

## *The Three Parishes Benefice*



St Mary's Church,  
Saltford.  
All Saints Church,  
Corston.  
Holy Trinity Church,  
Newton St Loe.



**Sunday**  
**12th January**  
**Baptism of Christ**

**9.30am**  
**Connect**  
**(Informal Service)**  
**St Mary's Hall**  
**Saltford**

**11.15am**  
**Holy Communion**  
**Holy Trinity Church**  
**Newton St Loe**

**4pm**  
**Telephone Service**

**Collect**

**Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen**

**Readings**

**Isa 43:1-7**

**Luke 3:15-17,21-22**

**Tuesday**

**14th January**

**7.30pm**

**Prayer for Growth**

**St Mary's Church**

**Saltford**

**Wednesday**

**15th January**

**7.30pm**

**Compline**

**All Saints Church**

**Corston**

**Sunday**

**19th January**

**2nd Sunday of Epiphany**

**9.30am**

**Morning Worship**

**St Mary's Church**

**Saltford**

**11.15am**

**Communion**

**Plough Service**

**All Saints Church**

**Corston**

**4pm**  
**Telephone Service**

**6pm**  
**Evensong**  
**St Mary's Church**  
**Saltford**

**Collect**  
**Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your**  
**glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**Readings**  
**Isa 62:1-5**  
**John 11:17-27**

*Saltford, Corston & Newton St Loe invite you to their*



# PLOUGH SERVICE

ALL SAINTS CHURCH  
CORSTON  
19TH JANUARY  
AT  
11.15AM



**Tuesday  
21st January**

**7.30pm  
Prayer for Growth  
St Mary's Church  
Saltford**

**Wednesday**  
**22nd January**

**7.30pm**  
**Compline**  
**Holy Trinity Church**  
**Newton St Loe**

### **Bringing hope into the world**

“A leader” said Napoleon Bonaparte, “is a dealer in hope.” At the start of 2025, this is a tough challenge for leaders everywhere! Conflicts continue around the world. The climate emergency is ongoing. At the polls, voters in many countries express their dissatisfaction with the status quo. As we look around us, can hope mean anything more than mere wishful thinking? As we look on all the challenges that exist, have we anything more to say than “I hope that that somehow, somewhere, something will turn up”.

More than ever, the Christian understanding of hope is what we need. Christian hope is broader, deeper, stronger altogether than any ‘wishful thinking’. In scripture, hope is not just a vague desire that something good in the future will somehow happen. Rather, the Biblical understanding of hope is of a confident expectation and desire that good in the future will come. It’s an assurance based in our pre-existing experience of God’s goodness, God’s love, the faithfulness that he has already shown towards us.

Scripture also contains the idea that while hope is something which comes primarily from God, it is also something in which human beings have a part to play, a contribution to make. The letter to the Hebrews says this: “God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, so that what you hope for may be fully realized.” (Hebrews 6:10-11)

God graciously calls us to join in bringing hope into the world. Our work, our love, our diligence matter. The contribution we make is important in bringing into being the future that God wants for us. At the start of this new year, we are called to take the lead: to be signs, symbols, dealers in the hope for which our world longs today.

**Bishop Michael Beasley**  
Bishop of Bath and Wells

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**Pause for Thought**

What happens when we break a taboo?

Jesus did this frequently!

John records six such occasions in Chapter 4 alone:

- Jesus chose to travel through Samaria. Most Jews would have gone round it.
- He sent his disciples to buy food from Samaritans.
- He approached and spoke to an unaccompanied woman.
- That woman was a Samaritan.
- It seems likely that she was a woman of questionable character.
- He asked her for a drink, which would mean he would have had to drink from her cup.

They entered into a meaningful and personal conversation.

She recognised that Jesus was the Messiah.

She went home saying, "Come and see...."

Tradition has it that she continued to spread the good news about Jesus until she was martyred many years later.

It would seem that sometimes good things can happen when we break taboos!

Ken Plant

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### **Wednesday Mornings Telephone Service**

**Ken & Teresa invite you to join them at the weekly Telephone Service on Wednesdays at 9.30am.**

**Please see below on how to join in or contact the Parish Office for help.**

**All welcome**

### ***Benefice Telephone Service***

***To join our telephone service***

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***Dial: 03330164757***

***Room Number: 30497259#***

***Room Number: 5856#***

### **Opportunities to Pray**

**Morning Prayer**

**Monday to Wednesday via Zoom at 8.30am**

**Prayer @ 6**

**Monday to Thursday via Zoom at 6pm**

**Zoom Meeting Details for Morning Prayer and Prayer@6**

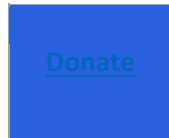
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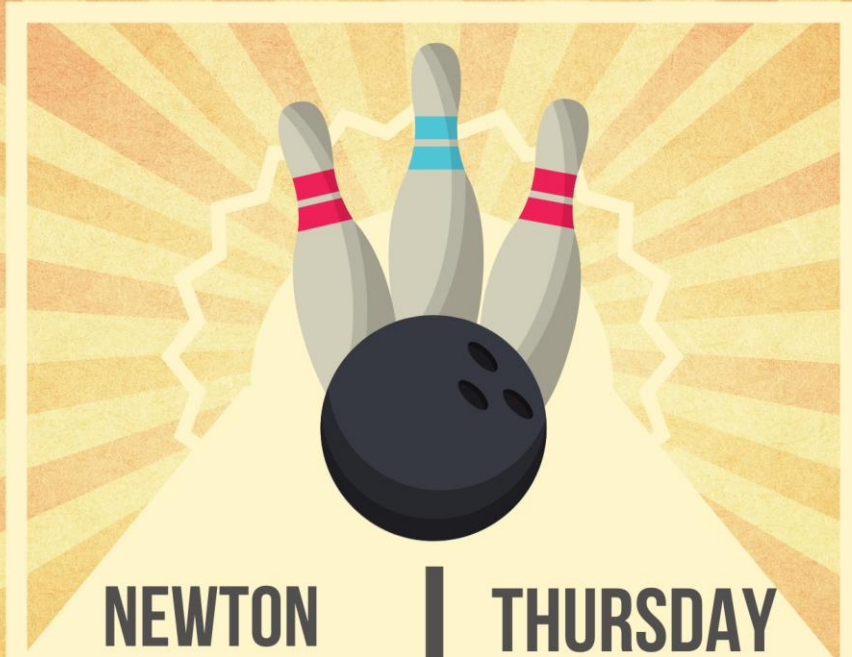
### **Supporting the Mission and Ministry of St Mary's Church**

