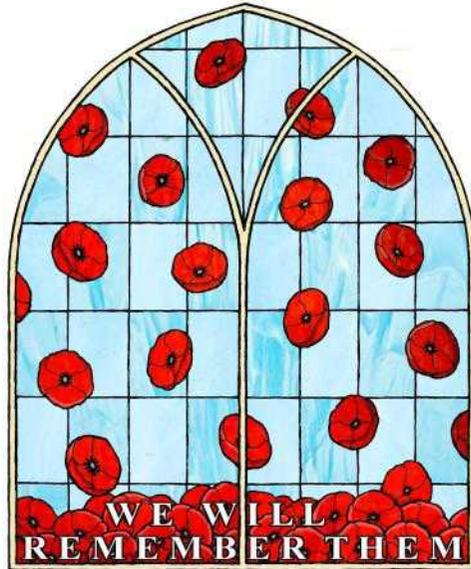


Free - donations welcome

November 2025

BATHWICK NEWS

www.bathwickparishes.org.uk



St John's
(opposite the fire station)



St Mary's
(by Bathwick Hill roundabout)

WHO'S WHO IN THE BATHWICK PARISHES

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(Mrs Kerry Hughes is usually in the church office Tuesday and Friday 9am - 12noon)

NOVEMBER SERVICES

ST MARY'S CHURCH (*Bathwick Hill roundabout*)

10.30am every Sunday, Parish Eucharist & Sermon

10.30am every Wednesday, traditional language Eucharist

9.30am every Friday, said Eucharist

Sunday evening services at 6pm:

—(said) Evensong: 16 November

—(said) Evensong: 23 November



ST JOHN'S CHURCH (*opposite the Fire Station*)

9am every Sunday, Parish Mass & Sermon

9.30am every Tuesday and Saturday, said Mass

10.30am every Thursday, said Mass

Sunday evening services:

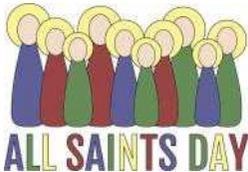
—All Souls Sung Requiem Mass: 2nd November 6pm

—Evensong & Benediction: 9th November 4pm

—Advent Carols: 30th November 6pm



SPECIAL SERVICES IN NOVEMBER



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, 2nd November:

9am Sung Mass, St John's and

10.30am Sung Eucharist, St Mary's

ALL SOULS DAY – Sunday, 2nd November:

Sung Requiem Mass for the departed,

6.00pm Sung Mass, St John's

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, 9th November:

Services to include wreath laying and two minutes silence

9am Sung Mass, St John's and

10.30am Sung Eucharist, St Mary's



ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

Sunday, 30th November:

6.00pm at St John's Bathwick BA2 6PT



A LETTER FROM BISHOP ALASTAIR REDFERN

Remembering

November is the month of Remembrance Sunday. An official moment when we are invited to pause and take seriously:

- The fragility and potential for violence that seems to lie close to the surface of most human societies
- The deeper desire in human hearts for peace, stability and loving relationships
- The key role of those who give themselves to the cause of seeking peace and dispersing the evils of narrower, more selfish designs
- The crucial need for offering attractive examples of goodness and grace, and having the courage to challenge selfishness and bullying.

These four steps, and this process, is of course the pattern of our Eucharist, praying:

- To be delivered from temptation
- To better learn to share peace with others
- To act out these ways of witness in the world
- To offer invitations to join in this way of goodness and grace

May we take time in this month of Remembrance to use this framework for participating in the Holy Eucharist, and for trying better to shape our own lives and witness to this pattern.

As the Lord commands : 'Do this, in remembrance of me'.

