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# THE PARISH OF WORLE

**St. Martin's**, Church Road      **St. Lawrence**, Wick St. Lawrence      **St. Mark's**, Queensway  
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**Worle Parish Office**, St. Mark's Church Centre, St. Mark's Road,  
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## Mission Statement:

a community centred on the living Jesus, growing serving  
and reaching out in His name.

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## March Staff Letter

April seems a fitting month to ponder foolishness. It starts off foolish, the 1<sup>st</sup> being All Fools' Day and ends up holy, as on the 30<sup>th</sup> we can remember the Christian convert, Pandita Mary Ramabai. Because women's education was so important to her Brahmin father, her family was thought foolish. She became a social reformer and also translated the Scriptures from Hebrew and Greek into one of her own native languages, Marathi.

There have always been holy fools. We might think of the prophets who enacted their message, even if it meant walking naked and barefoot for three years, as it did for Isaiah, or Jeremiah breaking pots at the town gate, or children being named to indict the people of Israel, as both Hosea and Isaiah did. Actions like these make us think hard about sanity and madness, because what seems insane in society's terms, may be full of symbolic wisdom.

As Christians, we may know that all that Jesus did was authentic and wise and his life embodied God's eternal truth. But his way of life led to a publicly humiliating and early death, and no sensible person would have thought his actions wise at the time.

In England, our mystics were eccentric at best. Margery Kempe in 15<sup>th</sup> century Norfolk, seemed to be mad and lived a very odd life by the standards of the time. John Clare, the 18<sup>th</sup> century Fenland poet, spent long periods in mental institutions, but some of his words still speak to and for us now.

In Russia too it was known that faith could lead to foolishness. In a 19<sup>th</sup> century novel, a character comments, 'whoever has read the Bible all the way through... can no longer be held strictly responsible for his actions....such people are like the well known fools of God.'

So as we ponder foolishness and holiness, and what they may have in common (and much of that is to do with not minding what others think of you) may we enjoy all that April brings, fine or blustery. On a fine day, if the inner 'weather' is at all turbulent, and we long for peace, we could do worse than look to that poem, 'I am,' penned by Holy Fool, John Clare:

I long for scenes where man hath never trod / A place where woman never  
smiled or wept  
There to abide with my Creator, God, / And sleep as I in childhood sweetly  
slept,  
Untroubling and untroubled where I lie / The grass below—above the vaulted  
sky.

We might also reassure ourselves with the words of Margery Kempe's mentor, Julian of Norwich: 'all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.' So may we all be well known as 'fools of God.'

Gilly

## WHAT'S ON IN APRIL

|              |         |  |
|--------------|---------|--|
| Saturday 5   | 10.00am | Sanctuary Morning at St. Lawrence Church   |
|              | 3.30pm  | Messy Church at Mead Vale Community Centre   |
|              | 6.30pm  | St Mark's Film Night   |
| Tuesday 8    | 2.15pm  | St Martin's Fellowship in St Martin's Church. A talk on the Street Pastors by Mrs Liz Larcombe |
| Thursday 10  | 10.45pm | St Martin's Coffee Morning in Church   |
|              | 7.45pm  | Lent Course at Mead Vale Community Centre  |
| Saturday 12  | 12 noon | Baking Bonanza in St Lawrence Village Hall   |
| Saturday 19  | 10.00am | Mead Vale Coffee Morning in Mead Vale Community Centre   |
| Wednesday 23 | 2.00pm  | St Martin's Church open afternoon  |
| Wednesday 30 | 2.00pm  | St Martin's Church open afternoon  |

### Service Times

#### St Martin's

Sunday: 8am Holy Communion  
 Sunday: 10.00am Family Communion  
 (1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th)  
 Morning Praise (2nd)  
 Sunday: 6pm Service of Healing (1st),  
 Choral Evensong (3rd), Fifth Sunday  
 Service (5th)

#### St Mark's

Sunday: 9.30am Prayer Meeting  
 Sunday: 10.30am  
 Service of the Word: 1st Sunday  
 Holy Communion: 2nd, 4th and 5th  
 Sundays  
 All Age Worship 3rd Sunday  
 6.30pm Healing Service/Teaching Service  
 2nd Sunday

