacraments of the new covenant,
to encourage discipleship.
Together, may we make this a place where we are empowered for witness in God's world.
Amen

Lisa Hegan



Welcome to the February edition of Trio.

New life & new possibilities

My goodness January was a cold month! With all the frost and ice around I hope you all managed to stay safe and warm.

For myself, although my body was often cold my heart was warmed by the welcome that my family and I have received upon our arrival in this lovely part of the West Country – from the local choir coming round to sing me happy birthday to the welcome from representatives of the whole community at my licensing we have felt truly welcomed.
As the days grow longer (and hopefully warmer!) I hope to meet more and more of this lovely community and slowly but surely start to feel more a part of the life of the villages of Farmborough, Marksbury, and Stanton Prior.

Although the darkness and the cold of winter has not yet passed I always find February an inspirational month. It may be the shortest of the months of the year but that small amount of time is full of new life – lambs are born and bulbs dormant over the winter start to show bringing the bright colours of nature back into our gardens and green spaces. Here in your benefice there is new life as I start my new role as your Rector and we begin meeting together, starting new relationships, and looking ahead to what the future holds and the new possibilities that lie in front of us. This new life brings such hope and optimism after the gloominess of winter – something we could all do with I am sure!

New life is one of the greatest promises of the Christian faith, “the old has gone and the new has come” as St Paul says in his second letter to the church in Corinth. In Christ we are a new creation, that means that all are welcome to come to know Jesus, no matter how awful your past or how bad or unworthy of love you think you are Jesus welcomes you and makes you brand new. Nor do we have to let the baggage of the past hold us back from trying new things or fear failing at new endeavours because, although we all fail, God in his grace and love for us forgives our failures and empowers us to go on and do greater things in spite of this [Rom. 3:23-24; Phil. 4:13]

So I encourage you, take advantage of this time, go out and enjoy the wonderful new life that nature brings us this month, let God’s creation inspire you and then look inside yourself – how could you bring new life, bring new ideas or take hold of new opportunities that rejuvenate our churches, our villages, or our communities? I am always keen to hear what people are passionate about so please do chat with me and together, with God’s help, we can come up with something that makes this place a place bursting with new life.

Many blessings, Revd Guy

A message from the Rt. Revd. Rob Martin

Hon. Assistant Bishop of Bath & Wells



A signpost to God

2022 has begun, with all its potential for joy and for sorrow. What lies ahead I wonder?
Will Covid define us, as it continues to exert its baleful influence and disrupt our plans? Or will the joy of faith-filled lives trump the gloom? Rejoice in the Lord always, begins our key passage from Philippians. Amen!

New Year resolutions - have you made any? They are rooted in a godly desire to improve our lives. They say 60 per cent of us make them, but only 8 per cent stick with them! I'm part of the 92 per cent, who try, but usually give up. Sometimes something sticks.

Two years ago, following a diocesan initiative to encourage more prayer, I resolved to get the Lectio 365 app. It has helped me ever since. I'm guided to sit, read, reflect and prepare for my day's activities. It's a form of Lectio Divina, similar to Dwelling in the Word, used in Bath and Wells, which encourages us to mull over God's word, in our own personal time, and in the company of others, allowing God to speak to us.
Lectio 365 ends in this prayer: Father help me to live this day to the full, being true to you in every way. Jesus, help me to give myself away to others, being kind to all I meet. Spirit, help me to love the lost, proclaiming Christ in all I do, and say.

Our pioneers reach out to those around them, building relationships and using ever more creative ways, to point people to God. Cocktail bars, art work, pizza evenings, outdoor activities, pilgrim walkways… the list is gloriously endless! The Lectio prayer reminds us that everyone is a channel for God's grace, a signpost to God. By encouraging others to grow in spiritual awareness, we can all be pioneers in our own situation.

Bishop Rob

FIRE OF LOVE

Here's to love, the only fire for which there is no insurance.



THE BELFRY BULLETIN

IT'S been a busy time in the ringing chamber. Although we were 1 ringer short on Sunday December 19 2021, a quarter peal of 1260 changes of St Nicholas Doubles was rung on the back five bells in 42 minutes. It was rung prior to the Candlelight Carol Service and dedicated to all children. The ringers were Josh D P Jones, Nicki J Lang, Nicholas C Field, Patrick C Bridges and Robert Perry, the conductor. More general ringing took place on Christmas Day.

