

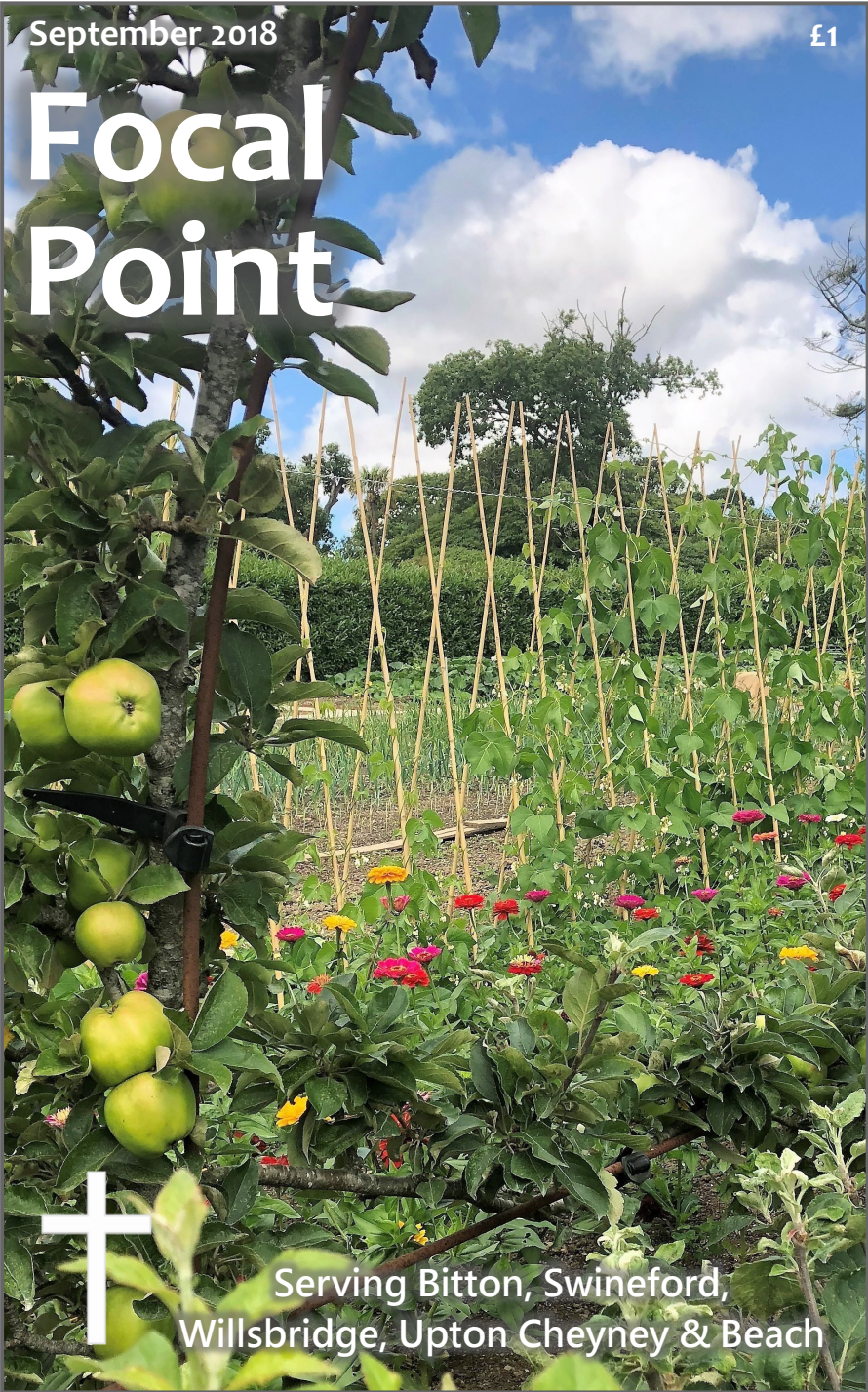
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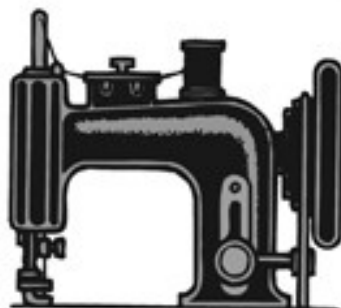


