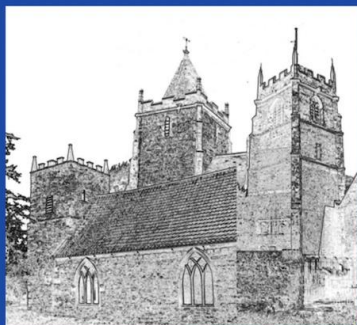


The Three Parishes Benefice



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



2nd August

Trinity 9

9.30am Morning Worship

St Mary's Church, Saltford

~

11.15am Holy Communion & Baptism

All Saints Church, Corston

~

4pm Telephone Service

Collect

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

Gen 32:22-31

Matt 14:13-21

**SUNDAY
CREAM TEAS**

in aid of Holy Trinity Church
2 - 4pm
in Newton St Loe Village Hall

**2nd August 2026
16th August 2026
30th August 2026**

Please note there is no disabled access in the Village Hall

Parish Breakfast July 12th 2026



Many thanks to those of you who attended or who helped in any way at the last Parish Breakfast on 12th July. It was another very hot day so the breakfast was a little quieter than normal but I think the fruit salad was appreciated. £87 was raised to support the work of Open Doors, a charity that supports persecuted Christians throughout the world.

There is no breakfast in August but please put 13th September into your diaries, when we'll be taking donations for the work of Love the One.

Julia Norris (07977 956969)

Tuesday 4th August

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

Wednesday 5th August

9.30am Telephone Service
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7.30pm Compline
All Saints Church, Corston



What we treasure reveals where our heart really is

This month, the Church will mark the feast of St Laurence. If my calculations are correct, there are seven churches dedicated to St Laurence/Lawrence in our Diocese of Bath & Wells, so happy patronal festival to all of them!

We don't know a lot about Laurence, but what we do know is impressive. He was a deacon martyred by the Romans in a particularly violent way, during a time of brutal persecution of Christians.

It's said that the Emperor ordered him to hand over all the treasure of the Church. He refused. But not in the way you might think. When he was asked to gather and display all the treasure of the Church, he called together the poor of the city to pray. And when the soldiers came to collect the treasure, and found only the poorest of the poor, Laurence declared, "These are the treasures of the Church." For that defiance in the face of tyranny, he was killed.

Laurence's worldview was in complete contrast to that of the ruling powers. Where they saw the poor as worthless and to be despised, he saw them as precious. He valued people above possessions in a way the authorities found baffling, maybe even threatening.

Jesus famously taught that what we treasure reveals where our heart really is.

In our society there are so many competing demands for our hearts and minds. It can be hard to work out where to place our loyalty. If you were asked to gather all your treasure, I wonder what you'd bring, and what that would reveal? If we analysed how we spend our money as individuals, PCCs, and a Diocesan Board of Finance -the body that manages the assets and finances of our diocese - what would that show about our priorities?

Those are provocative questions to ask, and tricky to answer. But in an area where St Laurence is so honoured, maybe we should try.

Fiona Gibson, Bishop of Taunton

Pause for Thought

Some of us (of a certain age) may well remember singing this song at Sunday School:

“Jesus bids us shine with a clear, pure light....

..You in your small corner, and I in mine.”

How were we encouraged to do this? (It will *still* influence our thinking!)

Did it include being “nice, well-behaved children”?

Did we, at that time, expect our ‘small corner’ to get bigger as we learned to understand better what we *ought* to do?

Does the Christian life consist of putting on a performance, as it were, for the benefit of those around us?

When Jesus says that without me you can do nothing, that must include the ‘shining!’

How much effort do we need to make to polish our light?

Do we need to polish it?

Isn’t Jesus’ shine enough?

Ken Plant

Sunday 9th August

Trinity 10

9.30am Connect

St Mary's Hall, Saltford

~

11.15am Holy Communion

Holy Trinity Church, Newton St Loe

~

4pm Telephone Service

Collect

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

Gen 37:1-4,12-28

Matt 14:22-33

Tuesday 11th August

7.30pm Prayers for Growth

St Mary's Church, Saltford

Wednesday 12th August

9.30am Telephone Service

~

7.30pm Compline

Holy Trinity Church, Newton St Loe

Sunday 16th August

Trinity 11

9.30am Holy Communion

St Mary's Church, Saltford

~

11.15am Family Service

All Saints Church, Corston

~

4pm Telephone Service

~

6pm Evensong

St Mary's Church
Saltford

Collect

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Readings

Gen 45:1-15

Matt 15:10-20,21-28

Tuesday 18th August

7.30pm Prayers for Growth

St Mary's Church, Saltford

Wednesday 19th August

9.30am Telephone Service

~

7.30pm Compline

St Mary's Church, Saltford

Sunday 23rd August

Trinity 12

9.30am Holy Communion

St Mary's Church, Saltford

~

11.15am Morning Worship
Holy Trinity Church, Newton St Loe

~

4pm Telephone Service

Collect

God of constant mercy, who sent your son to save us: remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen

Readings

Exod 1:8-2:10

Matt 16:13-20

Tuesday 25th August

7.30pm Prayers for Growth

St Mary's Church, Saltford

Wednesday 26th August

9.30am Telephone Service

~

7.30pm Compline

All Saints Church, Corston

Sunday 30th August

Trinity 13

10.30am Benefice Holy Communion

St Mary's Church, Saltford

~

4pm Telephone Service

Collect

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

Exod 3:1-15

Matt 16:21-end

St Mary's Saltford warmly invite you to their

PARISH BBQ

Join us after the 10.30am
Benefice Holy Communion Service
for Revd Nigel's Summer BBQ
Bring your own food/drink &
we will BBQ it!

