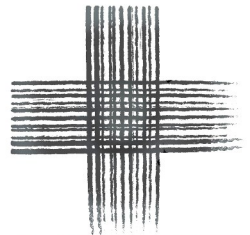


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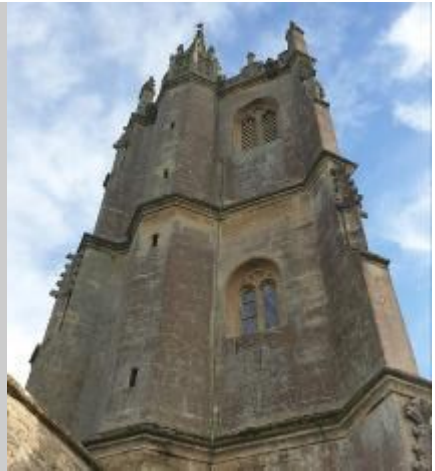
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- Sunday 12th Celtic Communion led by Richard Humphrey**
- Sunday 19th Bible Study led by Steve Britton**
- Sunday 26th Service led by Steve Britton**



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Services for March 2023

Services at St Mary's

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Sunday, 5 March

Second Sunday in Lent
10.30am Parish Communion

Sunday, 12 March

Third Sunday in Lent
10.30am *Family Special with the Scout Group and the St Mary's Minstrels followed by a sale of cakes in support of Scout Funds.*



Sunday, 19 March

Fourth Sunday in Lent –
10.30am Morning Worship
for Mothering Sunday

A special service for families.

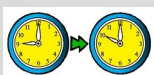


Thursday, 23 March

9.30am Celtic Communion
followed by coffee and cake

Sunday, 26 March

Fifth Sunday in Lent
8.00am Holy Communion
09.30am Family Café Church



**Clocks go forward as
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Prayer Breakfast at Warmley Church

Tuesday 28 March at 7 to 8 pm

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	Sanitary towels	Nappies	

Any other non-perishable gifts will be gratefully received

From the Register

Nothing this month



St Mary's Matters

It was a shame that Pews and Pancakes had to be postponed from Shrove Tuesday. It did have a certain ring to it. As you read this there should be a new date set for this sometime in March, although of course the name will have changed. Someone suggested to me the name "Buns on Pews". Anyway, whatever the name, keep an eye out for it and come along if you can. The idea of the event is to inspect a prototype of the moveable pews we intend to have in the church. Feedback on its suitability will be most welcome as we work towards finalising the design. We do have money set aside for making more of these so it is important we move forward with this part of the project.



Pete Midgley

Alongside the plans for reordering the church, we are continuing to make plans to develop our work with families and children. Applications for money to employ a part time Children's and Family Worker are being made and hopefully will be successful to allow this work to go ahead soon. This should allow us to build on the relationships we have made through Family Café Church and with the Meadows school.

The first lunch outing organised by Douglas on 12th February was a great success. Nine of us enjoyed a delicious meal together at the Blue Bowl, West Harptree. The next one will be on 12th March. Do let Douglas know if you would like to come.

Jeremy has been without an admin assistant for a while now. The plan is to employ someone, initially for 9 hours a week. They will be based in the Muniment Room at St Mary's, which will be made into an office space. They will be helping Jeremy with tasks across the benefice.

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Lent Groups take a cue from West Side Story

This year we are following 'A Place for Us' which is an original Lent course based on the recent film production of West Side Story directed by Steven Spielberg and featuring the songs of Stephen Sondheim and Leonard Bernstein.

Through study and discussion of key scenes from the movie, related to Lent passages from scripture, Lavinia Byrne and Jane McBride help us to reflect on fear, love, betrayal, death, and reconciliation. The course is based on five weekly sessions exploring the following themes: Belonging, Otherness and Difference, The Gift of Love, The Promise of a Place for Us and The Tragedy of Betrayal.

There are 4 groups to choose from and you will be very welcome at whichever suits you.

- Tuesdays at 7.30 pm at the Warmley Vicarage beginning on 28 February *Contact Jeremy Andrew 0117 967 2724*
- Wednesdays at 10.30 am at Westover, Bath Road, Bitton beginning on 1 March
Contact David Bailey 0117 932 8949
- Wednesdays at 7.30 pm at 8 Church Road, Bitton beginning on 1 March
Contact Ken Gibson 0117 932 2122
- Thursdays at 7.30 pm at Kenilworth Drive, Willsbridge beginning on 2 March
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Rev Richard Humphrey

Mothering Sunday



***When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, 'Dear woman, here is your son,' and to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.'* (John 19: v26-27.)**

This month, as we journey on towards Easter, we stop on the way at the fourth Sunday of Lent, a day that has traditionally become for us Mothering Sunday.

