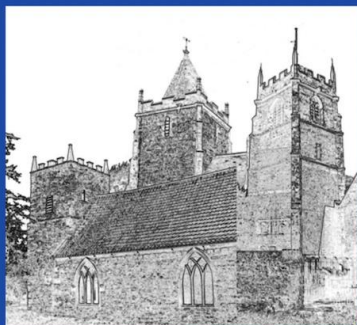


The Three Parishes Benefice



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



28th June Trinity 4

9.30am Holy Communion

with Revd Richard Hall

St Mary's Church, Saltford

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11.15am Morning Worship

with Revd Richard Hall

Holy Trinity Church, Newton St Loe

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4pm Church@4

St Mary's Hall, Saltford

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4pm

Telephone Service

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6pm Evensong

with Revd Richard Hall

All Saints Church, Corston

Collect

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Readings

Jer 18:1-6

Matt 10:40-end

Church@4
Family Service every
2nd & 4th Sunday
in St Mary's Hall

Lego
Music
Craft
Food

All Welcome

The poster features a yellow background with a pattern of small grey dots. It includes illustrations of colorful Lego bricks, a guitar with musical notes, a blue pencil holder with scissors and a pencil, a ball of purple yarn with a needle, and a bowl of fresh vegetables.

Tuesday 30th June

7.30pm Prayers for Growth

St Mary's Church, Saltford

Wednesday 1st July

9.30am Telephone Service

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7.30pm Compline

Holy Trinity Church, Newton St Loe

Human Flourishing for all

'Tell me about your school days' is a deeply illuminating question to ask. Our experience of school shapes us deeply our whole lives long. Schools mould our character and values. They develop our skills and expectations. They influence our relationships and our life chances.

Rooted in our understanding of the Bible, Christians have been involved in schooling for many centuries. In the nineteenth century, the Church of England's National Society set up thousands of schools all around our country, established principally for the benefit of the poor. It is largely out of this heritage that our Diocese of Bath and Wells continues to have a stake in so many of Somerset's schools today. We have 180 Church Schools, the majority of which are for primary aged children, with nine middle, upper or secondary schools and one specialist provision. Big and small, and found in all kinds of communities, our schools educate around 60% of Somerset's primary school children.

Our schools are Church Schools, they are not faith schools. We are open to everyone, of all faiths and none. Our schools are guided by our Christian ethos, manifested in their engagement with the Bible and worship, in prayer and Christian ethics. More recently, this is expressed most fully in the Church of England's Vision for Education. This understands our schools' mission to be

'deeply Christian, serving the Common Good'. Our vision embraces the spiritual, physical, intellectual, emotional, moral and social development of children and young people. Our vision is of human flourishing for all.

As bishop, I am privileged to spend lots of time in our Church Schools. The most fun I have is being grilled by young people who pose me questions about ethics and doctrine, our Church's life and faith. I'm certainly kept on my toes! What I value most is seeing played out in our young people the four main elements of our Church's vision - wisdom, hope, community and dignity. These commitments are reflected in the stories told in this edition of Manna. I hope you'll enjoy reading them as they illustrate our vision for education in the schools of our diocese.

Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells

Sunday 5th July

Trinity 5

9.30am Morning Worship & Baptism

St Mary's Church, Saltford

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11.15am Holy Communion

All Saints Church, Corston

~

4pm Telephone Service

Collect

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

Gen 24:34-38,42-49,58-end

Matt 11:16-19,25-end

Tuesday 7th July

7.30pm, Prayers for Growth

St Mary's Church, Saltford

Wednesday 8th July

9.30am, Telephone Service

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7.30pm Compline

St Mary's Church, Saltford

Pause for Thought

“I’m **spiritual**, but not **religious**.”

We’ve all heard people say that, haven’t we?

However, when thinking about it, it doesn’t tell us very much, does it.

The speaker and the hearer may not mean the same thing when they use, or hear, those words.

What is it to be spiritual?

What is it to be religious?

