

## *The Three Parishes Benefice*



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



### ***6th & 13th October Notice Sheet***

**6th October - Trinity 19**

**9.30am Morning Worship - St Mary's Saltford**

**11.15am Holy Communion - All Saints Corston**

**Collect**

**Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to**

**an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to received the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**Readings**

**Job 1:1,2:1-10**

**Mark 10:2-16**

**Please note there will be no Benefice Telephone service at 4pm today**

**Wednesday 9th October**

**7.30pm Compline - All Saints Corston**

**13th October - Trinity 20**

**8.45am Parish Breakfast - St Mary's Hall Saltford**

**9.30am Harvest CONNECT (informal) - St Mary's Hall Saltford**

**11.15am Harvest Holy Communion - Holy Trinity Newton St Loe**

**4pm Benefice Telephone Service**

**Collect**

**God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**Readings**

**Job 23:1-9,16-end**

**Mark 10:17-31**

**Wednesday 16th October**

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



# PARISH BREAKFAST



The new name for Send a Cow

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY  
To this local charity working alongside farming families in  
East Africa


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Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October  
From 8.45am in St Mary's Church Hall

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Continental breakfast to include tea/fresh coffee

Contact Julia Norris for more information  
(07977 956 969)





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### **Pause for Thought**

God's love is big  
God's love is great  
God's love is fab  
And He's my mate.

This is the chorus of a popular 'young people's' song of praise.

Is it appropriate or acceptable to call God 'my mate'?

What word might we use in its place?

'Chum, buddy, pal' might sound a bit dated, while 'friend' has stood the test of time....  
but 'mate' suggests an even deeper and more intimate relationship with God.

"Lord, You have searched me and **know** me...You are **familiar** with all my ways." (Psalm 139)

However, might such intimate language reduce respect for God?

Or then again, might it enhance it?

What does Psalm 139 suggest?

Ken Plant

## Janet Brett's Memorial Service

Some of you will already know of the sad death of Janet Brett in early September. She worshipped and served faithfully at St Mary's for many years, until ill-health meant she moved away from Saltford a few years ago. There will be a Memorial Service for Janet at St Mary's on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 1.30pm, with refreshments afterwards in the Church Hall. Her family would like some ideas of numbers attending for catering arrangements. If possible, could you please contact her son, Jon Brett on [jonbrett1@gmail.com](mailto:jonbrett1@gmail.com) or by phone on 07865 088652.

Julia Norris



### A light which shines in the darkness

The custodial sentences imposed on many of those involved in the recent riots in communities across our country have highlighted, yet again, the issue of criminal justice and the pressures and strains within the prison system. The seemingly ever-increasing size of the prison population; the appalling conditions within many of our older prisons, especially those in our inner cities; the almost total lack of provision for education and rehabilitation and an apparent unwillingness by those elected to Parliament to consider whether the whole of our justice system needs a radical overhaul have all resulted in much media comment.

But one part of the prison system which has not been mentioned is the invaluable role played by those who serve as Chaplains. Prison and restorative justice have been a constant thread almost throughout the whole of my life beginning with my first visit while still in my teens to what was then called a Borstal.

Since then, I've had the privilege of working with chaplaincy teams across the whole of the prison estate. I've witnessed at first hand the extraordinary work done those teams, lay and ordained, of all faiths, working together to witness to God's love in Christ and caring for all those in the prison system, both staff and prisoners. I've often said to those on the outside, if you want to know what true collaborative ministry looks like in practice, look no further than a chaplaincy team. While each member remains true to his or her particular faith, the barriers which often divide people of faith have no part in that shared work of witness and service.

Sadly, all too often, the work of Chaplaincies not just in prison but in all aspects of our human life, in education, hospital, mental health, care homes and many other places, is barely known – that is, until we need their care. But Chaplaincies are the yeast which leaven our society. The light which shines in the darkness. Society, as we long and pray for it to be, would be the poorer without them.

**Bishop Trevor Willmott**

Assistant Bishop for the Diocese of Bath and Wells

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**BENEFICE HARVEST FESTIVAL DONATIONS**

**Keynsham Foodbank**

Each year donations are made to a suitable Charity. This year the Rector has agreed that Benefice donations will be to the Keynsham Foodbank which has one of its Distribution Centres in St.Mary's Church Hall. Recently the food donations to the Foodbank have dropped significantly meaning that it has not been possible to give out some essential items. In the short term, to cover the shortfall the Foodbank is purchasing some such items from its funds. Supporters of the Foodbank are encouraged to donation more items as there is still a real need for the Foodbank as the number of clients requesting emergency food has not reduced.