Sunday 30th August 2026
Starts at 12pm on
The Church Green

All welcome even if you
can't make the service!



Tuesday 1st September

7.30pm Prayers for Growth

St Mary's Church, Saltford

Wednesday 2nd September

9.30am Telephone Service

~

7.30pm Compline

Holy Trinity Church, Newton St Loe

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

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/85017998147?pwd=L0FWMnZENHlvZ3VxS3FOeWpaNXJWZz09>

Meeting ID: 850 1799 8147

Passcode: Prayer

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# 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

5th & 19th August 2026  
2nd & 16th September 2026  
7th & 21st October 2026  
4th & 18th November 2026  
2nd & 16th December 2026

# 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:***

***9th September 2026***

***14th October 2026***

***11th November 2026***

***9th December 2026***

***All welcome***

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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](#)



## Affordable Food in Keynsham & Saltford

### Keynsham Community Fridge

20 Temple St, Keynsham, BS31 1EH

**It's for everyone and all FREE.**

A community fridge with surplus food donated by local suppliers. We are kindly hosted by Savour Kitchen and we're open when they're open! Weekdays 8.30 - 4.00, weekends 9.00 - 3.00.

Take what you will use, leave what you won't.

Look up Keynsham Community Fridge on Facebook.  
Save good food from going to waste.





**Bright Start Children's Centre**  
**Keynsham**

**Keynsham Children and Family Centre,  
65 West View Road, Keynsham, BS31  
2UE**



Affordable food and additional support for families with children living locally. Membership is £1 a year and a weekly food basket is £3.50. You must live in Bath & North East Somerset and have a child aged between 0 and 18.

Hours: Thursday: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm



**One Community Trust.**



One Community Trust hosts a FREE two course lunch every second Saturday of the month over two sittings in St John's Parish Hall. 12-1pm and 1-2pm. It is for people who might be struggling with the cost of living or who live alone or are elderly and vulnerable. Nobody is excluded, no questions, no agenda.

Takeaways are offered to those who are unable to eat in.

Book at Keynsham Library or email [octkitchen@outlook.com](mailto:octkitchen@outlook.com)



**Southside Family Project - Keynsham**  
**Community Group**

Enjoy a ***Packed Tea, Play and Support*** at  
the Keynsham Children and Family Centre, 65 Westview Road,  
Keynsham, BS31 2UE every Thursday during term time from 3.45  
pm to 5.15 pm

For more information call Southside on 01225 331243



## **Bath, Keynsham & Somer Valley Foodbank**

Bath, Keynsham & Somer Valley Foodbank provides food and support to local people. If you need help, contact a referral agency. See the web site for a list of local agencies.  
bksv.foodbank.org.uk  
or email [info@bksv.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@bksv.foodbank.org.uk)



Once you have been issued with an eVoucher, you will be able to visit one of the centres to collect your food parcel.

- Monday: 10-12, The Key Centre, Keynsham
- Thursday: 10-12, St Francis Church, Keynsham
- Friday: 10:15-11:45, St Mary's Hall Saltford

## **Keynsham Community Hub (formally Community @67)**



Keynsham Community Hub based at 67 Queens Road provides a weekly Public Living Room which is a warm and welcoming place to meet new people and enjoy a delicious lunch.

Our cosy space offers good company and the perfect opportunity to socialise and make new friends.

Come by every Tuesday from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm and be part of our friendly community. Whether you're looking to relax, have a chat, or simply enjoy a meal, there's a place for you here.



## **Social Group and Lunch** **Keynsham (Baptist Church)**

Our Social group is on a Tuesday, 10am - 2pm.

Memory Group is on Wednesdays, 10 - 2pm

All groups £50 including transport and lunch

Venue - Keynsham Baptist Church, High Street, Keynsham BS31 1DS

Tel - Lorraine Fox - 07761 747039

## **Keynsham and District Dial-a-Ride**

Dial-a-Ride is a door-to-door, fully accessible minibus service for people who cannot use conventional public transport

You must register before you can book any journeys.

To register please email [Admin@keynshamdialaride.co.uk](mailto:Admin@keynshamdialaride.co.uk) or call the co-ordinator on [01225 395628](tel:01225395628)



Information about other food projects in  
B&NES can be found at  
[www.banesfoodfinder.org.uk](http://www.banesfoodfinder.org.uk)

## **The Community Wellbeing Hub**



The Community Wellbeing Hub provides a central place to access a range of services to improve your health and wellbeing, including accessing food. 0300 247 0050

[www.communitywellbeinghub.co.uk](http://www.communitywellbeinghub.co.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.

## Safeguarding Officer

Jane George

01225 872275

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

## Contact Us

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Liz Benden

(Day off Friday)

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01225 872904

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Julie (Corston)

07983 910796

Margaret (Corston)

01225 872275

Harvey (Newton)

07711 506676

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### Parish Office

**The Parish Office will be closed to the public during the Summer Holidays and will reopen on Thursday 3rd September.**

**If you need to visit the Parish Office during the Summer break, leave an email or telephone message and we 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**



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