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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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## **Beware of Plaster Saints!**

It's the time of year when the leaves fall and blow everywhere, and add to the general chaos. You know- 'the wrong sort of leaves on the line' .... It can be true domestically too. You may know the sensation that things aren't quite how or where you left them? That seems to be more than usually true on a worldwide scale too, at present, and on the UK political scene too. Nothing (and no one) stands quite where we hoped or expected.

Looking at the Church calendar is always fascinating in this respect. It helps us to realise that our feeling of slight confusion is completely normal. We can be inspired and intrigued by how people responded to chaos and challenge in their own times. As the month starts we can remember Remigius, who communicated the Gospel to large areas of France in the 6<sup>th</sup> century and Lord Shaftsbury, an English 19<sup>th</sup> century social reformer. As the month ends, we recall the German, Martin Luther, who reminds us that we can stand steadfast to what we hold dear, and of God's grace and love towards us.

Like the rest of us, none of these heroes were perfect, and two of them may have contributed to cultural and racial tensions, not only in their times but subsequently too. In other words, like us, their actions and view had a dark side, and cast long shadows.

This doesn't mean that we should sit on our hands and worry endlessly about the consequences of our thoughts and actions. It might suggest though that we open our minds and hearts to others, as well as to God, and as widely as we possibly can.

We can only think of 'standing on giants' shoulders' if we try to understand our heroes, these giants of faith and reform, as real people. If we try to stand on the shoulders of plaster saints, they will inevitably crumble. We have to accept and treasure them as they are, just as we continue to learn to do with each other. Otherwise we'll be forever picking ourselves up and dusting ourselves off.

And personally, in this season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, I'd much rather be exploring big visions and ideas like theirs while going for a companionable walk, and scuffing up the autumn leaves as we go....

Gilly

## WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER

Saturday 3	10.00am	Sanctuary Morning at St Lawrence Church. Wick St Lawrence
Saturday 3	7.30pm	A Gala Concert at St. Martin's Church
Tuesday 13	2.15pm	St Martin's Fellowship at St Martins - Climb Every Mountain by Revd. Peter Lynch
Saturday 17		St Mark's Autumn Fair
	17 10.00am	Coffee Morning at Mead Vale Community Centre
Saturday 24	7.00pm	St Lawrence Church Quiz Night

### 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: 10.30am  
 Service of the Word: 1st Sunday  
 Holy Communion: 2nd, 4th and 5th  
 Sundays  
 All Age Worship 3rd 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

*Youth Worker – Bible Week – PCC – New Bishop - EMDL*

Youth Development Worker – Sadly, this appointment has been delayed and we are not yet able to announce who will be appointed. However, many preparations are being made behind the scenes and we'll make an announcement as soon as we are able.

Weston Bible Week – This took place from Monday 7 to Wednesday 9 September at Christchurch, Montpelier. The title was, 'Reframing Christianity for the 21st Century,' and was focused on being a Christian in today's world. Rev Andrew Hickford, senior minister at Maybridge Community Church, Worthing, was an excellent speaker. The talks are available at: [www.westonbibleweek.org.uk](http://www.westonbibleweek.org.uk)

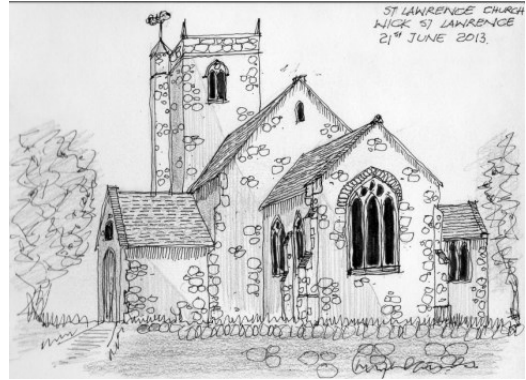
Parochial Church Council – The main speaker at the meeting on 22 September was Jane Tibbs, who is Early Years, Children and Families Adviser for Diocese of Bath and Wells. Jane spoke to us about how best to implement Children and Communion and has helped us to move forward. LEP Disbanding is finally coming to an end as the Assignment and Declaration of Trust for St Mark's Church will soon be signed and completed.

