

The Three Parishes Benefice



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

Formal Notice is given of the following

Notice of Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2025

Notice of a Meeting for the Election of Church Wardens

	APCM
Corston	Sunday 4 th May 2025 before the 11.15am Morning Worship
NSL	Sunday 11 th May 2025 following the 11.15am Holy Communion
Saltford	Sunday 18 th May 2025 following the 9.30am Holy Communion

An official notice of meetings and revision of ER will be displayed on the
Church notice boards.

If you would like further information regarding any of the above meetings,
please email the Parish Office.

scnbenefice@gmail.com

01225 872275

St Mary's Church Saltford have a vacancy for a Church Warden.

If this is a role you may be interested in, please speak to Nigel or contact the Parish Office for an informal chat.

Thank you

2ND SUNDAY

OF EASTER

Sunday
27th April
Easter 2

9.30am
Holy Communion
St Mary's Church
Saltford

11.15am
Morning Worship
(with Baptism)
Holy Trinity Church
Newton St Loe

4pm
Telephone Service

Collect

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. Amen

Readings

Acts 5:27-32

John 20:19-end

Tuesday

29th April

7.30pm

Prayer for Growth

St Mary's Church

Saltford

Wednesday

30th April

7.30pm

Compline

Holy Trinity Church

Newton St Loe

Bishop's letter – It's sowing time!

It's sowing time! My greenhouse is currently full of seedlings pushing their way towards the light. Soon all this new life will be big enough to be planted out into the garden. Peas and courgettes, dahlias and zinnias; all ready to grow, blossom and be fruitful.

It's not only seedlings that grow. Churches do too! Just like all that's happening in my greenhouse, this doesn't happen by accident. Evidence shows that churches are most likely to grow when they plan and prepare for this to happen. Church growth is intentional.

This article of Manna contains stories about how churches in our Diocese have planned for growth and of the fruit they're seeing as a result. There's no 'one size fits all' for how this has happened. Just as in our gardens, what grows in one place won't necessarily thrive in another.

Important as planning and preparing may be, these things aren't the vital ingredient for growth. Growth comes when God is alive and at work within us and our churches. In his first letter to church he's helped establish in Corinth, St Paul also uses a gardening metaphor to describe the growth he's seeing. Paul says 'I planted, Apollos [Paul's co-worker] watered, but God gave the growth.' (1 Cor 3:6).

Without God's input, any plans we have to grow our churches will be little more than strategy, our efforts like those of ants running frantically to and fro. This is why our prayer for growth is essential. Prayer invites God to give us wisdom about what to do. It opens our treasure stores to resource the plans we want to put in place. It asks God to go before us to touch the hearts and minds of those we'd like to reach. It invites God to bless and prosper the work we do.

So be inspired! The accounts contained in this edition of Manna show what can happen when we ask God to grow our churches, offering God our prayer, our faith, our effort and our trust.

Let the sowing time begin!

Pause for Thought

Rejoice! We have celebrated Easter and declared again,
"Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!"

We've journeyed through, and observed Lent, in various ways.

We've heard and maybe sung the familiar seasonal hymns, including those referring to Good Friday, describing and attempting to explain in various ways, the events of the cross. On Easter Day the hymns have no explanations, but simply declare the glorious reality,
"Christ is risen, Alleluia!"

So now, after the busyness of Easter....what next?

We will have heard what Easter has done *for* us, but might we ask what it has done *to* us? Isaac Watts, in what is arguably the best of Easter hymns, concludes with,
"Love so amazing, so divine, demands my life, my soul, my all."

What would it be like in practical terms to hand over all that we are (our whole being) to God, out of gratitude for his love to us?
Could we do it 'all in one go', as it were?
Could we intend to, all in one go?

Jesus repeatedly said,

"Follow me," (....do what I do, think as I think.)

And He left us just one piece of guidance (His only commandment),

"Love one another as I have loved you".

And also, He left us One to guide and enable us from within.

He (the Good Shepherd) laid down His whole being for His sheep. He didn't so much die for His sheep, but ***lived*** for them. His whole being was/is dedicated to the care of His sheep.

Ken Plant



**THE
THIRD
SUNDAY
OF
EASTER**

**Sunday
4th May
Easter 3**

**9.30am
Morning Worship**

**St Mary's Church
Saltford**

**10am
Corston APCM
followed by
11.15am
Holy Communion
All Saints Church
Corston**

**4pm
Telephone Service**

Collect

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

**Readings
Acts 9:1-6,7-20
John 21:1-19**

**Tuesday
6th May**

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

**Wednesday
7th May**

**7.30pm
Compline**

**St Mary's Church
Saltford**

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=L0FWMnZENHIvZ3VxS3FOeWpaNXJWZz09>

Meeting ID: 850 1799 8147 Passcode: Prayer

COFFEE MORNING

**IN AID OF ST MARY'S CHURCH
REDECORATION**

WEDNESDAY 30TH APRIL

406 Bath Rd (opposite Norman Rd)

10.00 AM - 12.00

**£1.50 TO COME IN. TEA & COFFEE INCLUDED
CAKES FOR SALE.**

If you can bring your own mug that would be great
No problem if you forget!



DONATIONS OF CAKES GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.



MA Music Recital
Summer 2025
Tues May 6th 2025 1 PM
Newton St Loe Church



Free
No Booking
Required
www.BathSpaLive.com



PARISH BREAKFAST



Sunday 11th May

From 8.45am in St Mary's Church Hall

Please give generously to support the work of Christian Aid

Continental breakfast to include tea/fresh coffee

Contact Julia Norris for more information

(07977 956 969)

Carers' Café

at Kingfisher Lodge Care
Centre

Dementia Action special
Tuesday 13th May

2-00-4.00pm

We know the importance of supporting our local community specifically for those living with dementia or caring for a loved one.

Come along and have a chat to our regional Dementia specialist Nurse Isabel and Mike Knight from Keynsham and Saltford Dementia Action Alliance.



Kingfisher Lodge Care Centre

Chestnut Walk, Saltford, Bristol, BS31 3BG

Tel: 01225 871030 • www.barchester.com

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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

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](#)

FROM THURSDAY 9TH
JANUARY!

St. Marys
Saltford



ST MARY'S TODDLERS

THURSDAYS
9:30AM- 11:30AM
(TERM TIME)

ST MARYS
CHURCH HALL,
SALT FORD

For babies and
children aged 0-4



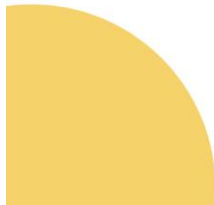
INFORMATION



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St Marys Church hall , Queens
Square, Saltford, BS31 3EL



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



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

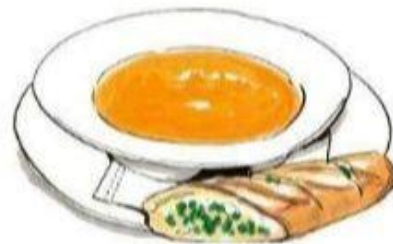
The dates are Wednesday

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



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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