Blessings,

Alastair Redfern

SERVICE MUSIC AT ST MARY'S for NOVEMBER 2025

2 November - All Saints Sunday C

10.30am Sung Mass (Fr Peter Edwards and Fr Roger Driver)

E: For all the saints NEH197

O: Who are these, like stars appearing NEH231

C: Blest are the pure in heart NEH341

R: Thanks be to God whose love has gathered us today CHE715

setting: Harker in G

psalm: 149

motet: Bairsstow: Jesu, the very thought

organ: Saint-Saëns: Allegro giocoso (*Sept Improvisations*)

All Souls Day - 6pm Sung Mass (Fr Peter Edwards) (AT ST JOHN'S)

E: Let saints on earth in concert sing EH428/NEH396

Gr: The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want NEH459

O: The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended EH277/NEH252

C: All ye who seek a comfort sure EH71/NEH63

R: Now is eternal life NEH114

setting: Lotti: Missa Brevis in D

motet: Farrant: O sacrum convivium

9 November - 3 before Advent C (Remembrance Sunday)

10.30am Sung Mass (Fr Peter Edwards)

E: All my hope on God is founded NEH333

Rem: God save our gracious King NEH489 (*vv1,2*)

O: O God, our help in ages past NEH417

C: Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin EH468 (t NEH82)

R: Go forth for God: go forth to the world in peace NEH321 (t NEH186)

setting: Darke in F

psalm: 17

motet(s): Guest: For the fallen; Noble: Souls of the Righteous

organ: Thalben-Ball: Elegy

16 November - 2 before Advent C

10.30am Sung Mass (Fr Peter Edwards and/or Bp Alastair Redfern)

E: Judge eternal, throned in splendour NEH490

O: TBA (Zambia?)

C: Make me a channel of your peace CHE478

R: Christ, whose glory fills the skies NEH234ii

setting: Statham in D

psalm: 98

motet: Tallis: O Salutaris Hostia

organ: Gade: Festliches Präludium *'Lobet den Herren'*

23 November - Christ the King C

10.30am Sung Mass (Fr Peter Edwards and Dr Marilyn Kirby)

E: Crown him with many crowns NEH352

O: O worship the King, all glorious above NEH433

C: Rejoice, the Lord is King NEH443

R: Let all the world in every corner sing NEH394

setting: Archer: Bath and Wells Mass

psalm: 46

motet: Archer: Rejoice, the Lord is King

organ: Gigout: Toccata

30 November - Advent 1A

10.30am Sung Mass (Fr Peter Edwards)

E: Awake, awake, fling off the night CHE64

O: Hills of the north, rejoice NEH7

C: Come, thou long-expected Jesus NEH3 (*t i preferred*)

R: Hark! What a sound and too divine NEP600

setting: A. Gabrieli: Missa Brevis in F

psalm: 122

motet: Weir: Drop down, ye Heavens

organ: Bach: Nun komm der Heiden Heiland *BWV 661*

6pm Advent Carols (Fr Peter Edwards) (AT ST JOHN'S)

Christmas Cakes for the Choir

Once again, I'm taking limited orders for Christmas cakes, with proceeds for our Choir Bursary Fund

**6 inch traditional Christmas cake
baked with and fed with brandy
either covered with marzipan and fondant icing,
or topped with glace fruits
£22 each (alcohol free version £18 each)**

Collection and payment after St Mary's morning service on **14 December**

To order, please email: sarafoster92@yahoo.co.uk
or speak to me at St Mary's on a Sunday

(full ingredients list available on request)

Sara x

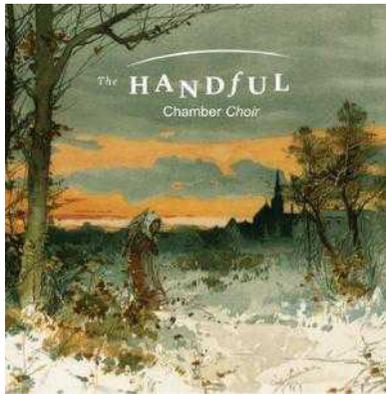


Rejoice in the Lamb

A joint concert by Lucis Choir and La Nova Singers.

Saturday 1st November at 7.00pm at St Mary's Church.