Bishop of Taunton - The Venerable Ruth Worsley will be consecrated as the 13<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Taunton in a service at St Paul's Cathedral at 11am on 29 September. The service of welcome to the Diocese will take place on the following Saturday, 3 October at 2pm and will be combined with the Reader Licensing service. It will not be ticketed, so everyone who would like to go is welcome to support the Readers and welcome Bishop Ruth. The Bishop of Taunton's role is that of a Suffragan Bishop and to support the Bishop of Bath and Wells, who is the Diocesan Bishop. Ruth is currently Archdeacon of Wiltshire in the neighbouring Diocese of Salisbury and is "delighted to be heading to Somerset".

Extended Ministerial Development Leave (EMDL) – As reported last month, I will be taking EMDL, sometimes referred to as a sabbatical, from 1 October to 31 December 2015. Revd Anne Farmer will take overall charge, and the Parish will be in the very capable hands of my colleagues and Churchwardens during this period. We've been busy planning for services and handing over responsibilities for some time. I'll update the news page of the St Martin's website from time to time to let you know about my progress. Please keep the Staff Team, the Parish and myself in your prayers.

With love – have a Great Autumn, Blessed Advent and Happy Christmas!  
Paul

# St Lawrence Church, Wick St Lawrence



## Pet Service

At the end of August we welcomed a number of pets, six dogs including a Doberman puppy, two cats, a hamster, two chickens and Beau the sheep, to our Pet Service in church. It was a delightful thirty minutes praising God for his creation and hearing stories of the joy and pleasure that our animals give us. The stroking of a pet to alleviate symptoms of stress, a cat lifting its owner out of a dark time and the faithfulness of dogs with their unconditional love, trust and joy - who don't care what their owners look like or their status in life, mirroring the unconditional love of our heavenly Father. The service was accompanied by the gentle clucking of hens and yapping of Stanley the dog.

## Sanctuary Morning

Some definitions of Sanctuary from the freedictionary.com:

“A sacred place, such as a church; the condition of being protected or comforted; a place of refuge or asylum.” For peace and tranquillity of body, mind and spirit come and seek sanctuary in Wick Church on Saturday 3 October. Drop in any time between 10am and 12.30pm and draw near to God – a chance to be still.

## Trench work

During October work will finally begin to dig a French drain around the north, west and part of the south walls of the church. This is to take away the soil, which lies against the outer walls a good two foot above the level of the church, in order to deal with the constant damp walls. Most of the work will be done by hand, no graves will be disturbed and there will be a watching archaeological brief at all times.

### \*\*\*Quiz Night\*\*\*

**Saturday 24 October 7 for 7.15pm, Wick St Lawrence  
Village Hall**

Bring your own drinks, light refreshments provided  
Tickets available from the Parish Office or call Sandra  
515716

Many  
blessings, Anne

# St. Mark's Church



## Ability Sunday

Last month, on September 13<sup>th</sup>, St Mark's joined other churches across the country as we took part in Ability Sunday.

This was a chance to focus on the abilities of people with learning disabilities, rather than focusing on what they can't do. God has given every one of them gifts which are vital for the church – every member of the body needs to play its part if the body is to function properly.

A learning disability is a reduced intellectual ability which affects people with everyday activities such as household tasks, socializing or managing money. It is lifelong and is different for each person. About 1 in 50 people have a learning disability – that's about 1.5 million people. That means almost everyone will know at least one person with a learning disability.

At St Mark's we played a very powerful video of some people with learning disabilities reading from Psalm 139, where David talks about being wonderfully and fearfully made; of the Lord being present when we were being made in the secret place.

Ability Sunday was devised by Prospects, a UK organization founded in 1976 by Revd David and Madeleine Potter. Prospects offers many resources to help churches be a welcoming place for people with learning disabilities. If you want to find out more, visit their website:

**[www.prospects.org.uk/](http://www.prospects.org.uk/)**

## A Prayer

Lord, help us to treasure the contribution of people with learning disabilities. Help us to understand and welcome them, and help us to be able to support and strengthen them.

