

The Three Parishes Benefice



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



Sunday 22nd March

Lent 5

9.30am Holy Communion

St Mary's Church, Salford

4pm Church @ 4

St Mary's Hall, Salford

4pm Benefice Telephone Service

Collect

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

Ezek 37:1-14

John 11:1-45

Church@4
Family Service every
2nd & 4th Sunday
at St Mary's Salford

Lego
Music
Craft
Food

All Welcome

The poster features a yellow background with a pattern of small grey dots. It includes illustrations of colorful Lego bricks, a guitar, a bowl of fruit, and a container with craft supplies like scissors, pencils, and yarn. The text is arranged in a central column, with the activities listed on either side.

Afternoon Lent Course in St Mary's Hall

The last session of the Lent course will be on Tuesday 24th March (1-2pm)
in St Mary's Hall, Saltford.

This is in addition to the Keynsham evening Lent talks.

All welcome.

Tuesday 24th March

6.15pm Prayers for Growth

St Mary's Church, Saltford

Wednesday 25th March

9.30am Telephone Service

7.30pm Compline

All Saints Church, Corston

Pause for Thought

When did any of us last read the little Old Testament book by Habakkuk?

He might well have written it this week.....or *any* week in the twenty-first century.

It begins with a string of Habakkuk's questions and "complaints" to God. These reveal his inability to make any sense of what he sees in the disordered world around him.

He says that as it's God's world, how can things be as they are?

His trust in God leads him to stop, watch and wait. God always speaks through silence.

He continues in chapter 2 to list the five woes of our present times. Each woe giving us pause for thought to relate Habakkuk's words to **our** world and our situation and experience.

Each also ends with the assurance that comes from trust in God's justice; in hope, in seeing change.

The final chapter is really a psalm in prose. It reveals the fact that Habakkuk's trust in God develops from reflecting on what God has done in the past. He asks God to do what God has always done anyway, (but still finds glory in ideas of violence and retribution!)

It is the last few verses that show *how much* he has learnt to trust in God alone.....and which give us real pause for thought.

Habakkuk is a good read in Lent (and out of Lent). There is so much to relate to andso many ideas to be challenged byand so much to be encouraged by.

Ken Plant

Sunday 29th March

Palm Sunday

10.30am Benefice Holy Communion

All Saints Church, Corston

4pm Telephone Service

Collect

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. Amen

Readings

Isa 50:4-9a

Matt 26:14-27.end

All Saints Church, Corston

PALM SUNDAY



Sunday 29th MARCH
at 10.30am

Benefice Holy Communion

SKITTLES

A FUN FAMILY EVENING IN
NEWTON VILLAGE HALL



FRIDAY 27TH MARCH 2026

7PM

COST £3 PER HEAD
UNDER 16'S FREE

See leaflets in church or contact
scnbenefice@gmail.com for more details

Monday 30th March

7.30pm Evening Prayer

St Mary's Church, Salford

Tuesday 31st March

7.30pm Evening Prayer
All Saints Church, Corston

Wednesday 1st April

9.30am Telephone Service

7.30pm Evening Prayer
Holy Trinity Church, Newton St Loe

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#*

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### **Opportunities to Pray**

**Morning Prayer**

Monday, Wednesday & Friday via Zoom at 8.30am

## Prayer @ 6

Monday to Thursday via Zoom at 6pm

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85017998147pwd=L0FWMnZENHlvZ3VxS3FOeWpaNXJWZz09>

Meeting ID: 850 1799 8147

Passcode: Prayer

# St Mary's Village Fete

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June – 2pm till 5pm

St.Mary's Church, Queen Square, BS31 3EL



Mystery trail

Live music

Games

Crafts -  
Make & Do

Family fun

'Horrible History'  
of St.Mary's

Refreshments

Craft  
demonstrations

Part of Saltford Festival



## Can you help?

Contact: Christopher Pilkington

[cmpilkington@btinternet.com](mailto:cmpilkington@btinternet.com)

## Salford Community Poppy Project

Our aim is to draw the community together, to create a poppy display in our village, following the route of the Remembrance Day parade.

If we produce enough poppies, we will make displays at St Mary's Church, the War Memorial, Salford Hall and anywhere in between

Many groups in Salford have agreed to get involved, including St Mary's Church, Salford School, Salford Guides & Scouts and many more.

There is a box in Salford Hall porch with limited craft supplies. This box will also act as a collection point for finished poppies.