Those who say that they are spiritual but not religious often follow it by saying, “I don’t subscribe to any form of organized religion.”

‘Organized religions’ (as part of that referenced ‘organization’) tend to produce lists of *things*. These might be acceptable behaviours, or descriptions of what The Divine is like.

And they encourage practices about how, when or where we can, or are most likely to meet with the Divine.

These help some people, but not everybody.

Might we not all do well to remember that God is everywhere? It is *within* God that we live and move and have our being.

There is nowhere where God is not.

God is also eternal/timeless.

Is it possible that it might be better for committed church-goers to be a bit more spiritual and a bit less religious?

After all, Jesus said that God is Spirit and should be worshipped as He is.

Ken Plant



The poster features a blue background with a white sky and clouds on the left, where a pair of hands is shown in prayer. The right side is a solid blue area with white text and decorative stars. The main title 'INTERCESSORY PRAYER TRAINING' is in large, bold, white capital letters. Below it, the date and time 'Sunday 26th July 2026 at 4pm' and the location 'St Mary's Hall Saltford' are listed in white text within rounded rectangular boxes. At the bottom, there is a short description of the session and a note that refreshments and cake are available. The phrase 'Open to Everyone' is written in a white, cursive font in the bottom right corner.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER TRAINING

Sunday 26th July 2026 at 4pm

St Mary's Hall Saltford

A relaxed one hour session for anyone interested in taking Sunday service Intercessions

Refreshments & cake available

Open to Everyone

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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the  
**prayer**  
course

## JOIN US AS WE JOURNEY THROUGH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Monday 1st June in St Mary's Hall, Saltford @ 7pm

or

Wednesday 3rd June in All Saints, Corston @ 1pm

(8 week course)

Sign up by scanning the QR code or emailing  
[scnbenefice@gmail.com](mailto:scnbenefice@gmail.com)



**CORSTON**

**SAVE THE DATES!**

**All Saints Church**

**VILLAGE and CHURCH  
HISTORY WEEKEND**

**Saturday and Sunday**

**12th/13th September 10.30am-4pm**

**Corston's history from Saxon times until the present day:**

**Displays of photographs, documents, maps and albums**

**A rare chance to view the earliest All Saints Church Registers**

**Village Censuses with Genealogy sessions**

**Guided tours of the Church and Churchyard**

**Continuous slide show**

**Childrens Quiz**

**Book table - Used non-fiction history, biography etc.**

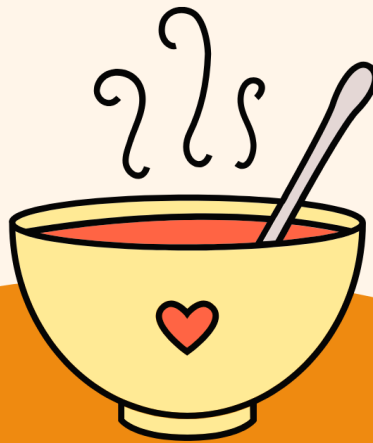


**Tea, coffee and light lunches**

**Many people in the surrounding areas have connections with the Corston Parish - come and see if your house or family members feature in old photographs**

# 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:***

***8th July 2026***

***9th September 2026***

***14th October 2026***

***11th November 2026***

***9th December 2026***

***All welcome***

**LITTLE  
BLESSINGS**  
UNDER 1'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 Saltford

# 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

1st & 15th July 2026

5th & 19th August 2026

2nd & 16th September 2026

7th & 21st October 2026

4th & 18th November 2026

2nd & 16th December 2026

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# REGULAR EVENTS IN ST MARY'S HALL ROOMS

MONDAY

10.30am Vast UK - weekly (starting Sept)  
2pm Mobiflex - weekly

TUESDAY

10.30am 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  
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 any of the St Mary's Hall Rooms, 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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*Stay Safe*  
*Stay Cool*

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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@stmsalford.onmicrosoft.com

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(Day off Friday)

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Rector@scnbenefice.org.uk

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Liz Benden

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