

*The Three Parishes Benefice*



St Mary's Church,  
Saltford.

All Saints Church,  
Corston.

Holy Trinity Church,  
Newton St Loe.

*28th April*  
*&*  
*5th May*  
*Notice Sheet*

**28th April - Easter 5**

**9.30am Holy Communion - St Mary's Saltford**

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

**4pm Benefice Telephone Service**

### **Collect**

**Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. Amen**

### **Readings**

**Acts 8:26-end**

**John 15:1-8**

## **5th May - Easter 6**

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

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

**4pm Benefice Telephone Service**

### **Collect**

**Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. Amen**

### **Readings**

**Acts 10:44-end**

**John 15:9-17**

### **Pause for Thought**

Straight after feeding the five thousand, Jesus crossed the sea of Galilee and the crowds followed him.

He said that they were following him because of the **free** food, not because they had seen the significance of the signs/miracles.

What did the miracle tell them about God's provision for our need, or about

who Jesus was if he could create food?

Pause for Thought:

Are we Christians as 'guilty' (if that's the right word to use) in our response to prayer?

Prayer is a sign that the creator and upholder of the universe is available to us at *any* time and *any* circumstance. We can spend time with Him, sharing our joys and our sorrows, anxieties and fears, our successes and our failures and be accepted and loved.

It is an amazing and wonderful gift from God.

However, how much of our time in prayer do we spend *asking* for things?

This is a question each of us can only answer for ourselves. We can't answer for anyone else as that could become judgemental. But does it give pause for thought?

Ken Plant

### A challenge offered

**By Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath & Wells**

There's a fascinating exercise I've often undertaken with roomfuls of church members. I've asked them the question 'To what age do you trace back the beginnings of your Christian faith?' The results are almost always the same. About 40% of us think that our Christian journey started at some point before the age of four. Another 40% of us trace the beginnings of our faith back to when we were less than eleven. A further 20% say before we were eighteen. While only one in five of us report having embarked on the journey of faith as adults.

The findings I've described should give us all pause for thought. For most people, the start of our Christian journey (even if we've dropped out for a while in

adolescence and early adulthood) starts in childhood.

So if we want to grow our churches and transform our communities this suggests that it's into the faith development of children and young people that we should be putting our energies, priority and resources.

Our data suggests that more than half our churches have no young person worshipping with them on a Sunday morning. I realise, of course, how hard it is for churches to compete with the demands of football, seeing the extended family, doing any of the many things that are otherwise crowded out of busy family lives. Yet experience shows that when we offer worship at other times and in formats that are attractive to children, young people and families they do come.

This year I'm challenging all our benefices to grow their average weekly attendance by one child (net). If we could sustain such an achievement over a number of years the impact would transform our churches, our lives and our experience. The support services of our diocese offer extensive assistance to enable local churches to think what could work with the resources you have, the passions and skills you possess and the reality of the situation where you are. Do ask for their help.

Are you willing to take up the challenge I've offered?

**Notice of Annual Parochial Church Meetings**

**The APCM's will be held on the following dates**

**Salford**

**Sunday 28th April at 11am**

**St Mary's Hall**

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**Corston**

**Sunday 5th May at 10am**

**All Saints Church**

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**Newton St Loe**  
**Sunday 12th May at 10am**  
**Holy Trinity Church**



**Parish Breakfast 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

Many thanks to everyone who joined us on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April for another great Parish Breakfast, before our Connect Service in the Church Hall.

Just over £115 was raised at the breakfast for the work of Bible Society, a charity which seeks to allow everyone to discover the bible's message for themselves, in their own language. This fitted in well with Nigel's message that we are all called to understand the Scriptures. We are all (believe it or not) theologians!

The next breakfast will be held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May, when donations will go to Christian Aid.

Thank-you once again!

**Julia Norris**



# PARISH BREAKFAST

All donations to support Christian Aid  
PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY

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Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May  
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)





# St Mary's Church @SALTFORD FESTIVAL

## HELP WANTED



**Open Gardens**  
**SATURDAY 8TH JUNE**  
**1.00PM - 5.00 PM**

**Map of garden locations from  
St Mary's Church, Saltford Hall,  
Saltford Post Office and  
[www.saltfordfestival.org.uk](http://www.saltfordfestival.org.uk)**

Refreshments will be served in St  
Mary's Church Hall from 1.30 pm



**SALTFORD VILLAGE FESTIVAL**  
**OPEN MORNING**  
**SATURDAY 8TH JUNE**  
**SALTFORD HALL**  
**10AM - 1.00PM**

St Mary's will have a stall at the opening event. If you are able to help for a period during the morning please contact Nigel.

### HELP WANTED

If you are able to help serve refreshments, meet and greet people taking part in the Open Garden Trail and/or make a cake, please contact Robin Dixon asap  
01225 359014

[robindixon@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:robindixon@blueyonder.co.uk)



**St Mary's Church will be open every day during the Festival Week. We need volunteers to open and close the church on Friday and to close the church on Wednesday and Sunday at 4.00pm**

**If you are able to do this, please contact the Parish Office.**

## 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**

**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](#)

# REGULAR ACTIVITIES IN ST MARY'S HALL

MONDAY

10.30am Vast UK - weekly  
2pm Mobiflex - weekly

TUESDAY

10am Coffee Morning - monthly (2nd Tues)  
4pm Bright Times Tuition - weekly

WEDNESDAY

10.30am Vast UK - weekly  
2pm Salford Stitchers - monthly (2nd Wed)  
6pm Vitality Pilates - weekly

THURSDAY

9.30am Toddler Group - weekly  
4pm Bright Times Tuition - weekly  
7pm Bath Gong with Amy - monthly  
8pm Bath Circle of Magicians - fortnightly

FRIDAY

10am FoodBank - weekly

SATURDAY

10am Preform - weekly  
10am Farandole Dancers - monthly (3rd Sat)

SUNDAY

8.45am Parish Breakfast - monthly  
10.15am Refreshments after Church - weekly



THURSDAY, 20 JUNE  
5:30-7:30PM  
THE GATEWAY CENTRE

# GENESIS LIFE PROJECTS OPEN EVENING



Lorraine Colquhoun shares her journey  
from client to staff member

You are invited to our Genesis Life Projects Open Evening at the Gateway Centre on Thursday 20th June, 5:30-7:30pm.

Lorraine Colquhoun, our Life Skills Facilitator will be sharing her experiences of moving from client to staff member. First featured in our [Snapshot](#), Lorraine will talk through how Genesis has supported her on her journey and how she is able to help others.

There will be light refreshments and an opportunity to chat with staff, trustees and volunteers.

[Please book your place on Eventbrite](#). Because of the capacity of the building you will need a ticket to attend. If you have any questions about the event, please email [emma.drew@genesistrust.org.uk](mailto:emma.drew@genesistrust.org.uk)

## 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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