

## *The Three Parishes Benefice*



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



# WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A service for everyone!

## Friday 6 March

*I will give you rest, come*

**Nigeria 2026** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March  
at 2pm  
at St. Mary's Church  
Hall, Salford.

**ALL  
WELCOME**



**INFORMED PRAYER PRAYERFUL ACTION**

24-7 365 Days a year Prayer movement Ecumenical International Women-led

[wwdp.org.uk](http://wwdp.org.uk)

Registered Charity Number 233242

**Sunday 8th March**

**Lent 3**

**8.45am Parish Breakfast**

**St Mary's Hall, Salford**

**9.30am Connect**

**St Mary's Hall, Salford**

**11.15am Holy Communion**

**Holy Trinity Church, Newton St Loe**

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

**4pm Telephone Service**

**Collect**

**Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**Readings**

**Exod 17:1-7**

**John 4:5-42**

# PARISH BREAKFAST



**Sunday 8<sup>h</sup> March**

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

**Do come and support The Life Project (Bath) before our Sunday Service starts at 9.30am and learn a little more about this local charity, which provides support for people with learning disabilities**

**Continental breakfast to include tea/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

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## Afternoon Lent Course in St Mary's Hall

There is a 5 week Lent course on Tuesday's (1-2pm) in St Mary's Hall, Saltford.

This is in addition to the Keynsham evening Lent talks.

Please feel free to attend whichever event suits you best.

All welcome.

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**Tuesday 10th March**

**7.30pm Prayers for Growth**

**St Mary's Church, Saltford**

**Wednesday 11th March**

**9.30am Telephone Service**

**7.30pm Compline**

**Holy Trinity Church, Newton St Loe**

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**Pause for Thought**

Have you ever watched a guinea-pig or rabbit after they have been given new straw for their bedding?

They don't like it. It's uncomfortable. It's prickly. They set to work to mould it and shape it to their liking.

Some do this all in one long, determined effort. Others keep coming back to it a bit at a time.

Famously, Martin Luther called James' letter in the New Testament, "a right strawy epistle."

And it's not hard to see why.

We can't say that we like it. Indeed, how often do we choose to read it?

It's uncomfortable and it's prickly.....even thorny in places!

James' style itself is something we shouldn't try to copy. It is of its time, but what he has to say is timeless.

Also, some of the things that James seems to say are proved wrong by our *experience*, so there, too, we need to look *behind* the words to see what he is really saying to us, making it relevant for us today.

[And that may not be the same as looking it up to see what someone else thinks he is saying!]

We don't have the option of treating James' letter like the guinea-pig or rabbit treat their straw and mould it to our own liking do we. It's there to play its part in moulding *us* into God's liking and so making us a bit more like Jesus.

James is definitely a good read for Lent! His style might be abrasive and harsh, but there's SO much grace and encouragement there too.

Ken Plant

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**Sunday 15th March**  
**Mothering Sunday**

9.30am Communion Celebration

**St Mary's Church, Salford**

11.15am Family Service

**All Saints Church, Corston**

11.15am Celebration Service

**Holy Trinity Church, Newton St Loe**

4pm Telephone Service

6pm Evensong

**St Mary's Church, Salford**

**Collect**

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Readings**

Exod 2:1-10

Luke 2:33-35

# *Mothering Sunday*

## *15th March 2026*



*An invitation for you to join us to celebrate  
Mothering Sunday*

9.30am

*Communion Celebration Service  
at St Mary's Church, Saltford*

11.15am

*Family Service  
at All Saints Church, Corston*

11.15am

*Celebration Service  
at Holy Trinity Church, Newton St Loe*



**Tuesday 17th March**

**7.30pm Prayers for Growth  
St Mary's Church, Saltford**

**Wednesday 18th March**

**9.30am Telephone Service**

**7.30pm Compline**

**St Mary's Church, Salford**

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# SKITTLES

A FUN FAMILY EVENING IN  
NEWTON VILLAGE HALL



FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026

7PM

COST £3 PER HEAD  
UNDER 16'S FREE

See leaflets in church or contact  
[scnbenefice@gmail.com](mailto:scnbenefice@gmail.com) for more details

## Request for more Salford Foodbank Volunteers

Salford Foodbank Distribution Centre opened in July 2017. In the 8 years since then our volunteer numbers have gradually decreased due to some volunteers

standing down due to ill health, hence we would like a few more volunteers to join our Teams.

Our current need is:-

Some fit volunteers who are free on some Thursdays to join a rota to be at St Mary's Church Hall between 12-1.30 pm to assist in unloading heavy crates from the Foodbank warehouse van and putting the individual items into our storage cupboards.

Some volunteers who are free on some Fridays to join a rota to be at St Mary's Church Hall between 10-12pm to make up food parcels and issue them to the clients who come between 10.15-11.45am.

If you are interested or would like more details, please contact Norman Osborne (the Volunteer Manager) via Liz in the Office, or contact him at church.

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### **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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### **Lost Property**

**St Mary's Church has required quite a few items of lost property over the last couple of months.**

**Please contact The Parish office if you have lost anything.  
Please note if these items have not been claimed by the end of March, they will be donated to charity.**

**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:***

***11th March 2026***

***8th April 2026***

***13th May 2026***

***10th June 2026***

***All welcome***



**LITTLE  
BLESSINGS**  
UNDERT'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 Salford

# 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

18th March 2026

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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### Mothers Prayers

Mothers Prayers provides a safe, supportive and confidential environment where women can pray specifically for their own children (old or young), step-children, grandchildren, godchildren, children we grieve for, indeed any child for whom we have 'a mother's heart'. Together, we place them, and our love and concerns for them, into God's safe hands. Whether you go to church or not, you are welcome to join us.

Dates for the 2026 Mothers Prayers events are as follows:

**Saturday 7th March at St Francis Church**  
**Saturday 18th April at Chocolate Quarter**  
**Saturday 30th May at St Johns Church**  
**Saturday 11th July at Victoria Methodist Church**  
**Saturday 22nd Aug at St Francis Church**  
**Saturday 3rd Oct at Keynsham Baptist Church**  
**Saturday 21st Nov at St John's Church**

More details from Rachel Shaw [rachrishaw@gmail.com](mailto:rachrishaw@gmail.com) or 07974412261

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## Lent Talks

The Lent Talks will take place at the Keynsham Baptist Church on the following dates, from 7pm for refreshments, with a 7.30pm start.

**10 Mar: Luke Walton (Bible Society):**  
**“Love your Neighbour and the media”**

**17 Mar: Rev Aidan Watson (St John's):**  
**“Love your Neighbour and young people’s ministry.”**

**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.

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## 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](mailto:safeguarding@stmsaltford.onmicrosoft.com)

## Contact Us

### Rector

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(Day off Friday)

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