

The Three Parishes Benefice



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



Sunday

8th February

2nd Sunday before Lent

8.45am Parish Breakfast

St Mary's Hall, Saltford

9.30am Connect

St Mary's Hall, Saltford

11.15am Holy Communion

Holy Trinity Church, Newton St Loe

4pm Church@4
St Mary's Hall, Saltford

4pm Telephone Service

Collect

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

Gen 1:1-2:3

Matt 6:25-end

**PARISH
BREAKFAST**

Donations for Saltford Scouts and Guides

Sunday 8th February 2026
From 8.45am in St Mary's Church Hall

**Come along to enjoy fellowship and support our local Scouts and
Guides**

Continental Breakfast to include Fresh Coffee

**Contact Julia Norris for more information
(07977 956 969)**

Church@4

Family Service every
2nd & 4th Sunday
at St Mary's Saltford



Lego
Music
Craft
Food



All Welcome

Generations growing in faith together

Our extended family recently got together for a celebration. We were nine adults from 24-68, one toddler, and one dog, and it was glorious! The joy was simply in being together, whatever our age.

I sometimes wonder what would happen in the life of our churches if we could

adopt the same outlook there? Each generation glad that the other is there. Each generation contributing something to the whole. Each generation looking to the interests of the others, making sure there was something that spoke to the others even if not to them.

The writer of the Chronicles records something you could miss if you weren't looking for it. In 2 Chronicles 20, when Judah was facing attack from Ammon and Moab, King Jehoshaphat proclaimed a fast and summoned the people. This is what it says in verse 13:

“All Judah stood before the Lord, with their little ones, their wives, and their children.”

At a time of great peril, when the king was seeking the LORD, all generations came together to pray.

We often think of intergenerational meaning us older ones passing on wisdom to the younger ones, and that's certainly part of it. But a truly intergenerational family, which the church is, means all generations welcoming one another, valuing one another, learning from one another, and praying with and for one another. It's not a one-way thing.

Our younger generations are ambassadors from the future, with wisdom to give us about their culture, and how to share the timeless truths of the gospel with their peers. They are leaders and learners, just as we all are.

What might it look like across our diocese if we committed to making room for other generations? What might it look like if, like the people of God in ancient times, we came together in our year of especial focus on prayer - adults, young people, and little ones - and sought the power and wisdom of God together? I have a feeling we'd be surprised!

By Fiona Gibson, who will become the Bishop of Taunton on 8 February 2026

Tuesday 10th February

7.30pm Prayer for Growth
St Mary's Church, Salford

Wednesday 11th February

7.30pm Compline
Holy Trinity Church, Newton St Loe

Pause for Thought

Near the end of January, we saw yet another (unsympathetic) report in the media about a “Christian church” in London.

Their webpage tells us that this church is part of an international, non-denominational organization, (! oxymoron ?) Bible-based.... and led by a “powerhouse couple.”

However, it doesn’t mention Jesus except on a subsidiary page.

The news-coverage highlighted the experiences of new members being pressured, judged, isolated and guilt-tripped etc. Apparently, this was also the case in Dublin recently, too.

This, *their lived experience*, was flatly contradicted on every point by the official responses from the leadership.

Alarm bells?

Aside from that, *whenever* we base our actions on printed words, we inevitably risk becoming rigid. That can, intentionally or not, influence our expectations of others. We risk (again maybe unintentionally) missing those situations where flexibility and compassion are needed.

Jesus didn’t do that, did he?

Jesus **doesn’t** do that.

Mark tells us that he was angry and deeply distressed by those who did. (Mark

3 vv1-6)

Pause for thought?

