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THE BRIDGE

Editor: Giles Collins

Missing Collie Dogs

May we take this opportunity of passing on our sincere thanks to all those kind folks of Worton (some 18 in total) who went out searching the local countryside for our two black Collie dogs who went 'walkabouts' on the morning of Saturday 27th December.

Your efforts were very much appreciated and of great comfort to us, at the time, knowing that so many eyes were engaged in the search. Also the event seemed to get onto Facebook and with some 1,500 hits and people as far out as Warminster were contacting us.

Anyway we had a happy ending when both dogs returned on the Sunday morning very sore footed and covered in frost (it dropped to -1°C that night). Where they got to remains a mystery but they did sleep for the next 48 hours! Mind you we did wonder if the dogs had been 'bribed' into doing it just to give all those kind people an excuse to go out and walk off the indulgencies of Christmas (only joking)

Again thanks to all those involved
Rod & Gill Nott, 13 Cedar Close



LUNCH BUNCH

The date for February 2015 is Wednesday 4th when the menu will be:
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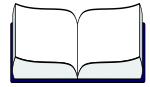


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Letter from the Vicarage



I am looking forward to a concert on January 23rd. (I know you will be reading this after that date). Tommy Emmanuel is one of the world's greatest guitarists and he is in Salisbury! Look him up on YouTube. He has played with Stevie Wonder, Eric Clapton etc and is acknowledged as the master.

He is also a deeply committed Christian, and he speaks openly of his faith and the hard times he has faced. In the music business drugs and alcohol abuse are rife, and at one period Tommy was under such pressure he became addicted, just to get him through. He says quite openly that it was only the grace of God which saved him from himself.

Many of you will know that GRACE is my favourite word, and I never get tired of talking about it. It is the one thing which makes the Christian Faith unique. Most of the components of Christianity can be found somewhere in other religions, but not grace. So, what is Grace?

The Oxford Dictionary definition begins: 'attractiveness, pleasing quality'; and grace is certainly that. Later it says: 'The unmerited favour of God' and this is the heart of what Christians believe about grace.

The notion of God's love coming to us free of charge, no strings attached, seems to go against every instinct of humanity. The Buddhist has an eight fold path, the Muslim has five pillars, the Jew has a covenant; all of them ways of winning God's approval. Only Christianity dares to make God's love unconditional.

Perhaps because Jesus knew how hard we find this idea, he spoke a lot about grace. He told stories about grace, people

who received good things they did not deserve. And that, he said, is what God is like. None of us can ever win God's approval by what we do – His standards are way beyond anything we can achieve. All we can do is recognise our need, trust in Jesus and receive His forgiveness, and we will become children of God.

If I were a betting man, I'd wager that many of you have a notion in your mind that Christianity is about earning God's approval. That is perhaps the most common misunderstanding about faith that people have today.

So, didn't Jesus teach us that we should behave in a certain way? Yes he did, but not in order to win God's love. He loves us anyway, and we follow Jesus teaching out of gratitude, not in order to gain a reward.

That means that when we do go wrong, and all of us will at some time or other, God does not wait until we are back on track to love us. He is there all the time, holding out his love and forgiveness.

Now, a God who loves you and wants you to become His child and so experience the fullest life possible; that is Good News. Like all gifts, this one needs to be received, acted on and lived out.

Who wouldn't want that? If you want to change things this year, perhaps make a new start or put something right, this is the place to start. I promise you, you will never regret it.

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SERVICE CALENDAR

February

Sun 1st EPIPHANY 4
8.00am CHRIST CHURCH
Holy Communion
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Family Service
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Holy Communion
Rev Gary Gotham

Sun 8th 2 BEFORE LENT
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Parish Communion
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
No service

Sun 15th NEXT BEFORE LENT
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Matins
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Rev David Ellis

February

Sun 22nd LENT 1
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Parish Communion
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
No Service

March

Sun 1st LENT 2
8.00am CHRIST CHURCH
Holy Communion
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Family Service
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
TBA

There were no Weddings, Funerals or Baptisms at Christ Church during December 2014

Visit the church website: www.christchurchworton.org.uk

CHURCH ROTAS

Sidesmen – February 2015

Sun 1 st	8.00am	Mr R Shercliff	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Mrs A Pratt, Mrs J Mason	Family Service
Sun 8 th	9.30am	Mrs D Barcham, Mr P Witcher	Parish Communion
Sun 15 th	9.30am	Mrs A Cross, Mr T Walker	Matins
Sun 22 nd	9.30am	Mr T Harwood, Mr R Boyns	Parish Communion