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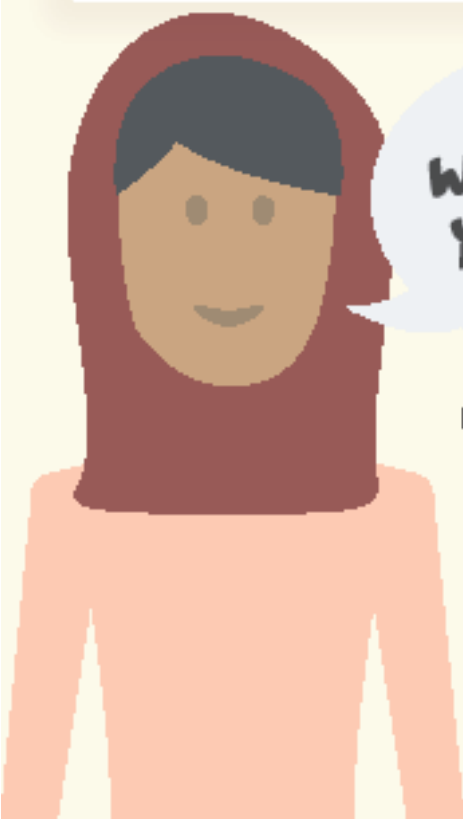
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Minister: Meryl White
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Sunday services are at 3pm

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| Sept 2 | Service led by Steve Britton |
| Sept 9 | Church anniversary service led by Meryl White |
| Sept 16 | Service led by Meryl White |
| Sept 23 | Service led by Meryl White including the RAOBs |
| Sept 30 | Service led by Sue Cossey |

*Our coffee afternoon will be held on Tuesday 25th from 2pm
Our Quiet Morning starts at 10am on Monday 24th*

ST MARY'S CHURCH

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Rev Richard Humphrey
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From the Honorary Curate

As the summer holidays are drawing to an end, parents with school-aged children will get ready for the beginning of a new academic year, as will those who work in schools or universities.

Even for those of us who haven't got children at school or are otherwise linked to the academic year, September still is the beginning of something new, a new phase - or the returning to the routine. July and August often don't follow regular patterns, lots of people are on holiday.

This year, we had a particularly good summer: lots of sunshine (though I acknowledge the need for rain), a good football World Cup (if you are English), lots of opportunities for yummy barbecues or long walks.

Now, with September about to start, we are reminded that the summer is drawing to a close, even though at the time of writing this, there have been some articles predicting warm weather all the way until the end of September.

Holidays are over, it is back to normality - back to a routine. Back to the ordinary life, maybe. There is nothing wrong with



Anika Gardiner

ordinary life, in fact in the Church year we are still in ordinary time for a few months.

I'd like to encourage us to embrace the routine, the mundane. St Benedict, the founder of a monastic order, felt that one of the great spiritual lessons was to keep the connections between the spiritual aspects of our lives and the daily tasks set before us. 'Ritualising those tasks, in other words, making them a living prayer to be performed with intentionality, meant that we could live ordinary lives extraordinary well. Ritualising the task of doing the dishes and setting the table can become opportunities to worship. Through this practice we make the present moment of how we are living holy. We find layers and layers of meaning as the endless days of tasks unfold and we dig deeper into the truth of being ordinary...whether we pull weeds, wash dishes, it is holy as we remember we are in God's presence as we work at each task.' (*Becca Stevens, 89, 2015*)

I really like the idea of living the ordinary life extraordinary well - maybe that's we can do this September: live the ordinary time in the Church calendar extra ordinary well.