And I think it's fair to say that there has been a lot of re-imagining of Mothering Sunday down through the years. Like many Christian festivals, Mothering Sunday probably has its origins in some kind of pagan celebration, and it wasn't until after Constantine converted to Christianity that it became a Festival that honoured the Blessed Virgin Mary. Originally in this country, of course, Mothering Sunday was the day when servants in large stately homes were permitted to return to their mother church and to see their families, their mother church usually being the one in which they were baptised. For many it would be the only time in the year perhaps when they were able to see their family. Nowadays however, it has become very much a celebration of mothers, grandmothers and carers. Often known now as Mother's Day, it usually involves family get-togethers, flowers, chocolates and Sunday lunch!

But what has also evolved over the course of time are the roles of motherhood and caring, as women began to carry on working after children came along, men became much more involved in bringing up children, and the word "househusband" crept into the English language.



Just under 30 years ago, on March 12th. 1994, Barry Rogerson, the Bishop of Bristol ordained the Church of England's first thirty two women priests, one of whom was Margery Simpson, who went on to serve as a curate here in our Benefice. I wonder after that if it ever crossed our minds that somewhere, someone preaching a Mothering Sunday sermon might actually be a real mother! And we have to acknowledge too that in some families today of course the dynamic is completely different- there could well be two mothers, or two fathers instead of Mum & Dad.

But taking all that into account, it is possible today to see the much deeper significance of Mothering Sunday as part of our Lenten journey towards the momentous events of Easter. Mary, the mother of Jesus, appears twice in John's Gospel: first at the wedding in Cana and finally standing at the foot of the cross as Jesus fulfils his earthly mission. At Cana she demonstrated her complete faith in her son, telling the servants to do whatever he told them. And now here on the cross, Jesus, even in his extreme agony, sees his mother and acts as a loving, dutiful son, ensuring she will be looked after by entrusting her to the

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care of the disciple whom he loved. His mother was to look on him as her son, and he was to look on her as his mother. Even at the worst- and most important-moment of his life his thought is for others. He knows that they are suffering too.

But this defining moment in human history also saw the creation of something incredibly beautiful and significant. As Jesus sees his mother and his disciple he joins them together, creating a new family with an unspoken command to love and care for each other as mother and son. We often see Pentecost as the birth of the church don't we, but perhaps it's really in the shadow of the cross that a new way of being family and community is born. As Phillip North says in 'Walking The Way Of The Cross', "Here, through the shedding of his blood, Jesus forms a new family of love, one that we call the church." And suddenly we are gathered into a family that has so much more than just a biological connection- we are connected through faith in Christ, and perhaps this gives a much deeper sense of what it really means to be the family of the church. We come to this family, not by birth but by baptism. We are blood relatives not through our blood, but through the blood that he shed so willingly for us at Calvary.

But we also have to acknowledge that families don't always work do they? And that for some Mothering Sunday can be difficult, challenging and painful for all sorts of reasons. And in acknowledging that, it is so very important that we hold on to the fact that whatever we are feeling, wherever we are in our lives, good or bad, God really does care and that it was precisely because he cared so much that Jesus went to the Cross.

So maybe through those two verses from John's Gospel we can see that Mothering Sunday has much deeper significance and meaning than we might think. As Mary at Calvary watches in horror and despair, somehow through the coming together of the pain of motherhood and the suffering of the cross we are learning new ways of being family, just as over the last two or three years we have learned new ways of being church.



So yes, it is right and proper today that we celebrate the love of our mothers and grandmothers, but it is also right that we celebrate too the love of everyone, be they relatives or friends, who perhaps have been like a mother to us, and to honour all those who care for us and for others, regardless of family ties, gender, age, race, culture or creed. As he hung there on the cross Jesus gathered together two people who loved him, and the words he spoke to his mother and to his disciple tell us in no uncertain terms that as the family of the church we have to honour his sacrifice by offering love and hospitality in a way that recognises and welcomes every single human being as a unique and precious gift from God, whoever they are and wherever they are on their journey through this life.

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Pardon the Pew

Apologies to all those who were hoping to enjoy a pancake while trying out the new prototype pew on Shrove Tuesday.