Sidesmen – March 2015

Sun 1 st	8.00am	Mr R Shercliff	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Mrs M Boyns, Mr T Brewer	Family Service

	Altar Flowers	Brass Cleaning	Church Flowers
February 1 st	Mrs Brierley	Mr Keates	Mrs Brewer
February 8 th	Mrs Puckle Hobbs	Mr Collins	Mrs G Holiday
February 15 th	Mrs Walker	Mrs Lane	Mrs J Mason
February 22 nd	LENT	-	LENT
March 1 st	LENT	Mrs Mason	LENT

Church Cleaning

February 1 st	Mrs Purchas	Mr Mitchell
February 15 th	Mrs Coleman	Mrs Pratt



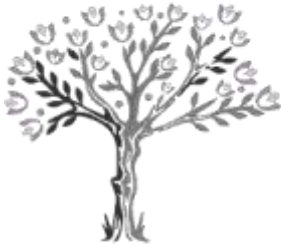
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Ash Wednesday

Lent begins with a service on Ash Wednesday, which this year is February 18th.

We are marking Ash Wednesday with a **cluster service at Potterne Church at 7.30 pm.**

We shall welcome friends from the Seend and Bromham groups of churches.

Lent is the season of preparation for Easter, a time of penitence and self examination in preparation for the joy of Easter Day.

All are welcome



Mothering Sunday

On 15th March there will be special services at 9.30 am at Christ Church and 11.00 am at St.

Mary's to celebrate Mothering Sunday. We shall be giving thanks to God for all those who have made a really positive difference to our lives, especially mums.

Small bunches of flowers will be prepared beforehand for distribution in the service, and we warmly invite everybody to come along.

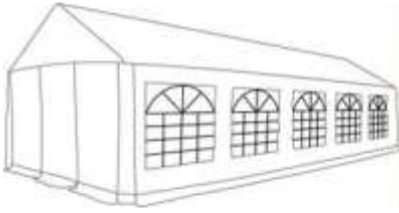


Make a Mother's Day

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Women's World Day of Prayer

10.30 a m 6th March 2015
Christ Church, Worton

The origins of Women's World Day of Prayer date back to the 19th century. Christian women of the United States and Canada initiated a variety of activities in support of women's involvement in mission at home and in other parts of the world.

Since 1932 a service has been held in England on the first Friday of March.

From all round the world a nominated country prepares a service. This year, it is put together by the women of The Bahamas, reflecting on the title, "Do you know what I have done to you?", based on John 13 vv.1-17.

The Bahamas, with much history attached to it, is today a busy tourist attraction with prosperity, but also with areas of deprivation.

All will be warmly welcomed - men and women, young and old - at Christ Church for the service, and for coffee afterwards.

Margaret Boyns



Messy Church
February 2015

Welcome to Messy Church 2015.

We meet on February 6th from 3.30 pm or straight from school, again in Potterne Village Hall.

We hope that you may be able to bring others with you. Everyone of primary school age is welcome, with parents or guardians. Don't forget you get your tea as well!

Other Messy Church Dates for the year are:
March 13th May 15th June 26th Sept 18th Nov 20th
Please note them in your diary now.



Messy Church extra!

**Pancakes at Potterne Youth Club
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2. A potted plant
- 3 A bird or birds in the garden

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Heather Walker for Flower Show Committee

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How the other half live

A couple of statistics from the Oxfam Christmas Gift catalogue reveals that: “the 85 richest people in the world have more than the poorest 3.5 billion” (that’s half the world’s population) and “1% of the population own half of the world’s wealth.” Food for thought.



Five Lanes Women's Institute

The holiday season being over, Five Lanes WI started the New Year off at its meeting on 13th January. We had a wine tasting evening. This was hosted by Veronica Franklin along with her stepfather, Rod MacCraig.

As the wine was being passed round, we tried to describe the taste, smell and its drinkability. We also tried to name the grape variety.

This was good fun. Rod was a very interesting and entertaining individual. The evening was over too quickly, and everyone enjoyed themselves, and said what a lovely time they had. So many thanks to Veronica and Rod.