Yes, there might be no festival (apart from the Patronal Festival at the beginning of the month), but there is always to opportunity of being intentional in our tasks, the way we serve, the way we approach work, the way we relate to friends and family.

A book I read in the last couple of years is *Everyday God*, by Paula Gooder, which I have mentioned in the past - in it, she explores the longest period of the liturgical year which is ordinary time, 33 weeks where no great dramas occur. In a culture where we value the special, the new, the unusual, 'the ordinary' is the very essence of life.

So this month, rather than get down by having to go back to routine and our ordinary life, let us learn how to live an ordinary life in an extraordinary way.

Anika Gardiner

BOARD GAME CAFE

3rd Sunday of the month

2.30pm - 5pm

at St Mary's Church, Bitton



Come along for an afternoon of games; strategic or easy, long or quick. There will be games for everyone, as well as a cup of tea/coffee and even some biscuits.

Everyone is welcome.



Next dates:

16th September, 21st October and 18th November

Any questions: contact Anika Gardiner

gardiner.anika@gmail.com 0117 9325305

Benefice Midweek meetings

This autumn features a wide variety of Midweek groups including:

- The Morning Group on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 10.30am, starting on 12th September.
- Wednesday and Thursday evening groups studying the Book of Daniel.
- Celtic Communion in the Lady Chapel, followed by coffee, tea and cakes, on the fourth Friday of the month, starting on 28th September.
- A monthly prayer meeting from 7.30 to 8.30 pm on the first Tuesdays, starting on 4th September.
- A monthly Benefice Prayer Breakfast from 9 to 10 am on third Saturdays, starting at Warmley Church on 15th September.

Full details are on the Midweek Card available in the church. Everyone is most welcome.

Ken Gibson

St Mary's Family Café Church

Sunday 23 September at 9.30am

The new season of relaxed and informal service on the fourth Sunday of each month gets under way.

It is aimed at families with primary school and pre-school aged children with a Bible story and the chance to be involved in craft work.

There is a café feel to it with refreshments available throughout and bacon rolls on offer.

September's story is 'Noah looks for the animals!'

Services at St Mary's in September

Sunday, September 2
PATRONAL FESTIVAL

No service at 10.30am

6.30pm: Patronal Praise with preacher Canon Paul Denyer and featuring the Combined Benefice Choirs

Sunday, September 9

10.30am: Family Parade Service followed by lunch at The Upton Inn

Sunday, September 16

10.30am: Morning Worship

Sunday, September 23

8am: Holy Communion

9.30am: Family Café Church

Friday, September 28

9.30am: Celtic Communion, followed by coffee and cakes

Sunday, September 30

No morning service at St Mary's
10.30am: Benefice Communion at Warmley

St Mary's flower rota

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| 1 September | Judith Butson |
| 8 September | Judith Butson |
| 15 September | No volunteers |
| 22 September | Janet Ballinger |
| 29 September | Helen Pugsley |



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Offers of cakes and raffle prizes are most welcome. Contact Marlene on 932 3560.

St Mary's Matters

I still haven't quite got used to the idea that I'm writing for a publication a month in advance. I've realised that I completely forgot to encourage you to come along and support the church fete on September 1st in the August edition.

As I write now and the amazing weather we've had this summer is breaking up a little, I'm hoping that fete day will bring glorious sunshine and be a successful event. It's a big day in the St Mary's calendar and with the massive support we get from so many people in the village, it's a wonderful example of the church and surrounding community coming together and having a really enjoyable time. My thanks to everyone who has worked so hard to make it a success.

From 1st September to the end of April 2019, Jeremy, our vicar, will be seconded to the Diocese of Bristol as part of the Ministry Development team. This is to help in the transition period while the Diocese awaits the arrival of Bishop Viv. He will be based in Hillside House from Monday to Friday but will still help with leading Sunday services throughout the benefice.