Tickets £22 / under 18s £10 (Nave only) available from Bath Box Office:
www.bathboxoffice.org.uk / telephone: (01225) 463362.



The Handful Chamber Choir Concert 'Like Snow in a Dark Night'

with works including Lauridsen's Mid-Winter Songs and Martin's Mass for Double Choir.

Saturday 29th November at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church.

Tickets £18 full price / £6 under 25s / £0 under 18s available from Bath Box Office: www.bathboxoffice.org.uk / telephone: (01225) 463362.

Bath Mozartfest

Friday 7th to Saturday 15th November 2025

St Mary's Bathwick is delighted to be one of the principal venues for the 2025 Bath Mozartfest – which this year is celebrating its 35th anniversary.

The Mozartfest is an annual festival of the finest classical music, performed by internationally acclaimed artists. The music of Mozart is firmly at its heart, particularly his chamber music, but the festival's eclectic programme ranges well beyond Wolfgang Amadeus, from Tallis (1505-1585) to Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

In 2025 the festival will open at 7.30pm on Friday 7th November when the Schumann Quartet will give their inaugural performance in Bath playing Mozart's String Quartet No. 15 K421, a work which the composer dedicated to his friend, Haydn, whose own work features next in the evening's programme.

Bath Mozartfest comprises 15 concerts over 9 days, with at least one taking place at St Mary's every day except the final Saturday, and most running from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

Saturday morning, 8th November, sees The Consone Quartet take centre stage, joined here by Kristian Bezuidenhout playing the fortepiano. This is a dynamic young group also making its debut appearance in the city. Then, at 6pm on Sunday evening, there is a rare treat for Lieder fans when the 'fest' welcomes the outstanding German-Romanian baritone Konstantin Krimmel and pianist Simon Crawford-Phillips for a performance of Schubert's *Winterreise*.

The Nash Ensemble, probably the most celebrated of all British chamber groups, needs no introduction to Bath audiences, and its programme of works by Mozart, Vaughan Williams' *The Lark Ascending*, and then Schubert's Octet is undoubtedly a crowd-pleaser and certain to sell out.

The French pianist Cédric Tiberghien started playing the piano aged 5 and has barely stopped since - today firmly established on the international stage as a soloist and ensemble player. His Bath programme includes one of the great piano works, Beethoven's Diabelli Variations.

Wednesday 12th November sees St Mary's welcoming something quite different: *English Glories of the Sixteenth Century* with the early music group, Tenebrae, conducted by Nigel Short. Deeply moving devotional music, perfect for the glorious setting of St Mary's church.

Thursday's evening concert is the final one that the Castalian String Quartet will play, as they are disbanding after this concert – don't miss the opportunity to hear the last concert given by this award-winning group.

The final Bath Mozart 2025 concert in St Mary's will bring together three well-known artists at the peak of their careers, who come together to perform Schubert's two peerless Piano Trios: Dame Imogen Cooper, piano; Adrian Brendel, cello, and Henning Kraggerud, violin. This promises to be a sublime end to a remarkable week of fine classical music making in St Mary's Bathwick.

Full details and tickets for these and all Bath Mozartfest 2025 concerts:

www.bathmozartfest.org.uk.



St Mary the Virgin Church, Bathwick



Organist: Gary Desmond
Conductor: Michael Painting

CONCERT

MUSIC FOR ST CECILIA'S DAY

HAYDN Te Deum

and works by

Howells, Finzi, Britten, Rutter, and others

Saturday 22nd November, 7.30 pm

Admission free: Retiring collection
for St Mary's Choral Bursaries and the Chamber Choir



WALSINGHAM PRAYER GROUP

Prayer meetings are usually on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 5pm.
The next prayer meeting will be on:
Sunday 9th November at 5pm at St John's.



See Chris Plummer at St John's for more information or telephone her on 01249 712894 - *All welcome.*

Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2026

Next years Pilgrimage to Walsingham will be on Monday June 29th until Friday 3rd July. Anyone who might be interested in going can give me their name and an email address, home address or mobile number, and I will be in contact in the New Year for a booking deposit.