In February, it is our Annual General Meeting, so do come along if you are interested. We will be meeting in Worton Village Hall, on Tuesday, 10th February at 8pm. Hope to see you there.

Jane Loveys, President

Worton and Marston Ladies Group

I hope everyone enjoyed the meal at our first meeting of 2015. Our next meeting is at the Village Hall on February 25th at 8pm.

Hostesses: P. Woods, P. Wright

Sheila Hale

PS Thank you to all for the Christmas and New Year wishes to me.



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Have you set yourself a new resolution for this year? Volunteering can help you achieve those goals! If you are looking to spend more time outdoors, or meet new people, or improve your IT skills, we can help you find the right opportunity.

Debbie got in touch with Volunteer Centre Wiltshire after being unemployed for some time due to ill health. She shared her experience with us:

"I feel more positive going forward and I am looking forward to getting out and meeting new people."

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Silvia Jimenez Cruz



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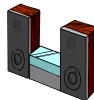
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A Message from Richard Gamble

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Money seems to feature rather highly as a subject for consideration at this time of year.

At one level you are (perhaps that should be "I am") coping with the costs of Christmas which, like most good causes, does not come cheap.

At another level, you may have just submitted your tax return and HMRC could be smiling at receipt of more of your hard-earned cash.

It can be tough for businesses too. If you are a retailer, this is when you have to pay the suppliers of stock you may or may not have sold in the pre- or post-Christmas rush.

Money features equally large in the mind of the public sector, although the chemistry is slightly different. Public sector budgets work strictly to an annual cycle that runs (to all intents and purposes) from April in one year to March in the next year. As a general rule, any allocated funds not spent by the end of March cannot be carried over to the following year, so some public institutions may be found to be fairly extravagant in this season. I am an admirer of Prudence but, sadly, she sometimes goes on holiday at this time of year.

Of course, Wiltshire Council cannot be accused of extravagance and has saved some £100m of expenditure in the past few years by judicious management and without significant loss of services. The miracle is that we have done this while keeping Council Tax unchanged for 5 years. This represents a saving over the period of £782 pounds for a Band D property. So when you look at your bank statement, please consider how much worse it could have been if Wiltshire Council had not tightened its own belt over the period.

More savings must be made in the year ahead and Wiltshire Council is now discussing the budget for 2015/16. We must tighten the belt by a further £30 million, which will be tough but not impossible.

The public sector is sometimes accused of being flabby and self-indulgent but there is no doubt in my mind that financial discipline has made Wiltshire Council more fit for purpose. I only wish my own personal regime had been as effective in improving my physique!

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Five Lanes CE Primary School

Spring Term

Spring Term commenced on the 5th January. In Beech class, the children's learning is taking place around the story of Goldilocks & the Three Bears, which involves creating models of the bears cottage, role play, making porridge and map drawing. Meanwhile the topic for Chestnut class is based around the book 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' and the Year 2 & 3 children have been studying 'light in science, writing instructions, and concocting their own disgusting sandwiches to 'scare off those pesky seagulls'! Also the class have all been busy constructing their own 3D lighthouse models and making good use of the new ipads by using a 'Book Creator' to make their own books.

The older children at Worton have started the term with the theme 'Fantastic Forces' which is based on a story 'Traction man meets Turbo Dog'. This enables the children to combine learning in several different areas, including mechanisms, creating stories, maps, forces and magnets.

On the 5th February the whole school will be sharing Book Day together at Worton and doing activities within their House groups. This event is always popular and we see some great costumes, as the children come to school dressed as their favourite books characters (and the staff too!)

Diary Dates

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(TD day Mon 23rd).

School commences again on Tuesday 24th February 2015.

Helen Morse

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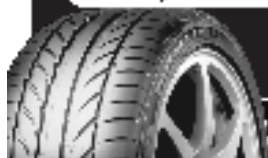
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Since our last publication the Christmas break and numerous game postponements means that there is not a lot of reporting this month. This is with the exception of the Sunday Adult team who continue to perform well in their league with 2 very good away wins in January so far: 1-5 against FC North Wiltshire, and 0-8 against the Mallard FC.