Regrettably it became apparent that the new pew was not going to be ready in time for the event which was therefore postponed. A date will be set for a new event sometime before Easter.

The modified pew is one that was removed in 2017 and has been held in storage. These pews along with those remaining in the church will be modified and used to create a full set of 20 new pews that are mobile and can then be configured into different arrangements or moved away , as needed. The opportunity is also being taken to make the pews more comfortable. It is this point, in particular, that the views of the community are being sought. Additional seating will be provided in the form of new stackable chairs, which will also be upholstered.

Seating in the church has been changed many times over the years with the last major reordering having taken place in 1967. The oak pews currently in use in the church date from the 1870s.

More information on a revised date for the event will be published soon.



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ECO Church News

Regular readers may recall that in January there was an article describing how to make bird boxes. I'm happy to report that two of the boxes Keith made are now installed in the churchyard, and we look forward to seeing if any of our resident birds consider them worthy of occupation!

It was a beautiful sunny February afternoon in Bitton, and the churchyard was filled with birdsong and signs of spring. We were closely watched the whole time by a perky little robin who was very tame and who seemed very interested in all we were doing. We also put up two bird feeders, one with energy balls and one with peanuts, which also greatly interested the robin! Do have a wander through the churchyard and see if you can spot the boxes and the new feeding station.

Eco church is about caring for God's creation in various ways, and encouraging native wildlife is a large part of this. We would also like to have a bee and insect hotel at some point, and keep an area of the churchyard for native wildflowers and plants that benefit birds, bees and butterflies. This is a work in progress, so watch this space! If anyone has any ideas or resources that would help with this I would love to hear from them.

Anne Carrington





General Synod - Blessing for same-sex couples take step forward

There has been much in the news about the General Synod's debate on blessings for same sex marriages and it has been a matter of considerable discussion and prayer in the church.

The official Church of England position has been set out by the two archbishops and the Bishop Of London, Sarah Mullally, recording that the General Synod has welcomed proposals which would enable same-sex couples to come to church after a civil marriage or civil partnership to give thanks, dedicate their relationship to God and receive God's blessing.

Synod members also voted to "lament and repent" of the failure of the Church to welcome LGBTQI+ people and for the harm that LGBTQI+ people have experienced – and continue to experience – in churches.

The Synod's comments will now guide the bishops as they prepare new pastoral guidance for the Church on sexuality and marriage in the coming months before the prayers are formally commended for use in churches.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, and the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, said: *"It has been a long road to get us to this point.*

"For the first time, the Church of England will publicly, unreservedly and joyfully welcome same-sex couples in church. The Church continues to have deep differences on these questions which go to the heart of our human identity.

"As Archbishops, we are committed to respecting the conscience of those for whom this goes too far and to ensure that they have all the reassurances they need in order to maintain the unity of the Church as this conversation continues.

"We hope that today's thoughtful, prayerful debate marks a new beginning for the Church as we seek a way forward, listening to each other and most of all to God.

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“Above all we continue to pray, as Jesus Himself prayed, for the unity of His church and that we would love one another.”

The Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, who led the debate and chairs the group which oversaw the development of the proposals, said: *“This is a moment of hope for the Church.*

“I know that what we have proposed as a way forward does not go nearly far enough for many but too far for others.

“It is my prayer that what has been agreed today will represent a step forward for all of us within the Church – including LGBTQI+ people – as we remain committed to walking together.

“We have always said we will listen carefully to Synod, so over the next few months we will reflect on everything which has been said and prepare new pastoral guidance for the Church on matters of sexuality and marriage. We will also refine the texts of Prayers of Love and Faith.”

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Katia Rocks with her two daughters

Katia Rocks: St Mary's Church Mission Society (CMS) Link

St Mary's has a long history of supporting the work of CMS. We support through financial giving and prayer. Our previous CMS Link was Dr Corrie Verduyn who worked as a gynaecologist in a rural hospital in Uganda. When Corrie retired we chose to support Katia Rocks and her family who live in Florianopolis, Brazil. Katia is also supported by St Barnabas Church, Warmley and when she recently visited the UK to visit her support churches, Katia was the guest speaker at a joint benefice service.

