

The Three Parishes Benefice



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



Help Needed this Saturday at St Mary's Church

**The essential maintenance work in St Mary's Church is now complete.
Help is needed to move various items back into the Church.**

**If you are available this Saturday (5th April) between 10am - 12pm, your help would
be very much appreciated.**

Please meet in St Mary's Hall for 10am.

**If you can help, please can you let Norman Osborne
or the office know by e-mail.**

Thank you



Sunday

6th April Lent 5

**9.30am Morning Worship
St Mary's Church, Saltford**

11.15am

Holy Communion

All Saints Church, Corston

4pm Telephone Service

Collect

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

Isa 43:16-21

John 12:1-8

Tuesday

8th April

7.30pm

Prayer for Growth

**St Mary's Church
Saltford**

Wednesday 9th April

**7.30pm Compline
St Mary's Church, Saltford**

'God is good... all the time!'

When I was a priest in Nottingham, I remember thinking that as a parish we seemed to reflect more of the story of the crucifixion of Christ rather than His resurrection. Ours was a parish which had many personal stories of loss and suffering, of challenge and trial, and sometimes this made it difficult to lift our faces to the horizon to see the triumph and glory beyond the grave.

As we approach Easter, I want to encourage us to take time to 'walk the way of the cross', to notice God's grace as we do so, even in the painful moments as well as keeping our eyes fixed on the coming glory.

As I write this, I am catching glimpses of the kingfisher on its perch outside my study window. Always a delight! It sits on the branch across the moat in stillness, watching for the sign of a fish before it suddenly dives and then crests the water with its prize. A splash of colour rarely seen by many. It fills me with hope and joy, two gifts which I think Easter inspires.

Walking through Lent we are continually called to become conscious of our mortality and are reminded of the price Jesus paid on our behalf. Giving himself in death that we might have life. And we have that life because his death was not the end but the beginning of a new chapter, of life in all its fulness.

So, whatever the circumstances of your life this Easter, allow yourself to fully recognise and experience the challenges but never lose the prospect of the glory to come! 'God is good... all the time!'

Bishop Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton

Pause for Thought

It's often said that Christians are "Easter People"but what does that mean in real terms and in our experience?

The fundamental facts about Easter we all know:

A human being was crucified, dead and buried.

That human being rose back to life again.

That human being, during His life, had made clear that He was life itself; He was God in flesh and blood.

How could the source of all life die?

How could life lie in a grave?

These facts cannot be disproved any more than they can be 'proved', logically.

These questions have no objective answers.

The question that counts is:

"What do they mean to us in real terms and in our experience?"

Paul says that Christ has risen from the dead; the first fruit of those who have died.

Do we live in hope of sharing in His resurrection at some time in the future...like after we have died?

Can *eternal* life have a beginning, but not an end?

Is the life Jesus gives to be waited for, or to be lived now?

Jesus promised to come and live within us (Wow!)

Do we allow Him to *live* in... and through... us?

Do others find us free and life-giving, or stiff and stultified by our traditions?

If we feel uncertain about either of those last two questions, Easter must be a perfect time to let go and start again and say,

"Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.....within my heart and

life"!

Alleluia!

Ken Plant



**Sunday 13th April
Palm Sunday**

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

**9.30am Connect (Informal Service)
St Mary's Hall, Saltford**

**11.15am Holy Communion
Holy Trinity Church, Newton St Loe**

4pm Telephone Service

**6pm Evensong
St Mary's Church, Saltford**

Collect

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. Amen

Readings

Isa 50: 4-9a

Luke 22:14-end



PARISH BREAKFAST



The new name for Send a Cow

Sunday 13th April
(Palm Sunday)

From 8.45am in St Mary's Church Hall

Continental breakfast to include tea/fresh coffee

Contact Julia Norris for more information
(07977 956 969)

Monday 14th April

**7.30pm Evening Prayer
St Mary's Church, Saltford**

Tuesday 15th April

**7.30pm Evening Prayer
All Saints Church, Corston**

Wednesday 16th April

**7.30pm Evening Prayer
Holy Trinity Church, Newton St Loe**



**Thursday 17th April
Maundy Thursday**

**7pm Communion Last Supper
St Mary's Church, Saltford**

Collect

God our Father, your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end and drank the cup prepared for him, may we who share his table watch with him through the night of suffering and be faithful. Amen

Readings

1 Cor 11:23-26

John 13:1-17, 31b-35



**18th April
Good Friday**

**10am An Hour at the Cross
St Mary's Church, Saltford**

**2pm An Hour at the Cross
All Saints Church, Corston**

**2pm An Hour at the Cross
Holy Trinity Church, Newton St Loe**

Collect

Eternal God, in the cross of Jesus we see the cost of our sin and the depth of your love: in humble hope and fear may we place at his feet all that we have and all that we are, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