Below are some interesting trivia you may find interesting on the English Premier League today (current at start of season):

- Of the 10 players to take 10 or more penalties, Leighton Baines (Everton superstar), is the only one to score with each one.
- Jamie Carragher scored as many goals for Spurs as he did for Liverpool (own goals.....could only happen to a Liverpool player...)
- Only 5 players have scored a hat-trick coming on as a substitute in a game: Lukaku (Everton), Solskjaer, Hasselbaink, Earnshaw, Adebayor.
- 57% of the teams being promoted to the top flight through play-offs have been relegated the following season.
- February 2003, Man Utd v Fulham, was the last game where no substitutes were used. (Before August 1965 substitutes were not allowed in English football).
- Everton have competed in the top flight of English football for a record 111 seasons, playing more league games than any other team.
- Worton and Cheverell FC 'The Badgers' – are one of the top flight Village teams in the area.

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WORTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)

Road Safety - Most of the road safety improvements are in place now that the area for the school bus near Sandlease has been completed. However, we are still awaiting the extension of the 30 mph limit at the eastern end of the village. Whilst the Parish Council is pleased at these road safety improvements, it is continuing to explore ways to reduce speed within the boundary of the village and as part of this on-going effort we have requested another metrocount (the black wires across the road) which is already in place. As part of the process to improve road safety, please may we remind all residents to record accidents; take the registration number, note the time, date and weather conditions, take a photo if possible and then give this data to any member of WPC.

PEAS (Parish Emergency Assistance Scheme) for flooding - A number of parishioners attended the meeting to discuss this and the Parish Council will be developing its PEAS plan for submission to Wiltshire Council.

Rose and Crown Public House - Fifteen parishioners and Mr Keith Green, the Rose and Crown publican, attended the meeting because Enterprise Inns have put the property up for sale. Concern was expressed about the potential loss of this amenity to the village. Enterprise Inns are marketing the pub as a going concern and the Parish Council agreed to support the retention of this amenity for the village.

Worton Tree Regeneration - The loss of trees from within the village has been significant over recent years and the Parish Council have agreed an initiative with the aid of a grant to plant young trees for the future. If you could accommodate some free trees (including protector and stake) then please contact us.

Council Tax Precept - The grant received by the Parish Council from Wiltshire County Council is reducing and the costs of maintaining the parish are increasing. Therefore the Parish Council has raised the precept by 4.8% to £10,015.58 which will equate to a rise of 15p per month for a Band D house to £38.87 per year.

Welcome to your New Councillor - Mr Mark Fisher was unanimously voted on to the Parish Council which means that for the first time in quite a while we will have a 'full house'. The Parish Council thanked Mr Philip Salaman for his interest in the Councillor vacancy and accepted Mr Salaman's proposal to forge stronger links with Marston Parish Council.

Local Youth Network - Are you aged between **13** and **19**? If so then you are invited to come and tell the Local Youth Network representative what you want in your community. You do not have to stay for all of the meeting and only you know what you want – so come and let your views be known!

Wiltshire Councillor – Richard Gamble

May we remind all parishioners that if they have any concerns they are invited to raise them directly with Richard Gamble or via the Parish Council.

Thank you and Happy New Year!

We look forward to welcoming you to our next meeting on Monday 2nd February at 7.30 in the Village Hall. May we wish you all a Happy New Year for 2015!

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Do come and join us in this important celebration of Len's 100 years.

Tuesday 3rd February 2015

from 2pm ~ 7pm

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In the Village Hall

- **Gardening Club**
3rd Monday 8.00pm (not Aug /Dec)
- **Ladies Group**
Last Wednesday (not Aug/Dec)
- **Women's Institute**
2nd Tuesday 7.45pm
- **Worton Toddler Group**
Wednesday 10.00 am—Noon
- **1st Worton & Marston Brownies**
Every Tuesday
- **Potterne Rainbows** (term time)
Tuesday 4.30-5.30pm

In the Village Hall

- **Worton Parish Council Meeting**
1st Monday (not Aug) or as shown on notice boards

In the Chapel at Marston

- **Marston Parish Council Meeting**
Last Tuesday (every odd month)

Various Venues
Announced Monthly

- **Book Swap**
2nd Saturday 10.00 - Noon

Mobile Library

Location: The School - 1.00-1.40pm

Next Dates (every other Monday)

- Monday February 9th
- Monday February 23rd

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February

- 4th Lunch Bunch
- 14th Book Swap
- 10th WI
- 25th Ladies Group

Devizes Farmers' Market
Next: Saturday 7th and 21st February

The Shambles Antiques Market
Every Tuesday

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