If you would like to make an online donation to support the ongoing work of St Mary's please click on the donate button . It will redirect you to our online giving page. You can also give in other ways like standing order, through the contactless device in church, through our website or by cash. For more information about how to give, please speak to Pam F our treasurer and she will be able to help you.



**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWTON ST LOE  
IS HOSTING**

**A BENEFICE FUN  
SKITTLES EVENING**



**NEWTON  
VILLAGE HALL**

**THURSDAY  
30TH JANUARY 2025**

**£2 PER HEAD**

**ALL WELCOME**

**FOR FULL DETAILS SEE LEAFLET IN CHURCH**



# MEET THE

*Rector*



**ST MARY'S**  
Saltford

On the second  
Tuesday of every  
month I'm in St  
Mary's hall from  
0930 - 1130



**ALL SAINTS**  
Corston

On the first and  
third Wednesdays  
of every month I'm  
at All Saints coffee  
morning from 1030  
- 1200



**HOLY TRINITY**  
Newton St Loe

On the fourth  
Tuesday of every  
month I'm at  
Newton Farm café  
from 0930 - 1200

**JOIN ME FOR A DRINK AND A CHAT  
AT ANY OF THESE PLACES**



# Corston Coffee Shop

The dates are Wednesday

1st January	15th January
5th February	19th February
5th March	19h March
2nd April	16th April
7th May	21st May
4th June	18th June

Our Coffee Shop in Corston is run & staffed by village volunteers, who make & serve cakes, coffee, tea & hot chocolate. Its a place to meet friends & neighbours on a regular basis.

Held at Corston Church  
the first & third  
Wednesday of each  
month from 10.30 to  
noon.

All Welcome.





## Corston Soup & Pudding Lunch

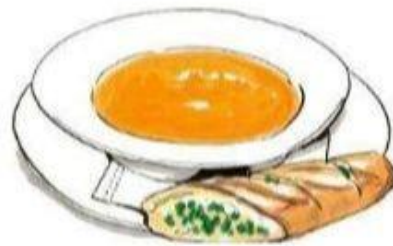
### The dates are Wednesday

8th January    12th February  
12th March    9th April  
14th May    11th June

Our Soup & Pudding Lunch is run & staffed by village volunteers, who make & serve the soups & puddings. Its a place to go for lunch with friends & neighbours.

Held at Corston Village  
Hall on the second  
Wednesday each month  
from 12.30pm to 1.30pm.

**ALL WELCOME**



# REGULAR ACTIVITIES IN ST MARY'S HALL

MONDAY

10.30am Vast UK - weekly  
2pm Mobiflex - weekly

TUESDAY

10am Coffee Morning - monthly (2nd Tues)  
6.30pm Somatic Movement - weekly

WEDNESDAY

10.30am Vast UK - weekly  
6pm Vitality Pilates - weekly  
7.30pm Elite Ladies Kickboxing - weekly

THURSDAY

9.30am Toddler Group - weekly  
8pm Bath Circle of Magicians - fortnightly

FRIDAY

10am Foodbank - weekly

SATURDAY

10am Perform - weekly  
10am Farandole Dancers - monthly (3rd Sat)

SUNDAY

8.45am Parish Breakfast - monthly  
10.15am Refreshments after Church - weekly

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**Movement are returning to St. John's Church hall on  
Sunday 12th January at 6.30pm!**

Movement worship nights are specifically designed for youth and young adults. gathering

together to meet with God in a dynamic environment with contemporary worship and life applicable teaching that is practical, relevant and useful.

On the **12th January, 2025 starting at 6:30pm**, we're going to be spending time worshipping Jesus together, hearing a short message and expectantly waiting upon the Holy Spirit! So please invite your friends, as this is a night you won't want to miss!

**Who can come?** This worship gathering is aimed at youth & young adults.

**Arriving at St John's:** Please **arrive from 6pm onwards**. Please go to the **church hall**, this is located next to the St John's church.

**Parking:** There is no parking at St John's itself, however, there is a public car park nearby or on street parking in the local area.

- Sunday 12 January 2025
- 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
- St John's Church, High Street, Keynsham, England, BS31 1DS United Kingdom ([map](#))

For further information please contact Pip Lovell (Keynsham Parish Youth Worker) at [piplovell@keynshamparish.org.uk](mailto:piplovell@keynshamparish.org.uk)

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### Safeguarding

If you have cause for concern regarding the safety of a child or vulnerable adult it is vital that you contact our Benefice Safeguarding Officer.

#### Benefice Safeguarding Officer

Sue Dixon  
01225 359014  
[smdstm31@gmail.com](mailto:smdstm31@gmail.com)

#### Contact Us

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