Katia works in a church in Florianopolis called Vineyard Floripa. She spoke about the history of the work she and others have done to establish and build up a church congregation with particular emphasis on outreach to support the local community. When Katia first went out to Brazil the church meeting was held in her house with a small group of people. Their main focus was on developing strong relationships with each other and God through Bible study and discipleship. This group of people grew, so in

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2016 they moved to a small building, meeting weekly with a focus on families with young children. They also worked hard to reach out with the Christian message to children and young people living in the local Favela. The Church continued to grow and by 2018 they moved to an even bigger building to accommodate a regular weekly congregation of 80+ people. They launched a monthly meeting for women and their smaller home groups grew in number. They also started a youth group, visits to care homes for the elderly and marriage support groups where married couples received Bible teaching, pastoral support and prayer.

Then in 2020 Brazil was, like the rest of the world, engulfed in the global Covid pandemic. The Church Services were online and many of the Church's activities had to be suspended. The Church was able to help by distributing food parcels to those worst affected. Activities have now restarted with strong worship teams and street evangelism and prayer teams added to their work. They have also started to engage with homeless people on the street with distribution of food alongside prayer and telling the Christian message of hope.

For the future Katia told us that she feels God is calling her to become involved in Ministry in Women's Prisons. She will still be involved in the work of her church but in a reduced role so that she has time for prison ministry. She is already in touch with a man, Pastor Antonio, who has worked in prisons for a long time bringing the Gospel to those in great need.

Katia thanked us for our support for her work and asked us to continue to pray for her and her church. Her prayer requests are:-

Pray for new leaders for the Vineyard Floripa church

Pray for the developing work at the Women's Prison and the homeless on the street

Pray for Katia and her family (she has two children), for their physical and spiritual health and good schools

If you would like to know more about Katia and the work of the Vineyard church at Florianopolis there is a Facebook page (Vineyard Florianopolis).

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Andrew Tolman

and the title of his illustrated talk is

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On a clear February morning -
St Mary's from above

The parish church of St Mary, Bitton in a photograph taken by drone cameraman, David Cooper. On a clear February day in good light it is possible to pick out the patterning in the slate tiles on the south side of the roof.

Drones are used widely these days and allow so much to be seen from very different angles.

David has also taken moving footage around the church and the churchyard which can be seen on our website - www.stmarysbitton.org.uk.

News from Bitton WI

Our February meeting was held on Monday 13th where Jean, our President, welcomed us all to the meeting with a poem about the joys of maturing in age! Something a lot of us were able to identify with!

Members were reminded that membership subs are due next month, along with a small contribution to the local WI magazine, which is new this year, due to rising cost of purchasing these for the group.

2023 is proving to be a busy one for members, with trips to The Malvern Show, Merchant Venturers Tour, RNLI Poole and an evening at Fonthill Garden centre to name but a few. Members wishing to attend any of these outings or events will need to put their names down at the meeting.

Our Speaker this month, was Mike Rowland who spoke about his “Life as a Tour Guide – Follow me Please!”. Mike has been giving tours around Bath, Bristol, the Cotswolds and Stonehenge for many years and he outlined how he had to study for three years to qualify for the job. Mike told us how he thought that his previous job as a police officer stood him in good stead for this type of work as it had given him the organisational and people skills he needed. Over his years as a guide he has met people from all over the world, some in large groups, some smaller groups and even couples who wanted a personal tour around our Cities.

Before becoming a self-employed tour guide, Mike told us about his work at the Visitor Centre on the Clifton Suspension Bridge and as a guide on the Bristol Open Top buses. The latter he found to be the most challenging, especially the weather which could be sweltering hot or freezing cold!

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He had enjoyed his time at the Suspension Bridge and was always ready to give tourist some tips on the best place to get a good photo. He spoke of the importance of planning ahead and knowing your audience and what they might want to see, as well as having a good knowledge of all other things like, where to catch a train or a where is good place to eat! He also mentioned how important it was to have the confidence to manage large groups of people and many of whom will not have English as their first language.

If you are new to the area, or just want to find out more about our lovely cities of Bristol or Bath, you might want to consider booking a Tour Guide to give you all the inside knowledge – outside!

Our next meeting will take place on Monday 13th March 2023, Church Hall, Church Lane at 2 pm. Do come along for our Games afternoon and Silent Auction. We look forward to seeing you.

Our WI recipe this month is a variation on a theme – Apple Scones. They are delicious served with homemade blackberry and apple jam. By the way, it's been lovely to have feedback from those of you who have tried our recipes. Do let us know if you've tried them and how you got on. We've got a brand new email address for all Bitton WI contact, which is: bittonwi@gmail.com.