#### Mead Vale

Sunday: 10.30am There is a monthly  
 pattern of two Holy Communion  
 services,  
 one Morning Worship service and one  
 All Age Worship service  
 2nd Sunday: 6.00pm Evening Prayer  
 4th Sunday 6.00pm Pub Presence (The  
 Nightjar)

#### St Lawrence

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: 10.00am All Age Service  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: 6.00pm Evening Worship  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: 10.00 am Morning Praise  
 with  
 Sunday Club for children  
 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: 6.00 pm Holy Communion  
 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday: 6.00 pm Songs of Praise

### MIDWEEK SERVICES OF HOLY COMMUNION

**Wednesdays** \*9.30am at St. Mark's **Thursdays** 10.00am at St. Martin's  
 \*First **Wednesday** in the month 10.00am Mead Vale Community Hall

## From the Rector

*Carbon Fast – Financial Administrator – PCC Meeting – Diocesan Synod*

**Carbon Fast** – Have you managed to reduce your carbon emissions by up to 40% during Lent 2014? (See [www.thecarbonfast.org](http://www.thecarbonfast.org)) I've been cycling during Lent and estimate that I must have spent about nine hours cycling – however, as this was on a stationary spinning bike at the gym, I'm told it doesn't count! Wick St Lawrence had a walk-to-church Sunday. Tell us your story.

**Financial Administrator and Fees Administration** – The application for a grant for a part-time Financial Administrator, which was submitted to the Diocesan Fund for Church Growth, has been partially successful in principle. The Diocese will be sending an assessor to visit and the Sub-Group will meet shortly to work out the way forward.

**Church Treasurer Training** - ACAT's are running a Foundation Training Course to be held in Taunton on Saturday 10th May 2014. This Foundation Course is an introduction to all the issues a treasurer might meet. See: [http://www.acat.uk.com/foundation\\_courses.html](http://www.acat.uk.com/foundation_courses.html)

**Parochial Church Council meeting** – the meeting held on 25 March discussed the Common Fund DVD and Survey, Financial Report and Accounts for 2013, and preparations for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting to be held at Wick St Lawrence on Monday 28 April at 7.30pm.

**Diocesan Synod** – This was held at Nailsea on 22 March, with coffee and croissants to start and with some stirring worship to follow. Topics included:

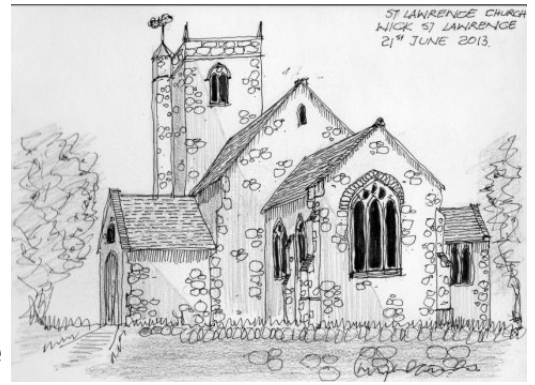
- The church growth report, From Anecdote to Evidence ([www.churchgrowthresearch.org.uk](http://www.churchgrowthresearch.org.uk)), which was mentioned and will be discussed in the near future
- A presentation was given by clergy from the Levels area: Flooding - Fact, Feeling and Future. This was the second 'once in a lifetime' flood in 14 months. What can be done to help? Answer: Prayer and money to Somerset Communities Fund
- Women in the Episcopate: Facilitated conversations have made a big difference. Motion was carried in house of Bishops, Clergy and Laity.
- Friends of the Fund for Church Growth: Would welcome contributions from the planned giving of individuals and churches

**Holy Week and Easter Services** – Please see the list of services across our churches as well as details of our Good Friday act of witness in Worle High Street. You are very welcome to join us for any of these services.

With love  
Revd Paul Larcombe

## St Lawrence Church, Wick St Lawrence

Wick church building is slowly transforming. The bar heaters in the windows which have been in situ for fifty years have now been removed and the junction box by the door has gone, to reveal the long hidden stone work beneath. The vestry has changed from near arctic to warm conditions, so that Bez, who leads our Sunday Club children in the vestry, announced she'd actually taken her coat off! We invite you to drop into Wick church anytime to see the changes and enjoy silence and peace with God. The church is always open during day light hours.