**Readings
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20th April Easter Sunday

**6am Sunrise Service
The Shallows, Saltford**

**10.30am Holy Communion
All Saints Church, Corston**

**11.15am Morning Worship
Holy Trinity Church, Newton St Loe**

**4pm Family Service
St Mary's Hall, Saltford**

4pm Telephone Service

Collect

God of Glory, by raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Readings

Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18

Tuesday 22nd April

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

Wednesday 23rd April

**7.30pm Compline
All Saints Church, Corston**

Electoral Roll 2025

The Benefice of Saltford, Corston & Newton St Loe has been asked to compile a new Church Electoral Roll for 2025. Church Representation Rules require that every 6 years a completely new electoral roll should be prepared for each parish.

An Electoral Roll application form has been emailed to all Church members. It would be appreciated if this can be completed and returned to the Parish Office asap. Please note this form can be returned by email.

Hard copies will also be available in each Church for your convenience or can be downloaded [here](#).

Thank you

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

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



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

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,
SALTFORD



For babies and
children aged 0-4

INFORMATION

 01225 872275

 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

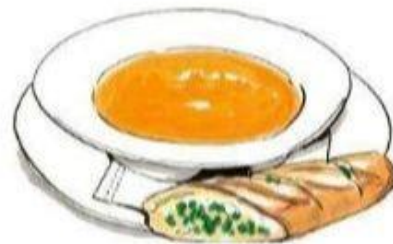
The dates are Wednesday

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



APRIL SERVICES

WEDNESDAY 2ND APRIL

7.30PM COMPLINE (HOLY TRINITY NEWTON ST LOE)

SUNDAY 6TH APRIL

9.30AM MORNING WORSHIP (ST MARY'S SALT FORD)

11.15AM HOLY COMMUNION (ALL SAINTS CORSTON)

4PM BENEFICE TELEPHONE SERVICE

WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL

7.30PM COMPLINE (ST MARY'S SALT FORD)

PALM SUNDAY 13TH APRIL

8.45AM PARISH BREAKFAST (ST MARY'S HALL SALT FORD)

9.30AM CONNECT FAMILY SERVICE (ST MARY'S HALL SALT FORD)

11.15AM HOLY COMMUNION (HOLY TRINITY NEWTON ST LOE)

4PM BENEFICE TELEPHONE SERVICE

6PM EVENSONG (ST MARY'S SALT FORD)

MONDAY 14TH APRIL

7.30PM EVENING PRAYER (ST MARY'S SALT FORD)

TUESDAY 15TH APRIL

7.30PM EVENING PRAYER (ALL SAINTS CORSTON)

WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL

7.30PM EVENING PRAYER (HOLY TRINITY NEWTON ST LOE)

MAUNDY THURSDAY 17TH APRIL

7PM COMMUNION LAST SUPPER (ST MARY'S SALT FORD)

GOOD FRIDAY 18TH APRIL

10AM AN HOUR AT THE CROSS (ST MARY'S SALT FORD)

2PM AN HOUR AT THE CROSS (ALL SAINTS CORSTON)

2PM AN HOUR AT THE CROSS (HOLY TRINITY NEWTON ST LOE)

EASTER SUNDAY 20TH APRIL

6AM EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE (THE SHALLOWS SALT FORD)

10.30AM EASTER CELEBRATION WITH COMMUNION (ALL SAINTS CORSTON)

11.15AM EASTER MORNING WORSHIP (HOLY TRINITY NEWTON ST LOE)

4PM FAMILY SERVICE CELEBRATION (ST MARY'S HALL SALT FORD)

4PM EASTER BENEFICE EASTER TELEPHONE SERVICE

WEDNESDAY 23RD APRIL

7.30PM COMPLINE (ALL SAINTS CORSTON)

SUNDAY 27TH APRIL

9.30AM HOLY COMMUNION (ST MARY'S SALT FORD)

11.15AM MORNING WORSHIP WITH BAPTISM (HOLY TRINITY NEWTON ST LOE)

4PM BENEFICE TELEPHONE SERVICE

WEDNESDAY 30TH APRIL

7.30PM COMPLINE (HOLY TRINITY NEWTON ST LOE)

THERE WILL ALSO BE A 7.30PM PRAYER FOR GROWTH SERVICE EVERY TUESDAY (EXCL. 15TH APRIL) AT ST MARY'S SALT FORD

Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed to the public during the
Easter holidays (7th - 22nd April).

If you need to contact the office during this time, please leave a message

by email and someone will get back to you.
Please be patient if your enquiry takes a little longer than usual
during this time.

Thank you for your understanding



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

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Contact Us

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Liz Benden

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