Ken Plant

Sunday 15th February
Sunday next before Lent

9.30am Holy Communion
St Mary's Church, Saltford

11.15am Family Service
All Saints Church, Corston

4pm Telephone Service

6pm Evensong
Holy Trinity Church, Newton St Loe

Collect

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts. and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

Exod 24:12-end

Matt 17:1-9

Tuesday 17th February

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

Wednesday 18th February

6pm Ash Wednesday Service
Holy Trinity Church, Newton St Loe

Benefice
Communion Service
for
Ash Wednesday
(with Ashing)

18th February 2026

6pm

**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

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# 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

4th & 18th February 2026

4th & 18th March 2026

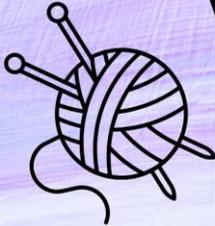
1st & 15th April 2026

6th & 20th May 2026

3th & 17th June 2026

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STARTING  
26TH  
FEBRUARY  
2026



# Wonderfully Made

## CRAFT CLUB

IF YOU LOVE CRAFTING, JOIN US ON  
THURSDAYS 1 - 2.30PM  
IN ST MARYS HALL

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. We will be taking a break in August but will return on the following dates:***

***11th February 2026***

***11th March 2026***

***8th April 2026***

***13th May 2026***

***10th June 2026***

***All welcome***



St. Marys  
Saltford



# ST MARY'S TODDLERS

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

ST MARYS  
CHURCH HALL,  
SALTFORD

For babies and  
children aged 0-4

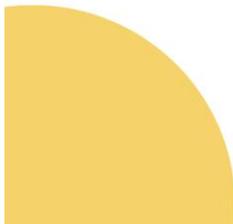


## INFORMATION

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

*Find us on Facebook*



# 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



## Little Blessings

### UNDER ONES

ST MARYS, LITTLE BLESSINGS IS A SAFE, WARM AND WELCOMING PLACE FOR NEW PARENTS AND CARERS WITH BABIES UP TO ONE YEARS OLD. A LOVELY PLACE TO MEET NEW PEOPLE AND EXPLORE THROUGH SENSORY PLAY, STORY TELLING AND SONG TIME WITH YOUR BABY.

**TUESDAYS 10:30AM - 12PM (TERM TIME)**

#### INFORMATION

 01225 8722275

 ST MARYS CHURCH HALL, QUEEN SQUARE,  
SALTFORD, BS31 3EL

FIND US ON FACEBOOK @ LITTLE BLESSINGS AND ST MARY'S TODDLERS

# 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 (wef Feb)  
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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### Family Worker Vacancy - Keynsham Methodist Church

Hours: **37.5 hours per week\***

Salary: **£29,348 per annum**

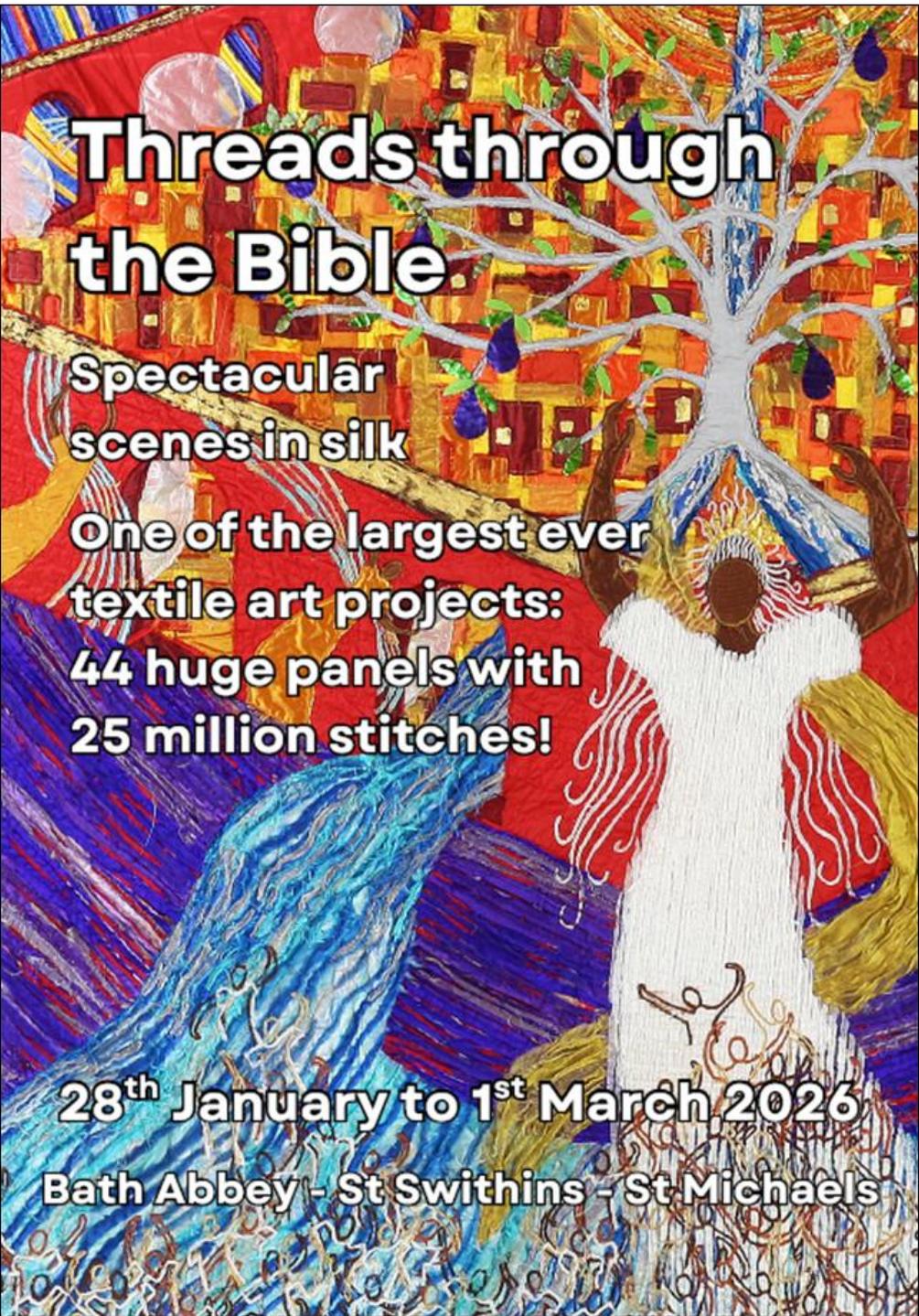
The Keynsham Methodist Church is looking for 'a creative and passionate Family Worker who is excited to build family relationships across the church and community, with communication skills to support the congregation in developing existing and new work across the range of family opportunities for mission and outreach.