**There will be an opportunity at each of the Benefice Harvest services for the congregation to donate items to the Foodbank.** Items must be non-perishable and have at least a month before the best before date. If possible could donations be from the following list of wanted items that we urgently need at this time, namely:-

- Tins of spaghetti bolognese, fruit, macaroni cheese, and rice pudding.
- Cartons of fruit juice and dairy UHT milk
- Bottles of pasta sauce, Packets of sugar.
- Toiletries such as shower gel and deodorants.
- Laundry and Cleaning materials such as washing machine detergent pods and washing up liquid

Thank you for your continuing support.

Norman Osborne (Volunteer Manager, Salford Foodbank Distribution Centre)

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## St Mary's Toddler Group Sort Out

On the evening of the 26th October I will be in the hall from 7pm to sort the children's cupboard in anticipation of starting St Mary's Toddler Group. If you are able to help me clean and sort, please come along and join me.

Also, if you would like to be a part of the team, helping with the toddler group or are on the edge of volunteering, do ask me about it.

Emily Williams.

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The Benefice of Saltford, Corston and Newton St Loe  
invite you and your family to a service  
to remember our loved ones who have died.

## *A Time to Remember*

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**6pm at Holy Trinity**

**Newton St Loe**

During the service names of our loved ones will be read out and everyone will have the opportunity to light a candle in memory of them and as a symbol of our prayers.

Names can be read out even if you are unable to be there.

Names can be given at the start of the service,  
or in advance by contacting the parish office on

01225 572275 or [senbenefice@gmail.com](mailto:senbenefice@gmail.com)

Refreshments will be available after the service

All welcome

### 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=L0FWMnZENHlvZ3VxS3FOeWpaNXJWZz09>**

**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.



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### **Men's Curry Evening**

**'Is Jesus Essential?'**

**Thursday 7th November 2024**

**The Riverside Inn, The Shallows, Salford**

**Arrive 7-7.30pm**

**Cost £20 cash on arrival**

**Speaker - Clover Todman (Pastor at Widcombe Baptist**



Church)

All welcome

To book a place, please contact Liz at the Parish Office

scnbenefice@gmail.com or 01225 872275

# MEET THE *Rector*



**ST MARY'S**  
Salford

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

# REGULAR ACTIVITIES IN ST MARY'S HALL

MONDAY

10.30am Vast UK - weekly  
2pm Mobiflex - weekly

TUESDAY

10am Coffee Morning - monthly (2nd Tues)

WEDNESDAY

10.30am Vast UK - weekly  
2pm Saltford Stitchers - monthly (2nd Wed)  
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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# Corston Soup & Pudding Lunch

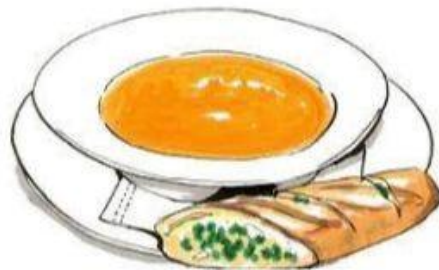
**The dates are Wednesday**

11th September    9th October  
14th November    11th December

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**



The Benefice of Saltford, Corston & Newton St Loe warmly invite you to their

# OCTOBER SERVICES

2nd October

7.30pm Compline (St Mary's Saltford)

6th October

9.30am Morning Worship (St Mary's Saltford)

11.15am Holy Communion (All Saints Corston)

9th October

7.30pm Compline (All Saints Corston)

13th October

9.30am Harvest CONNECT (St Mary's Saltford)  
11.15am Harvest Holy Communion (Holy Trinity NSL)  
4pm Benefice Telephone Service

16th October

7.30pm Compline (Holy Trinity NSL)

20th October

9.30am Holy Communion (St Mary's Saltford)  
11.15am Harvest Family Service (All Saints Corston)  
4pm Benefice Telephone Service  
6pm Evensong (All Saints Corston)

23rd October

7.30pm Compline (St Mary's Saltford)

27th October

9.30am Holy Communion (St Mary's Saltford)  
4pm Benefice Telephone Service  
6pm Time to Remember Service (Holy Trinity NSL)

30th October

7.30pm Compline (All Saints Corston)

*If you would like more information about any of our services, please contact the Parish Office  
scnbenefice@gmail.com or 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.

## **Benefice Safeguarding Officer**

Mrs Sue Dixon 01225 359014  
smdstm31@gmail.com

## **Contact Us**

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07850 887498

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