On New Year's Eve, augmented by ringing friends from other towers, we met to ring out the old and ring in the New Year as well as sampling a glass of champagne.

"Ring out the old, ring in the new, Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go; Ring out the false, ring in the true."
Alfred Lord Tennyson - In Memoriam

No snow, but very happy bells!

On January 6 2022, a quarter peal consisting of 1320 changes was rung in 46 minutes to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany and welcome the Revd Guy Martin-Scott and his family to the Benefice. This time the chosen method was Dunkerton Surprise Minor when the usual suspects were ringing. They were Patrick C Bridges, Sarah J Quintin, Nicki J Lang, Nicholas C Field, Josh D P Jones and Robert Perry. Again Robert conducted the method which was a trial run for a successful peal of 5040 changes of Dunkerton, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge which was rung at All Saints' Church, Dunkerton, on Saturday January 8 in 2 hours 26 minutes.

The peal was to give thanks and celebrate the life of Barry R P Quintin (10.01.50 - 21.09.21) who was the father of Sarah and Tower Captain at Dunkerton. All the ringers, apart from Patrick, were members of a band who rang with Barry in his only peal at Swainswick on March 13 2016. It also happens to be Patrick's first peal since November 18 1955 - 66 years - and believed to be the longest gap between successive peals. Is this a record?

On Monday January 17 2022, for the Induction and Installation of our new Rector, a successful quarter of St Clements College Bob Minor was rung by Josh D P Jones, Patrick C Bridges, Nicki J Lang, Nicholas C Field, Sarah J Quintin and Robert Perry; Rob was the conductor again! Rung in 40 minutes it ended shortly before the Service of Celebration began. Phew!

With the assistance of Geoff Allen, Tim Marshall and Paul Wedlake, our small loyal band of ringers continue to ring for Sunday morning services. We very much miss our long serving member, Rose Smith, who is unable to ring due to health reasons. We look forward to her speedy recovery and a quick return to the ringing chamber. ***Patrick Bridges. Tower Captain***

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 COURAGE

Both schools have been really busy, dealing primarily with Covid related issues, however they were delighted to be involved in the service on the 17th when Revd. Guy was licensed as our Rector, a chance they don't get too often!
They felt honoured to be asked by Revd. Guy to lead the prayers which reflect their thoughts & hopes for the future…..

Farmborough School…

Dear Lord,
Please bless Rev. Guy in his new beginning, give him all of your love and lead him to success.
Help him to be brave and have courage in himself, so that he can share that courage and make other people brave.
Help him to find strength to persevere when things get tough
And to be a friend to everyone, no matter what happens.
Amen



(By Millie O, Lily H, Millie P, Poppy, Charlie and Sofia M)

Dear God,
Please know that Rev. Guy will love our school.
We all give each other compassion and everyone is really kind and nice.
Bless him with thankfulness, courage and generosity.
Help him be the best he can be and help him understand how thankful everyone is for him in Farmborough Church Primary.
Amen.



(By Freya and Oscar)

Marksbury School…

Visions
Visiting our community, our schools, our lives,
Inspire us with your kindness, a thing we,
Shall treasure, following your lead,
In darkness and light, pushing,
On forth, for a light,
New Year, love and bless us all



Amen

(By Anna)

Our Future Together
Fun for everyone and
Understand when someone may feel
Troubled or sad,
Using kindness in every word and action,
Respecting everyone and everything,
Enjoying the moments together.



Amen

(By Lily)

Finally, as Julie Player Marksbury Head explained, children were asked to draw a picture of what they wanted the new Rector to be like when inputting to the Parish profile & shared this with us at the service….





Likeness?? 10/10??

Carol Service at All Saints

A **huge thanks** to everyone who organised the carol service on Sunday 19th December at All Saints, especially Catherine, Chris and Tom.
The choir were delightful, the candles were lit and the church was well attended. A particular thanks to Tom, for welcoming everyone to the service, with a special mention to all the children present, reflecting one of the Church of England's strategic priorities - to be younger and more diverse. NJS

They're Coming Back !