**Amen**

With love, Chris

# St Martin's Church



**St. Martin's Sermon Series** – We have started Part Two of the Sermon Series: Jesus Pure and Simple. Sometimes good things can take us away from our number one responsibility - knowing Jesus better.

This opportunity to get to know Jesus better continues with themes throughout September and October. Please take the bookmark on the literature table, which has the Bible readings that we'll be using.

**Dedication Service** - A Dedication Service of the restored gates, throw and new glass doors was held on Sunday 16th August as part of our 6pm Choral Evensong Service. A small group of people from Worle Village Club were invited, plus friends of Nora Jefferies, who's estate financed the doors.

**Mission March** - Neil Adams and Paul Elliott walked around the Parish boundaries on September 28, to raise money for St Martin's Zambia Appeal, in support of the link with Hands of Compassion Charitable Trust. Many thanks to all those who sponsored Neil and Paul.

**Gala Concert** - Saturday 3 October 7.30pm at St Martin's Church. The Concert will include popular classical music and items from the past, which will remind you of films and radio programmes often forgotten. Tickets, including refreshments, are £8 and are available today from Worle Parish Office.

**Exploring Christianity** – this is a Diocesan course for lay people, who want to explore faith, deepen their commitment and learn together with other interested students. Please see the poster in porch for more details.

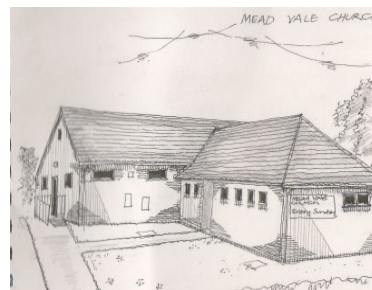
**Church Update** - The Leadership of St Martin's, through the Fabric Committee, have updated the floodlighting inside the church. Not only will this improve the lighting, but it will also offer us cost savings on our maintenance and electricity bills. Church carpets have also been cleaned and "scotch care" treated.



Paul



## Mead Vale Church



At the end of September as it was **Harvest**, we gathered as a church in the “quadrangle” outside our building and gave out gifts of fruit to people. Yet again it was a great opportunity to “bless” the community with a gift from their local church and let them know that we are in their midst and we care about them! **Our next outreach will be “carol singing” in December.**

We celebrated **Harvest** with our annual **church family breakfast**. What a great start to the day, a bacon and egg buttie, a cup of tea and some fellowship with the church family! We then had a family service where we thought about God’s goodness and gave thanks not only for all the food we have but for all of God’s provision for us. People brought food offerings which are going to be donated to the Food-bank in Weston.

On 4<sup>th</sup> October we look forward to a speaker from “Home Start” coming to tell us all about their work with families in the area. We were able to support Home Start last year with a gift of money, so it is good to hear how the money is being spent to help families.

On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October we are having a baptism service, which we are very much looking forward to. If you are interested in being baptised, please do talk to Emma.

Don’t forget our **monthly Coffee Mornings every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month from 10am – 11.30am at Church. And our weekly coffee morning at the Nightjar pub at 10.30am.** Good opportunities for fellowship and refreshments. All our welcome.

Emma Amyes

## From the Registers



### Baptisms in St Martin's

6 September      Riley Daniel Mann  
                              Zoe Evelyn Parsons



### Baptism in St Lawrence

6 September      Finley Stefan Chappell



### Weddings in St Lawrence

Damian John Stephens to Sarah Dwyer

### Renewal of Vows

Neil and Tracy Aldridge

### Funeral in July

Sidney Rattle                      aged 98

### Funerals in September

Frank Evans                      aged 94  
Arthur Clive Morris            aged 92  
Margaret Lambard            aged 90  
Joan Floyd-Parr                aged 93



### Prayer for October

Heavenly Father  
walk with me down every street,  
in every shop.  
Stand in each queue and  
share each conversation  
Let me introduce you to all whom I meet,  
and see their needs and listen to their tears.

**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  
 Preanes 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

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

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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

**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 (Nicky Parker-Hall 518406 )  
Thursday Parents & Toddlers (Rosemary Burden 514415)  
**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**.....  
**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  
**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