Anika will be taking on most of his responsibilities within the benefice as 'curate-in-charge'. She and others amongst the leaders in the three churches will be taking on more so we will be remembering her and them in our prayers over the coming months.

You are always welcome at St Mary's, whether it be for a few quiet moments when the church is open during the day, Celtic Communion at 9.30am on the fourth Friday, or one of our Sunday services. Why not try the Board Game Café – 2.30pm on the third Sunday of the month.



Pete Midgley

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St Mary's Church

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Sunday 2nd September
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Ride + Stride is an opportunity to sponsor walkers in support of Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust, *writes Barbara Merritt*. The trust has helped St Mary's Church in the past, especially in restoring table tombs in the churchyard, and we always feel we should give something.

May I ask for your donations for the trust so that we can continue to support and show our gratitude to this organisation? Please hand any donations to me, or either of the churchwardens - Jacqui Harris or Pete Midgley.

St Mary's Church Fête

The annual parish fête (2pm to 5pm) features some special competitions

Flower Arrangement

for the David Smith Cup 

The arrangement should be on the theme of *Meadows*.

Space allowed 13" x 13". No dried or silk flowers allowed. Entry forms can be obtained and arrangements exhibited between 6.30 and 7.30pm in St Mary's Church on Friday 31st August.

Baking

for the Best Bitton Baker



An orange & chocolate cake to the recipe of your choice.

Entries to the stall on the field by 2.30pm on the day.

Saturday 1st September

Under 16 baking competition

for Best Bitton Junior Baker

Flapjacks - any recipe and combination permitted.
Entries to the stall on the field by 2.30pm on the day.

Children's Art Competition **(Open to all under 12 years)**



A painting of your choice on the subject of
The King or Queen of the Meadows.

Two age categories: 7 years or under and 8 to 12 years.

Entries to the church porch either on Friday 31st August between 6.30 and 7.30pm, or on Saturday by 2pm.



'Ballads, Songs & Snatches'

A musical evening with Bath Gilbert & Sullivan Society

Saturday 20th October 2018 at 7.30 pm

St Mary's Church, Bitton



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HOLIDAY AT HOME PROGRAMME Monday 17th September - Friday 21st September

| Day | Morning | Afternoon |
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| Monday Venue: Bitton Church Hall | Ann's musical medley quiz Board games (and jigsaw puzzles) | Film with popcorn and ice cream Paddington 2 |
| Tuesday Venue: Warmley | Jackie Harris - Life on and off the Beat Poems /dramatic reading including Joyce Grenfell and Stanley Holloway pay a visit | Sing along Ukulele Hat Band - old and new favourites... Bingo |
| Wednesday Venue: Warmley | Holy Communion in church Quiz - Do you remember that? | School choir (to be confirmed) |
| Thursday Day trip | Oakham Treasures Portbury | Picnic lunch in St Mary's Portbury followed by a guided tour of St Mary's (12th century) |
| Friday Venue: Syston | Creating and crafting Board games and jigsaw puzzles, etc | Nicola's chocolate talk and demonstration with tastings! |

If you would like to come along to Holiday at Home, please contact Susie Bishop at revsusiebishop.uk@gmail.com or call 0117 979 8371 or 0791 760 2703 or your churchwarden. Each day starts at 10am and ends at 2pm.

Odd days are fine, as is the whole week, plus each day will have a hot meal! (apart from Thursday's day trip).

From the parish register

5th August

Baptism

Remea Saya Katria & Monroe Ingram

News from Upton Cheyney URC

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New members and guests are always welcome

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Bitton Village Residents' Association Flicks in the Sticks

*There will be No Flicks this September.
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We look forward to a glass of wine and a chat with good
friends, as well as seeing a film then*

Winter season dates for your diary

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FRIDAY 16 NOVEMBER
FRIDAY 18 JANUARY**

**FRIDAY 15 FEBRUARY
FRIDAY 15 MARCH**

Next local history talk

Bitton Parish History Group's next meeting will be a film and talk by David Noble, author of '*An Oldland Boy Looks Back*': an insight into aspects of life in Oldland Common in the 1940s, '50s and '60s, including many memories and accounts from residents.