An Evening of Music with Malmesbury Community Choir

In 2019 they came and gave an excellent evening of choral music, and we are delighted to say they are coming again on
Saturday 26th March to **Farmborough Church.**

To enable young and old alike to enjoy this concert the start will be
at 6.00pm - tickets at £10.00
will include light refreshments following the concert.

Led by local boy Laurie Jones, MCC and Laurie will present a programme of Anthems by modern composers, Pop, Songs from the Shows, Folk, and even a sing along!
You are assured of a lively and uplifting evening of musical entertainment.
MCC will also be welcoming Toby Brewer as their guest soloist of the evening, a professional singer from Bristol.

Don't miss it!!

Monies raised from the evening will go towards the upkeep and work of the church.
Tickets from Jan Jones 01761 750840
jeannette.georgina@gmail.com

MALMESBURY COMMUNITY CHOIR

FORGIVENESS

A Sunday School teacher asked her children: "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 ventured: "Sin?"

New Boiler

As you may be aware the boiler in All Saints Church had been rather temperamental for some time. Over recent years, Churchwardens were never sure if the heating would have come on at the set time or not, leading to one memorable Christmas Day service during which the congregation could see their breath! Latterly the heating has been manually switched on which required someone to arrive at the church well in advance of a service or gathering to ensure warmth.

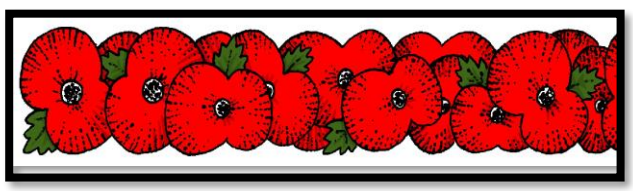
Quotes were obtained and work commenced on the 19th January to install a new, more efficient boiler and timer that complies with current regulations and, once we have Wi-Fi installed, can be adjusted remotely.

The replacement, cost approx. £6500, has initially been funded by using Church Reserves; however, we do need these to be rebuilt through fund raising to cover the cost of the replacement boiler. We are hopeful that we can get together again soon and have fun whilst raising money. We are delighted that Malmesbury Community Choir are kicking off our fund raising, see page 14 for details, we are also hoping to hold an in-person quiz in the Spring.

Donations are gratefully received, and these can be a one-off donation or a regular donation through standing order. Donations that are eligible for Gift Aid increase the value of the funds donated. If you would like to assist with fundraising for the new boiler, please contact Jeannette Jones on 01761 750840.

Do come in out of the cold and enjoy the warmth or welcome as well as the warmth from the new boiler! Lisa Hegan

Poppy Appeal 2021



Thank you to everyone who supported the annual Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. A **total of £1455.11 was raised**.

We were well supported by various local businesses, Farmborough and Marksbury Church Primary Schools, All Saints Church, Farmborough Parish Council and several house to house collectors.
Thankyou especially to Lucy Underwood and Ann Havell who kindly helped organise the appeal. NJS

Giving through our Churches to support others ……

Money matters– and this isn't Marksbury Church asking for money,



but just to let you know what we have managed to give away at the end of the year. Each year we allocate some gifts to charities, chosen to reflect the many areas of need in our own country or around the world, and despite our church finances being tight, we were glad to be able send out the following amounts:

£100: DHI Bath (Housing and rehabilitation, with help for former drug users)
£50: Dorothy House Hospice Care
£50: Mildmay Hospitals (AIDS charity)
£50: Mission to Seafarers (world mission)
£40: National Churches Trust (repair and maintenance grants)
£50: USPG (our chosen mission society)
£100 Water Aid
As well as **this total of £440** we were able to send £**60 to the British Legion** from the Remembrance Sunday service.
£102.10 to the Children's Society after the Carols and Christingle and £**87.65 to Julian House**, the homeless charity in Bath, which was the Christmas Day collection, so **a grand total of £689.75 has been sent.**
But none of this would have been possible without the donations we receive, either regularly or in the collection plate, so a very big thank you is due to everyone who has contributed through the year.
We have to raise a large amount of money for the general maintenance of the church and its obligations, so to have a bit extra to share is very pleasing!
Thank you.

Judith Haywood.

CAROLLING FOR GOOD CAUSES IN FARMBOROUGH



As Oswald goes back into hibernation, it's a good time to thank everyone who contributed to our carol singing and handbell ringing around the village. We raised **almost £500** which will be split between our two favoured childrens' charities.