The applicant should have relevant experience of developing family activities across the generations and in helping to support and grow volunteers and leaders, with a professional and flexible attitude to work, and the empathy to work in a faith environment.'

*For a copy of the application pack please email*

[office@keynshammethodistchurch.co.uk](mailto:office@keynshammethodistchurch.co.uk)

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# **Threads through the Bible**

**Spectacular  
scenes in silk**

**One of the largest ever  
textile art projects:  
44 huge panels with  
25 million stitches!**

**28<sup>th</sup> January to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026**

**Bath Abbey - St Swithins - St Michaels**



**'breathtaking!' 'stunning!' 'inspiring!'**

**A vibrant combination of 44 huge panels**

Threads through the Bible is an astonishing display of textile art inspired by three parts of the Bible. Textile artist Jacqui Parkinson retells the stories in a vibrant combination of silks, paint, metallic leathers and gold leaf – with 25 million stitches!

Jacqui has a national reputation for spectacular, large scale work. This is one of the largest textile art projects, ever. The 44 panels are nearly 3m high with extraordinary variety. Some panels are startling and dramatic, others complex and dazzling.

**Ten years' dedication: three great sequences**

Jacqui has been working for ten years to create three great sequences. Two have toured many cathedrals and been seen by over a million visitors. Now for the first time they are joined with 'Threads through the Cross' to complete this extraordinary and inspiring project in 2025.

**'Such artistry and vision. What a privilege to be able to stand and stare.'**

**Threads through Creation** – astonishing colours and patterns. Twelve huge panels bring wonderful imagination to the creation story in the first pages of the Bible.

**Threads through the Cross** – dramatic and moving. Eighteen huge panels retell moments from the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

**Threads through Revelation** – startling and spectacular. Fourteen huge panels re-imagine the strange visions in Bible's last book.

**'we have been "blown away!" Such amazing creative design and spiritual depth'**

Perfect for all ages: you'll find the work breathtaking and inspiring.

Children love it. And anyone who stitches will be fascinated to see Jacqui's unique techniques.

**28th January to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026  
Bath Abbey - St Swithins - St Michaels**

For more information about visiting the exhibition go to [bathabbey.org](http://bathabbey.org)



## 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

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## Contact Us

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