**Our next Sanctuary Morning is on Saturday 5 April**, drop in anytime between 10am and 12.30pm when refreshments will be provided and enjoy some Sabbath rest. Writer Wayne Muller says, "Sabbath requires surrender. If we only stop when we are finished with all our work, we will never stop – because our work is never completely done.....If we refuse rest until we are finished, we will never rest until we die." Take time out!

The diocese is encouraging us to have a Carbon Fast for Lent and with that in mind groups of us walked to church on Sunday 16 March. Some walked the whole way and some parked and walked or in the case of three of our children, cycled. One person arrived super early, unsure how long it would take to walk, and experienced a rare moment of quiet in the sunshine waiting for the rest to arrive.

### **Easter services and events.**

**On Sunday 6 April** at our 10am All Age service we will be making mini Easter gardens with all the congregation using take away and pre-cook meal tubs which folk have been faithfully collecting. This will be an opportunity for us to consider what Jesus went through for us.

**Saturday 12 April is Wick's Great Easter Bake Off**, 'Where there's a whisk there's a way.' Children are invited to make cookies and cup cakes and adults a sponge of their choice. Essentially baking takes place at home except for children's cookie decoration at 12noon, in Wick St Lawrence Village Hall, other entrants can arrive around 1pm with judging from 1.30pm. If you don't want to be bake, do come for tea and a chance to sample the cakes from 2pm. Specific details can be found on the Wick village website [www.wick-st-lawrence.com](http://www.wick-st-lawrence.com) but will also be on flyers in the churches or contact Sandra Redman on 01934 515716

**On Thursday 17 April** at 7.30pm there will be a Holy Communion for Maundy Thursday as we commemorate The Last Supper.

Blessings, Anne

# St. Mark's Church



As part of our Mission Action Plan, we are busily acting on our two current priorities...

## **Mission Aim #1 Build on our relationship with St Mark's school**

Our fledgling Link Team is beginning to take shape and become active. We met with Helen Bath, the head teacher at St Mark's VA School during March. Mrs. Bath gave us a tour of the school which highlighted the strong Christian ethos and culture, plus the excellent resources. There is a recently installed 'Explore' sensory room which uses wind chimes, a ball pool, illuminated bubble columns etc to offer a quiet space for children to reflect and be calm. Many class rooms are an explosion of colour and activity, with art work and photography everywhere!

Check out the school's website at this address:

<http://www.saintmarks.co.uk/index.asp>

In the coming weeks we will formally launch our Link Team and pray for them in a church service.

## **Mission Aim #2 Reach out to families and children**

We are planning four special **All Age services** this year, and also four **children's parties** around the same time. Keep an eye out for the dates in our notice sheets and please invite people along.

We hope to increase our **baptism ministry** and so, after discussion with the Team Rector Paul Larcombe, we will begin holding baptisms on the first Sunday of the month (because it is a shorter Service of the Word) not the third Sunday as we have been doing. That said, we have to bear in mind the parish-wide baptism ministry and the need for the clergy team to take baptisms at the three other churches.

These are our two **current** priorities. We also identified other areas of activity in North Worle which we would like to engage with in the future (as the Lord provides the resources and motivation!) In the meantime, **we try our best to be a friendly church where people of all ages and backgrounds feel valued and welcomed.**

Exciting times are ahead! Please use this article as a basis for prayer, and allow God to speak to you.

With love, Chris

# St Martin's Church



**A Sparkling Celebration.** Robin and Liz Vincent celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary and we were delighted to join them to mark 60 splendid years of marriage. We did this in the traditional way, with a splendid Anniversary cake and flowers. We all enjoyed the time we shared with them after the 10am service on 2<sup>nd</sup> March and wish them every blessing for the future.



**Open doors.....** On St George's Day, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, as we perhaps think about the slaying of mythical dragons, **St Martin's will be open during the afternoon.** This is the start of a trend, as the Church will be open every Wednesday afternoon after that. People will be there to welcome you (they will NOT be dragons, never fear!) and they will help us all to explore and enjoy the history and traditions of our Church. Look out for the banner and come and join us! More information will be available before long!

**St. Martin's choir is suffering....** It's suffering from ageing members and a decline in numbers. Experts tell us that we all have the ability to sing, so why not come along to a choir practice in St. Martin's on a Thursday evening at 6.30pm and you'll find that you really are at least as good as the existing members. Remember, it is your Christian duty to help to ease suffering!

