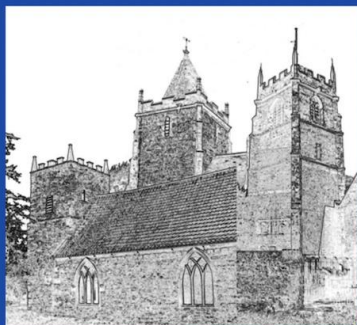


The Three Parishes Benefice



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



3rd May

Easter 5

9.30am Morning Worship

St Mary's Church, Saltford

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11.15am Holy Communion

All Saints Church, Corston

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4pm

Telephone Service

Collect

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder on 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 7:55-end

John 14:1-14

Called to care

I heard about one of the earliest scientists to get involved in climate change research. When he began, the researcher said, he'd believed that if we could just get the science right, all the challenges could be resolved. The best information would enable humankind to find the right technologies and take the right actions to bring climate change under control. Twenty-five years on, the scientist said, he'd realised he'd got it all wrong. What we need to sort out, he said, is the human heart. We know what to do to address the climate emergency. Our challenge is that we're all too liable to place the actions we need to take into the 'too difficult' box, or just deny there's a problem altogether.

Yet whether we like it or not, the climate emergency is a reality that is advancing upon us. It's seen in rising sea levels and increased freak weather. Talk to our brothers and sisters in Zambia and they'll tell you that the climate emergency is upon them now in increased droughts and floods. Last year the National Emergency Briefing on the Climate and Nature Crisis saw leading experts brief an audience of over 1,200 politicians and leaders from business, culture, faith, sport and the media. The Briefing outlined the implications of climate breakdown for health, food systems, national security and the economy. If you've not seen it please can I encourage you to find out where you can watch it.

I invite us all to think too about the next steps we can take to address an issue we'd probably rather ignore. The Church of England has set the bold target of becoming Carbon Net Zero by 2030. Our churches can make a difference in local communities towards achieving this ambitious goal. I urge you to fill out your church's Carbon Footprint return, sign up to achieve an A Rocha Eco Church

Award, make whatever difference you can where you are. Such actions are a sign of us turning around – metanoia as the New Testament puts it – away from denial of what's wrong towards putting things right. Our actions can be signs of the change in heart that all of us need to make.

Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells

MAY DAY CREAM TEAS

in aid of Holy Trinity Church
2 - 4pm
in Newton St Loe Village Hall
on Monday 4th May

**Cream Teas
Book &
Plant Sale**

Please note there is no disabled access in the Village Hall

Apologies to anyone who went to Newton for a cream tea on either 19th or 26th April and found the Hall shut, this was due to unforeseen circumstances.

On May Day, teas will be on offer from 2-4 pm, along with plant and book stalls.

A decision will shortly be made on future dates for Sunday teas and advertised accordingly.

Tuesday 5th May

7.30pm Prayers for Growth

St Mary's Church, Saltford

Wednesday 6th May

9.30am Telephone Service

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7.30pm Compline

St Mary's Church, Saltford

Pause for Thought

“Come Lord Jesus.....pour out your Spirit on us today.”

What *on earth* does that mean really?

It's part of a chorus linked to a song which refers to the 'Second Coming'.

But what does that mean?

Down through the centuries, and today, people experience times of 're-energizing'.

Sometimes it's short-lived to enable them to cope with a situation or task,

sometimes a permanent change, enabling them to do new things,

sometimes not even noticed.....except in retrospect.

To everyone it comes as surprise and they know it is from God.

It can/does happen to all of us.

Perhaps therefore we do well to be wary of anything that is designed to 'prepare' us for the Holy Spirit.....and put right out of our minds any expectations and preconceptions we might have about how the presence/coming of the Spirit will manifest itself.

Such things are in God's hands and His alone.

That chorus is very close to pure prayer, isn't it?

Just invitation.... and then waiting on God for when and how.

Ken Plant

Sunday 10th May

Easter 6

8.45am Parish Breakfast

St Mary's Hall, Saltford

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9.30am Connect

St Mary's Hall, Saltford

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10am APCM

Holy Trinity Church, Newton St Loe

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11.15am Holy Communion

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

Collect

Risen Christ, by the lakeside your 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 17:22-31

John 14:15-21



Parish Breakfast 12th April 2026

It was lovely to welcome many of you to the Parish Breakfast on Sunday 12th April, where donations were taken for Freewheelers EVS. This registered charity offers an out of hours, free of charge courier service to the NHS. Freewheelers transport blood, pathology and microbiology specimens, patient notes, X-rays, breast milk and other medical supplies, also delivering to two local Air Ambulance bases every night. £107 was raised.

The next breakfast will be held on Sunday 10th May and donations will be taken for Christian Aid.

Julia Norris

The poster has a purple and blue background with a pattern of stylized leaves at the top and bottom. The text is centered and reads: 'PARISH BREAKFAST' in large, bold, dark blue letters. Below that is the 'christian aid' logo, which consists of the word 'christian' in white on a red background and 'aid' in white on a red arrow pointing right. Underneath the logo, it says 'Sunday 10th May' in bold, followed by 'From 8.45am in St Mary's Church Hall' and 'Please give generously to support the work of Christian Aid'. Further down, it says 'Continental breakfast to include tea/fresh coffee' and 'Contact Julia Norris for more information (07977 956 969)'.

Church@4

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



Lego
Music



Craft



Food



All Welcome

Tuesday 12th May

7.30pm Prayers for Growth
St Mary's Church, Salford

Wednesday 13th May

9.30am Telephone Service

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7.30pm Compline
All Saints Church, Corston

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



The 2026 Annual Parochial Church Meetings will be held on the following dates:-

**Holy Trinity Church Newton St Loe: Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 10am**

**St Mary's Church Saltford: Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am**

*All Welcome*

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May  
**ASCENSION DAY**



**7PM**

**HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE**

**ST MARY'S CHURCH**

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)



St Mary's  
Church,  
Saltford.



# Craft & Connect @ Wonderfully Made

A free Community Craft  
Group for anyone of any skill  
level. Just bring along your  
chosen craft and enjoy!

Thursdays (term time)  
1 - 2.30pm  
St Mary's Hall  
Queen Square  
Saltford  
BS31 3EL



For more information email  
[scnbenefice@gmail.com](mailto:scnbenefice@gmail.com)

# 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 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

1st & 15th April 2026

6th & 20th May 2026

3th & 17th June 2026

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# St. Mary's Village Fete



For the activities & stalls at the fete

we need to collect:

Pretty jam jars

Buttons

Good quality Books

Raffle prizes

(& Gazebos for the day)

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(Please place in the fete boxes  
at the back of the church)



# ST MARY'S SUMMER FETE

Saturday 13th June  
2pm to 5pm

**EVERYTHING  
FREE!**

ST MARY'S CHURCH, QUEEN SQUARE,  
SALTFORD, BRISTOL, BS31 3EL

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF  
FUN!

- MUSIC
- GAMES
- REFRESHMENTS
- CRAFTS
- FACEPAINTING
- ....AND MUCH MORE!

For more information email at  
scnbenefice@gmail.com

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES IN ST MARY'S HALL

MONDAY

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  
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 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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## **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](mailto:safeguarding@stmsalford.onmicrosoft.com)

## **Contact Us**

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