Many thanks to all who sang, rang handbells, collected, pushed Oswald around and, of course, donated.
The quality of the handbell ringing was some of the best we have had for many years.

Also, our service of nine lessons and carols at All Saints' **raised £150**, which has been donated to the excellent work by Tearfund in Afghanistan. Please remember the people, and women in particular, of that troubled country in your prayers.

Chris Lovell

BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP (BRF)



Several of us subscribe to the daily bible reading notes (New Daylight) published by the BRF. These notes are written by several different authors from varying backgrounds. Each day there is a short bible passage followed by a concise reflection.
The compilers don't shrink from selecting more difficult parts of the bible, or more obscure bits that tend to be missed out in the Sunday readings. Inevitably, each of us may not agree with all the comments, but the reflections can form a useful basis for a daily quiet time of prayer. BRF produce other booklets, including Guidelines, a more in-depth analysis of bible passages. Three booklets are produced each year. Please let me know by the middle of February if you would like to join the list of subscribers, and if so, which title; we currently benefit from a group rate of £12 a year.

Chris Lovell (chrislovell805@gmail.com)

SAY IT WITH FLOWERS

A man stopped by his local florist shop to buy flowers for his new girlfriend on Valentine's Day.
He asked the proprietor, "You know the expression, 'Say it with flowers'?"

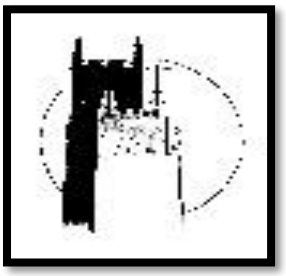
"I do indeed!" the florist enthused. "How about three dozen of my finest roses?"

The man hesitated. "No, make it just a half dozen roses. I'm a man of few words."

In the Marksbury Prayer Diary for February
as well as prayers for the whole village,
we focus this month on the area
from Whidcombe Farm and down the street
to the Green.



Getting closer!! ….. THREE TOWERS FESTIVAL 2022



All being well, we plan to hold the festival again this year, unless yet further covid mutations scupper our plans.

The programme will be announced in the next few weeks but meanwhile please make a **note** of **the weekend 29th April – 1st May in** your diaries.

Chris Lovell.

Editor: With Valentine's Day in mind...

THE RULES OF MARRIAGE

Here are the real-life answers from a group of children:

HOW DO YOU DECIDE WHO TO MARRY?

No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with. - Kirsten, age 10

WHAT IS THE RIGHT AGE TO GET MARRIED?

23 is the best age because you'll have known the person FOREVER by then. - Camille, age 10

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR MUM AND DAD HAVE IN COMMON?

Both don't want any more kids. - Lori, age 8

WHAT DO MOST PEOPLE DO ON A DATE?

Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough. - Lynnette, age 8

IS IT BETTER TO BE SINGLE OR MARRIED?

It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them. - Anita, age 9

HOW WOULD YOU MAKE A MARRIAGE WORK?

Tell your wife that she looks pretty, even if she looks like a lorry. - Ricky, age 10

Someone to think about in February.

On 17th the church celebrates the life of



Janani Luwum, c.1922-1977

Our notes often refer to people who were influential in the very early years of the church, but this month we focus on someone who is generally accepted to have been a victim of the President of Uganda, Idi Amin .

He was born in the Kitgum district of Uganda, and attended high school and teacher training college. He went on to be a primary school teacher. At the age of 26 he converted to Christianity, and in 1949 he went to Buwalasi Theological College. He was ordained deacon in 1954 and priest the following year. He became Bishop of Northern Uganda in 1969 and five years later, Archbishop of Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and Boga (in Zaire). He was a leading voice in criticising the Idi Amin regime which had assumed power in 1971, and wrote to Amin protesting against arbitrary killings and unexplained disappearances. Shortly afterwards, he and other leading churchmen were accused of treason. Luwum was arrested, and with two cabinet ministers was paraded before a rally, where other suspects read out confessions relating to the three men. Luwum was accused of planning to stage a coup. The next day, Radio Uganda announced that the Archbishop and the two ministers had been killed in a car accident when on the way to an interrogation centre. When Luwum's body was released to relatives, it was found to have been riddled with bullets, and his death, and that of his two companions, was later proved by the human rights commission to have been on the orders of Idi Amin. Archbishop Luwum is recognised as a martyr by the Anglican Communion, and his statue is among the Twentieth Century Martyrs on the front of Westminster Abbey. May he rest in peace.