For your diary

## **Easter Services:**

### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2014 7pm Music Quiz and refreshments**

Please take note! For minimal effort, a t(h)rilling evening will be held at St Martin's Church. We hope that your response will be off the scale and that the quiz questions will strike a chord with all who come! Money raised from the quiz will form part of our financial support to the school in Zambia, (which we help more practically too; we recently sent them 100 filled pencil cases.)

**Food for Thought** – 2015 will be the 900<sup>th</sup> birthday year of St. Martin's Church; so we are planning celebrations. Suggestions are always welcome....



## Mead Vale Church



The Mother's Day service was held in the Night Jar pub and was led by Jayne Webster-Blyth and Penny Devereux. The children presented all the ladies with a posy of flowers, to symbolise purity, beauty and life – all of which we attribute to our mothers.

Why not bring your children or grandchildren and join us for Messy Church on Saturday 5 April. The topic for this session is the Passion. We always start with play, before moving on to a variety of crafts for Palm Sunday and the Easter period. This is followed by a short service and as always, we end with a hot meal, cooked this month by Greg.

We hold a coffee morning in the small hall at the Community Centre on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month at 10.00. Everyone is welcome to join us for a drink and a chat. We also meet for coffee and fellowship every Wednesday in the Night Jar pub at 10.30.

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### **Statistics Don't Lie**

How to stay safe in the world today: Where IS the safest place?

1. Avoid riding in automobiles - because they are responsible for 20% of all fatal accidents.
2. Do not stay home - 17% of all accidents occur in the home.
3. Avoid walking on streets or pavements - because 14% of all accidents occur to pedestrians.
4. Avoid travelling by air, rail, or water - because 16% of all accidents involve these forms of transportation.
5. Of the remaining 33%, 32% of all deaths occur in Hospitals - so, above all else, avoid hospitals.

But you will be pleased to learn that only .001% of all deaths occur in worship services in church, and these are usually related to previous physical disorders.

Therefore, logic tells us that the safest place for you to be at any given point in time is at church!

And Bible study is safe too! The percentage of deaths during Bible study is even less.

So, attend church, and read your Bible. IT WILL SAVE YOUR LIFE!

GOD BLESS YOU!

## From the Registers



*God has received you by baptism into His Church*

### **Baptisms in St Martin's**

23 March Archie David Hutton

### **Baptisms in St Lawrence**

2 March Laylia Poppy Anne Weston

### **Baptisms in St Mark's**

9 March Daniel Clayton Travis



### **Funerals in January**

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Harold George Small | aged 87 |
| Violet Parker       | aged 90 |
| Gary Steven Iles    | aged 47 |
| Hugh Timms          | aged 86 |
| Edwin Williams      | aged 88 |



### **Prayer for April**

He is with you in the morning,  
When the day is new and bright.  
He is with you at the eventide,  
And in the darkest night.  
He is with you when you're happy,  
When the sun shines in your day.  
And when you're sad or lonely,  
He is just a thought away.

**Amen**



# USEFUL LOCAL DETAILS

Citizens Advice Bureau, Badger Centre, 3-6 Wadham Street..... 836200  
 Opening: Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri 10.00am - 3pm

CVS—W-s-M Council for Voluntary Services,  
 Room 6, Roselawn, 28 Walliscote Grove Road,..... 631169

**Community Association Contacts in Worle:**

Lawrence Road Community Centre: Mrs. J.C.M. Thompson.....515681  
 Mead Vale Community Centre, Redwing Drive,: Paddy Payne.....239186  
 Preatnes Green Resource Centre 9.30am-1.30pm .....529733

**Doctors Surgeries**

**Dr R J B Bowering & Partners:**

Riverbank Medical Centre, Walford Avenue, North Worle,  
 Weston-super-Mare BS22 7YZ.....521133

**Dr M H Pimm & Partner:**

The Cedars Surgery, 87 New Bristol Road, Worle.  
 Weston-super-Mare BS22 6AJ.....515878

**Dr N D Patel**

The Village Surgery, Hill Road East, Worle  
 Weston-super-Mare BS22 9HF..... 516671