For further details, please contact Judy [judysolva@gmail.com](mailto:judysolva@gmail.com) or 07970864031

### Salford Community Poppy Project

**Thank you so much for all the lovely poppies that are coming in.**

**So far we have over 300, a brilliant start!**

**We have arranged a meeting to see how things are progressing and address any issues.**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026 at 7:30 pm**

**in The Newton Room**

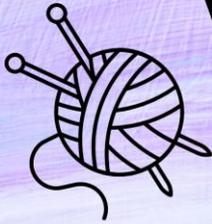
**St Mary's Hall**

**We do hope to see you there.**

**In the meantime, if you have any questions about the project, please contact Judy or the Parish Office.**

**Thank you.**

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# Wonderfully Made CRAFT CLUB

IF YOU LOVE CRAFTING, JOIN US ON THURSDAYS  
1 - 2.30PM  
IN ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL  
QUEEN SQUARE, SALTFORD, BRISTOL, BS31 3EL  
ANYONE OF ANY SKILL LEVEL IS MORE THAN  
WELCOME, JUST BRING ALONG YOUR CHOSEN  
CRAFT AND ENJOY



## Corston Soup & Pudding Lunch

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



***Our Soup & Pudding Lunch is run & staffed by villagers  
who make & serve soup, bread & puddings. Come and  
meet friends & neighbours on a regular basis  
on the following dates:***

***8th April 2026  
13th May 2026  
10th June 2026***

***All welcome***



**LITTLE  
BLESSINGS**  
UNDER 1'S  
*Group*

Tuesday 10.30-12pm



**ST MARY'S  
TODDLER**  
0-4 YEARS

*Group*

Thursday 9.30-11.30am



Join us term-time in St Mary's Hall Saltford

# Corston Coffee Shop

*Held at Corston Church on the first & third Wednesday  
of each month 10.30am to noon*

*All welcome*



Our Coffee Shop is run & staffed by villagers who make & serve tea, coffee, hot chocolate & delicious homemade cakes. It's a place to meet friends & neighbours on a regular basis.

Why not come along & join us on

1st & 15th April 2026

6th & 20th May 2026

3th & 17th June 2026

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# REGULAR ACTIVITIES IN ST MARY'S HALL

MONDAY

10.30am Vast UK - weekly  
2pm Mobiflex - weekly

TUESDAY

12.30am Little Blessings - weekly  
4pm Wecil - weekly  
6.30pm Somatic Movement - weekly

WEDNESDAY

10.30am Vast UK - weekly  
4.30pm Wecil - weekly

THURSDAY

9.30am St Mary's Toddler Group - weekly  
1pm Wonderfully Made - weekly  
8pm Bath Circle of Magicians - fortnightly

FRIDAY

10am Foodbank - weekly

SATURDAY

9am Perform - weekly  
10am Farandole Dancers - monthly (3rd Sat)

SUNDAY

8.45am Parish Breakfast - monthly (2nd Sun)  
10.15am Refreshments after Church - weekly

**If you would like any information about hiring St Mary's Hall,  
please contact The Parish Office. Thank you**

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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.

[Donate](#)

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## **Lent Talks**

The final Lent Talk will take place at Keynsham Baptist Church at 7.30pm (refreshments from 7pm)

**24 Mar: Caroline Sadd (St Dunstan's):  
“Love your Neighbour and Easter”**

As in previous years the Church will be laid out in cafe style.

All are welcome.

# EASTER SERVICES

**PALM SUNDAY - 29TH MARCH**  
10.30AM BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION  
ALL SAINTS CHURCH CORSTON

**MONDAY 30TH MARCH**  
7.30PM EVENING PRAYER  
ST MARY'S CHURCH SALT FORD

**TUESDAY 31ST MARCH**  
7.30PM EVENING PRAYER  
ALL SAINTS CHURCH CORSTON

**WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL**  
7.30PM EVENING PRAYER  
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWTON ST LOE

**MAUNDY THURSDAY - 2ND APRIL**  
7PM COMMUNION LAST SUPPER  
ST MARY'S CHURCH SALT FORD

**GOOD FRIDAY - 3RD APRIL**  
10AM AN HOUR AT THE CROSS  
ST MARY'S CHURCH SALT FORD

2PM AN HOUR AT THE CROSS  
ALL SAINTS CHURCH CORSTON

2PM AN HOUR AT THE CROSS  
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWTON ST LOE

**EASTER SUNDAY - 5TH APRIL**  
6AM SUNRISE SERVICE  
THE SHALLOWS SALT FORD

10.30AM BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION  
ST MARY'S CHURCH SALT FORD

For more information about any of our services visit  
The Parish Office or email: [scnbenefice@gmail.co.uk](mailto:scnbenefice@gmail.co.uk)  
01225 872275

## 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.

**Safeguarding Officer**

Jane George

01225 872275

safeguarding@stmsaltford.onmicrosoft.com

**Contact Us**

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(Day off Friday)

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**Administrator**

Liz Benden

(Day off Friday)

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Tues - Thurs 9am-12pm

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01225 359014

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