Remember...

North East Somerset & Bath Methodist Circuit
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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

Activities in the Benefice..



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

Crafties 1st Wednesday each month 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Feb 2nd, March 2nd & April 6th.
Choir Jam each Tuesday 7.00pm – 9.30pm
Feb 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th.

While at Farmborough Memorial Hall besides 'fitness/sport related' or children/youth activities there is……..
Cameo 1st Tuesday each month 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Feb 1st with Paul Cook talking about farming ostriches.
March 1st with a talk & demonstration of Tai Chi by Gareth Thomas
Floral Art 2nd Monday of the month 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Feb 14th, March 14th & April 11th.
Goodwill Club 2nd & 4th Thursday each month 2.30pm – 4.00pm
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3rd Thursday each month, 10.15am to 12 noon
Feb 17th, March 17th & April 21st.
Whist every Wednesday 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Feb 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th.

Share&Repair Café 2nd Saturday each month 10am – 1pm
Feb 12th, March 12th & April 9th.

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

THOSE WHO WANT TO GET MARRIED

A minister was preparing to marry a local couple within a couple of weeks. At the close of the morning service, he saw them both in the congregation, and wanted to ask them to come forward, but he couldn't think of their names. So he said: "Will those wanting to get married please come to the front?"

Immediately, nine single ladies, six single men, three widows, and four widowers walked up the aisle.



"I'm updating the 'rota notice-board' rota, rota... do I see a hand...?'

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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 from the Diocese.

News in brief

21st century church



In 2018 an exciting new project was launched to help us reimagine what it means to be church in the twenty first century.
The Pioneer Project aimed to encourage a culture shift by appointing pioneer ministers to explore appropriate ways of sharing the good news of Jesus with different groups of people and in different places.

As a result of the project there are nine full time pioneers doing life alongside the inhabitants of nine different towns and villages across the diocese, outside existing church congregations and often on the margins of society. They include pioneers who are coming alongside families, and communities, pioneers focused on the arts and on young people.

Tina Hodgett, who led the Pioneer Project in Bath and Wells until late 2021, said, “The Christian Church in the west has been through centuries of stability. In the past most people accepted the Christian faith but society is changing rapidly and the people have flowed away from the church door. Jesus spoke our language and pioneered a whole new way of being in fellowship with God and today’s pioneers follow in His footsteps.”

The project is not just about appointing a few people to do things differently, but inspiring everyone to see how they can share the Gospel where they are and 25 people have completed the Certificate in Pioneer Mission, a year-long course to help them do just that.
Tina concludes, “We’ve made distinct progress in becoming more pioneering, innovative and imaginative since 2018. The culture shift has started!”

Read the report at bathandwells.org.uk/pioneering-report.

Interview

A pioneering journey



Trevor James who became a pioneer in Keynsham in November 2019
shares his thoughts.

What led you to become a pioneer?

The journey started before knowing pioneering was even a thing. I just felt called to stop doing the ministry that I was doing; it wasn't stop and leave, it was simply stop and so I knew something was coming.

How has your role developed over time?

It's been a journey. I came with lots of plans. Six months in and we had lock down which transformed everything. It got to a point where I thought I'd got this wrong; do I need to just hand my notice in? But God being God just transformed the journey and that's where the Sanctuary Garden came in.

What's the Sanctuary Garden?

It is a holistic space on the river where I do a regular prayer meet for people to come and be together at the beginning of the day in God's presence. I have also met pastorally in the garden with a bunch of folks, including young people. The things that we've done through the garden space have been so fruitful it has completely shocked me.

Who are you engaging with?

The people that I am meeting wouldn't go inside the church. It's not because there is anything wrong with it, it's just not how they live out their faith. That's especially true of the younger ones.

What have you learnt about pioneering?

The element of play. The more I start pushing into the adult and the strategic side I don't see fruit. When I let go and allow myself to be a child in God, to enter the playground of His Kingdom and play with Him in ministry, it is so freeing and fruitful.

Read more from Trevor at bathandwells.org.uk/keynsham-pioneer

PUZZLE SECTION!

Have a go!!

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