Worle Medical Practice, High Street, Worle BS22 6HB..... 516789

**Pharmacies:**

See local chemists rota for late night opening but Milton Pharmacy,  
 260 Milton Road is open Monday 8am till Friday 8pm ,  
 Saturday 8am to 2pm and Sunday closed. .... 413100

Samaritans call any time.....632555

Waste Disposal Tip, Herluin Way.....419447

Sat 9.00am—4.00pm; Mon—Fri 8.00am—4.30pm      Sunday 9.00am - 4.00pm

**North Somerset Town Hall WSM.....888888**

**Worle Library, High Street.....426090**

Open: Mon, Tues 9.30am—5.30pm

Wed Closed

Thurs. 9.30—5.30

Friday 9.30—7.00pm,

Saturday 9.30am—1.00pm and 2.00pm—4.00pm

Mobile Library Service.....426020

**Guide District Commissioners**

Worle District:      Ann MacDonald..... 642053  
                               Moira Wilmot..... 521980  
 Milton District:    Liz Griffiths ..... 624366  
 Priory District:    Andrea Drury..... 515208  
                               Sue Cox..... 515913

**Scout & Cub contact numbers for Worle and Wick St Lawrence**

1st North Worle - Carol Pepper..... 511459  
 2nd Worle - Marion Hillcok..... 521021  
 District Secretary- Ann Coombes..... 513699  
 1st Wick St Lawrence Beavers, Cubs and Scouts..... 620719

## WORLE PARISH - ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

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### Churchwardens:

Paul Elliott 513968

**Parish Administrator** Liz Winter

**Parish Office:** Monday to Friday 9.00am-12 noon and Wednesday 7.00pm-8.00pm (by appointment only)  
Tel: 515922

**Baptisms & Weddings** - Come to The Parish Office between 9-12noon Monday to Friday or Wednesday Evening 7-8pm (by appointment only)

**Church Schools** St. Mark's Primary (V.A.) School..... Tel: 513008  
St. Martin's Primary (V.C.) School.....Tel: 628651  
St. Georges Primary (V.A) School..... Tel: 426901

### WHAT'S ON AT ST MARKS

**Weddings and Baptisms...** Come to The Parish Office during normal parish office hours.

**Home Groups** Midweek adult fellowship and study....  
Enid Wills 512677 Colin Guichard 521792 Alan & Lesley Faulkner 526689

**Sunday Morning Teaching Groups** for ages 0-13

**Young People during the week...** Rainbows: Weds 4.30pm-5.30pm (Julia Watt 420422)  
Brownies Mondays and Wednesdays (Sue Cox 515913)  
Daily Pre-school (515922)  
Guides on Wednesday (Lynn Plumley 511909)  
Thursday Parents & Toddlers (Ann Payne 622245)  
**Lettings.....** The Parish Office 515922 (Liz Winter)

### WHATS ON AT ST MARTIN'S

**Choir.....** Richard Lennox 07710788911  
**Church Cleaning Guild.** Friday Morning  
**Flowers.....** Diane Swatton 513111  
**Handbells.....** Jenny Thompson 521570  
**Social Events.....** Diane Swatton 513111  
**Bellringers.....** Jim Lambard 514004  
**Sacristy.....** Communion, Servers, Vestments .... Joan Elliott 513968  
**St Martin's Fellowship.....** Iris Elsbury 519497  
**Baby & Toddler Group.....** Revd Anne Farmer 515610  
**Little Martin's Children's Group** Every Sunday during 10.00am Service

### WHAT'S ON AT MEAD VALE

**Life Groups....** Penny Devereux 511140  
**Coffee Morning....** Wednesdays 10.30am in the Nightjar / 3rd Saturday in every month  
Mead Vale Community Centre 10.00am  
**Messy Church .....** Next session - 5 April  
**COSMIC....** Sunday morning groups for children  
**Lettings Contact for hall** Paddy Payne 239186

### WHAT'S ON AT ST. LAWRENCE

**Open Church** During daylight hours the church is open for anyone seeking a sanctuary of peace and quiet  
**Bellringers** Paul Tomlinson 515853  
**Choir** Elizabeth Glen 832283 (Youth) Jaqueline Hockley 520956 (Adult)  
**Sunday Club & Sunday Youth Gang** Sunday morning groups for children and young people. Contact Revd. Anne Farmer 515610