The meeting will be on Friday 5th October at 7 for 7.30pm at North Common Village Hall, Millers Drive - there is a car park.



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Monday 24th September

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Congratulations Team Bailey!

Lay minister David Bailey, his son Joe and son-in-law Kevin, have raised more than £5,500 for the Jessie May Trust on a charity cycle ride from one end of Britain to the other - with David spending the last two days in a Scottish hospital.



Joe, left, & Kevin at John O'Groats

David and Joe set out from Land's End on 27th July and had achieved a gruelling 630 miles together in six days when David suffered a freak accident. Stationary on his bike prior to setting off on their seventh day, he was unable to get out of his cleats and toppled sideways. Being a GP, he knew immediately he had broken his hip.



David in hospital

Kevin drove David's wife Stephanie up to Scotland and after dropping her at the hospital, he then teamed up with Joe to complete the last 320 miles to John O'Groats in just two days. David meanwhile underwent surgery for a hip replacement.

The operation was a success and David has not given up on going back to Scotland to complete the journey himself. He'll have to wait at least three months before he can even contemplate getting back on a bike and in the meantime is grateful for the donations which continue to roll in on his JustGiving page. If you would like to contribute, visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/david-bailey46>

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Bitton WI report

On one of the hottest days, 25 members met at the Kelston Cheese Farm, *writes Jean Hook*. Some of us went on a walk, headed by Lesley Brain through the fields and along the river, it was delightful. We met back at the farm for a cream tea. I bought some cheese and it was the best cream cheese I've tasted for a long time.

There was no meeting in August so we went on a outing to Barrington Court, Ilminster, with a coffee stop at Sanders Garden Centre before arriving at Barrington Court, which was the first mansion acquired by the National Trust in 1907.

The Tudor house, with its gardens laid out by garden designer Gertrude Jekyll in 1843, are magnificent. It is also used for weddings and it was featured in *Wolf Hall*. Even though it is empty there is so much to see and well worth a visit.

The next meeting will be Monday September 10th and will be a demonstration on card making at St Mary's Church Hall. The flower club meets on Tuesday 18th at 2pm. All welcome.

August's quiz answers

The answers (with alternatives that were allowed in brackets) are: **1.** Robin (Magpie), **2.** Wagtail (Quail), **3.** Goldcrest, **4.** Gull (Lyrebird & Rook), **5.** Hobby, **6.** Puffin, **7.** Nuthatch, **8.** Osprey (Oz), **9.** Red Kite, **10.** Sandpiper, **11.** Merlin (Finch, Creeper), **12.** Lapwing, **13.** Arctic Tern, **14.** Razorbill (Sawbill), **15.** Nightjar (Knight), **16.** Pheasant (peasant + 8th letter 'h') (Mynah Bird), **17.** Stonechat, **18.** Flycatcher, **19.** Swallow (in Swallows & Amazons), **20.** Dove.

Congratulations to Pam & Jon Booth, Ken & Jill Gibson, Mary Younie, Alan & Sue Murtagh, Margaret & Bryan Garlick, the Perrett/Godwin team and Sarah Craddock. The Perrett/Godwin team were the winners of the draw.

The September quiz

This month's quiz concerns well-known cheeses - English and European. The clues are mostly cryptic with a few anagrams. The deadline for entries (also adverts/copy) is **15th September**.

Send to The Editor, 18 Church Road, Bitton, BS30 6HH or email *bittonfocalpoint@live.co.uk*

1. le cool budget ruse (anag)
2. County town with socialist tendencies
3. Vertically challenged European?
4. Sweet Italian milk
5. Named after its creator in reverse
6. Amused feline associations
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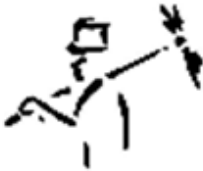
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