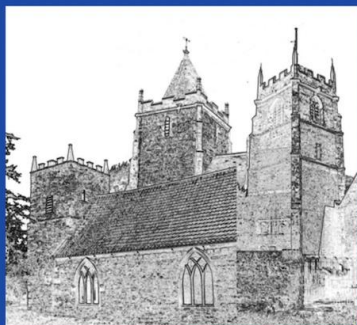


The Three Parishes Benefice



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



Sunday
26th January
Third Sunday of Epiphany

9.30am
Holy Communion
St Mary's Church
Saltford

11.15am
Morning Worship
Holy Trinity Church
Newton St Loe

4pm
Telephone Service

Collect
God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people
free to praise you in Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

Neh 8:1-3,5-6,8-10

Luke 4:14-21

Tuesday

28th January

7.30pm

Prayer for Growth

St Mary's Church

Saltford

Wednesday

29th January

7.30pm

Compline

St Mary's Church

Saltford



Sunday

2nd February

Candlemas

9.30am

Morning Worship

St Mary's Church Hall

Saltford

4pm

Telephone Service

6pm

Candlemas Service

All Saints Church

Corston

Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. Amen

Readings

Mal 3:1-5

Luke 2:22-40

Saltford, Corston & Newton St Loe invite you to their

CANDLEMAS SERVICE

ALL SAINTS CHURCH
CORSTON
2ND FEBRUARY
6PM



**Tuesday
4th February**

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

**Wednesday
5th February**

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

Dean's letter

Someone once asked the great Anglican monastic theologian Herbert Kelly this question: 'How do we know what the will of God is?' to which he famously answered, 'We don't. That's the joke.'

Kelly is right: we can't know precisely what God's will is in a certain situation. But we can open up opportunities for God to 'come through' our actions, and building community is a key way of doing this. In any situation we can try and tune our lives a bit more to God. And across our diocese our commitment to our communities is key to this.

So, when we meet people, a simple smile shows the person before us we see them as a friend. This is not to suggest ignorance or naivety. We are not unaware of the limitations and imperfections of a person, but we are prepared to focus more deeply, to the depths of the heart in each person. To seek out the goodness that only love and trust can bring to birth.

As a Cistercian writer recently put it: 'Let us welcome each person as Christ, because in all truth it is Christ whom we welcome. 'You did this to me' (Matthew 25). Let us look for the beloved face of Christ in each person, for each is his true face.'

But why start our focus on community, with those around us, and not God? Good question. Perhaps it is best explained by a lovely saying from the Desert Father, John the Dwarf: 'You don't build a house by starting with the roof and working down. You start with the foundation.'

They said, 'What does that mean?'

He said, 'The foundation is our neighbour whom we must win. The neighbour is where we start. Every commandment of Christ depends on this.'

**Toby Wright
Dean of Wells**

Pause for Thought

A recent survey showed that almost a quarter of 18-34 year-olds never answer their phones. Their reasons include not knowing what to say and not being able to see how the other person is responding to the conversation.

Might some people find difficulty with prayer for the same reasons?

If so, there is good news for them.

I heard it repeated by a very wise woman in our congregation just a few days ago when she said that..

God hears the longings of our hearts. God knows and understands.

This means that a whole conversation with God can take place without words, and God never misunderstands what we are saying.

Thanks be to God!

Ken Plant



Parish Breakfast

Our next Parish Breakfast will be on Sunday 9th February, when donations will be taken for the work of Children's Ministry at St Mary's. Please do come along to enjoy fellowship and a continental breakfast. I look forward to seeing you!

The last breakfast of 2024 raised £89 for the Children's Society.

Thank-you.

Julia Norris



**SCA and Age UK B&NES
present
"An Introduction to Befriending"**



Come and find out
more about this
activity
- what is involved and
how befriending can help
our Salford community
and/or your relatives.

**Wednesday January 29th,
2-3pm in the Avon Room, Salford Hall**

Refreshments provided

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**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85017998147pwd=LOFWMnZENHlvZ3VxS3FOeWpaNXJWZz09>**

**Meeting ID: 850 1799 8147      Passcode: Prayer**

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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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**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**





# PARISH BREAKFAST

St Mary's Church 

Serving Jesus in our community with faith, hope and love


**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

**From 8.45am in St Mary's Church Hall**

**Please give generously to the work of our Children's  
Ministry**

Continental Breakfast and tea/fresh coffee

Contact Julia Norris for more information  
(07977 956 969)



# 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    | 19th 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

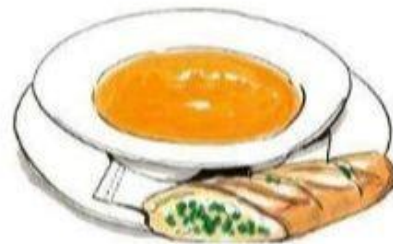
### The dates are Wednesday

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 St Mary's Toddler Group - weekly

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



# We Are Recruiting

## Shop Manager in Keynsham

37.5 hours  
per week



### Become a Shop Manager

This is an exciting time to join our team and work in our network of 120 shops as we continue to expand our shops.

Each year, over four million people buy an item from us, so our shops play a pivotal role in raising funds to make a difference to the lives of those who find it difficult to communicate and connect with the world.



#### What you receive in return:

- £23,244 per annum
- Free access to over 100 online and face to face training
- Ongoing development opportunities
- Employee Discount Scheme

For more information & to apply please visit <https://jobs.sense.org.uk/find-a-job/> or scan the QR code & search vacancy reference **265912**



### 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

#### Contact Us

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