Karen Davidson

Apple Scones



Serves: 20

Ingredients

- 225g self-raising Flour
- 1 tsp Baking Powder
- pinch of Salt
- 50g Margarine
- 50g Granulated Sugar
- 1 medium-sized Cooking Apple, peeled, cored and chopped
- 150ml of Milk
- Glaze
- some Milk
- 25g Demerara Sugar

Method

1. Heat the oven to 200C mark 6.
2. Lightly grease a baking tray. Sieve the flour, baking powder and salt into a mixing bowl.
3. Rub in the margarine until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Stir in the sugar. Stir the apple into the mixture. Mix together, using a fork, with sufficient milk to give a soft, but not sticky, dough.
4. Knead lightly on a floured surface then roll out to a circle, about 20cm in diameter. Place on a lightly greased baking tray and mark into eight wedges. Brush the top with milk and sprinkle with demerara sugar.
5. Bake for 20-25 minutes until well risen, golden and firm to the touch. Place on a cooling rack.

Puzzle Pages

Our monthly prize quiz has proved to be particularly popular so we thought that we would try some additional puzzles. No prizes but strictly for entertainment.

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Answers to both puzzles are available on the church website
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The March Prize Quiz

By Carolyn Russell

**This month's quiz is about stations
on the London Underground**

No. Clue

1. Surname of Gareth of football management fame
2. Maker of Astra, Corsa and Princess.
3. A possible quaint home for the family Robinson.
4. A plant owned by a farmer of lambs and sheep.
5. ABBA's first UK number 1
6. British monarch from 1837 to 1901
7. A shape which is an elongated circle.
8. Nelly and Windsor or Babar and Edinburgh could be an example of this.
9. Gabriel who gave a message to the shepherds was one.
10. Detective Sherlock Holmes is said to have lived on this street
11. Shares it's name with a Peruvian bear who likes marmalade sandwiches
12. Each of eight female siblings could say they have this
13. CaCO₃ in a shape that can be walked under.
14. Home of one of the world's greatest plant exhibitions.
15. A description of a place to keep things, especially money.
16. 2008 top ten hit by Duffy
17. One of the four tennis grand slam championships.

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18. Spoof game on the BBC radio comedy program "I'm sorry I haven't a clue"
19. Surname of John, who had a UK number one hit with the song "Johnny, remember me" in 1961
20. Children's TV series about a school, had 31 series from 1978 to 2008

Name:

Contact:

Please send your answers by email, if possible, to bittoncm@outlook.com or drop in at **Eastover, 153 High Street** (corner of Golden Valley Lane) by Friday 17 March.

February Quiz Answers

Last month's quiz was about things named after places in the UK

Answers:

(1) Yorkshire; (2) Bakewell; (3) Epsom; (4) London; (5) Cheddar; (6) Edinburgh; (7) Eton; (8) Chorley; (9) Bristol; (10) Worcestershire; (11) Fleetwood; (12) Eccles; (13) Branston; (14) Bath; (15) Portmeirion; (16) Kendal; (17) Melton Mowbray; (18) Leyland; (19) Harris; (20) Shetland.

Correct answers were received from:

Asha Mosley, Stacey Howell, Alan Murtagh, Ros & Charles Knight, Mary Younie, Martin Hetzel, Gemma Comley, Team Frank, Jon & Pam Booth.

This month's prize goes to:

Team Frank

The last word



They say don't start with an apology, but this edition seems to be full of them and most regrettably the postponement of our pews and pancakes evening, which it is hoped will take place (without pancakes, but something seasonal) in a few weeks time when the prototype pew is complete.

But it is also apologies from me for making the quiz even more fiendish last month. It wasn't an extra quiz question but I did manage to make it more difficult for answers to be submitted by posting the wrong email address. There are no extra prizes for those who correctly guessed that the ending .co.uk should have been .com, but I was glad to receive the answers however they came.

Why not try this month's quiz on the London Underground? I have no doubt that Carolyn has placed one or two questions that means it is not quite as straightforward as it seems.

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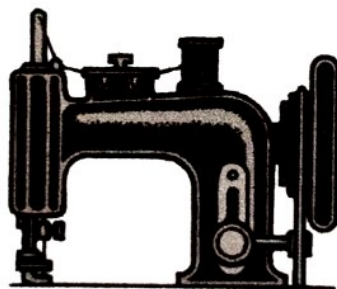
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