Walsingham is a very spiritual time as well as a time of fellowship and fun. I am working on where to visit during our stay and will come up with some ideas for my next correspondence.

Chris Plummer
OLW Cell Secretary & Pilgrimage Organiser
christine.a.plummer@gmail.com Tel: 01249712894
or Mobile: 07870216479

Food items Bath Foodbank are currently in need of:

Custard (tinned), soup (tinned), rice pudding (tinned), vegetarian meals (tinned), long life juice and (UHT) milk.

Non food items Bath Foodbank are currently in need of:

Deodorant, single toothbrushes and shampoo.

Donation boxes are available at the back of both churches

CHARITY FOR OTHERS IN NOVEMBER

ST JOHN'S CHURCH gives away 10% of its general income at the end of each year to support 12 charities. Each month we remember the work of one of these charities. Please support these good causes.

Charity for November: **THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION” (POPPY DAY)**

This charity is perhaps too well known to warrant further detail, other than to remind ourselves of the ultimate sacrifice given by the men and women of our armed forces during two World Wars, and subsequent conflicts.

We support, and remember in our prayers those who died, those who suffered lifetime injuries, both physical and psychological, the families they left behind, and the succeeding generations.

Mary Barry

ST MARY'S CHARITY FOR NOVEMBER 2025

ST MARY'S CHURCH makes weekly collections during the Sunday services using the “Alms” envelopes which are given away to a different charity each month. During **November** we have two special Sundays when we will be supporting the charity associated with them. **November 9th** is **Remembrance Sunday**, and our charity collection will go to **Combat Stress**. This charity provides clinical treatment and support for veterans from the British Armed Forces, focusing on those with complex mental issues resulting from their experience during military service. Mental health problems can include post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), anxiety and depression. The work they do is life-changing and often lifesaving. **November 16th** has been designated **Zambian Sunday**, when we will be focusing on our **Zambian Link Parish, St James' Anglican Church, Buchi**. We hope to have an update from Father Freddie about their building project for accommodation to rent out. On the other three Sundays our charity collection will go to the **Pastoral Fund**. This is available for Father Peter to use at his discretion, and in strict confidence, to anyone in need of financial assistance.

Robin and Sarah Davies

ST MARY'S CHARITIES FOR 2025

This is based on the decision made by the PCC on 20th November 2024 to have one local charity a month and three national charities in those months where there are 5 Sundays in the month.

January

Mercy in Action

February

Bath Life Project (this is proposed as an alternative to Bath City Pastors who have requested a pause in donations. It is a Christian local charity working with people with learning disabilities)

March (5 Sundays)

Bath Women's Refuge

April

Dorothy House

May

Bath Food Bank with Sunday May 11th for Christian Aid as we also give food donations to the charity

June (5 Sundays)

Developing Health and Independence with June 8th 2025, Pentecost, having a collection for Bathwick honorary/assistant clergy

July

Genesis Trust

August (5 Sundays)

Bath Welcomes Refugees with one Sunday for a collection for the Mission to Seafarers as Sea Sunday falls in July

September

Connect Bath (previously known as Bath Open Christmas)

October

Goa Anglican Centre

November (5 Sundays)

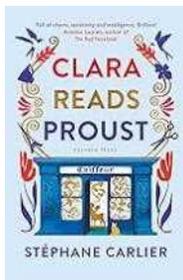
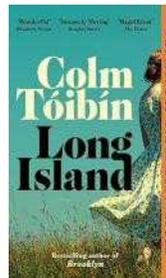
Pastoral Fund with Combat Stress on Remembrance Sunday, November 9th

December

Julian House (to include the Christmas collections or The Clewer Initiative as 2024)



The next meeting of the Bathwick Book Club will be on **Tuesday 4th November** at 3pm
(Please note change of date)
in St Mary's Church Hall
We will be discussing
Long Island by Colm Toibin



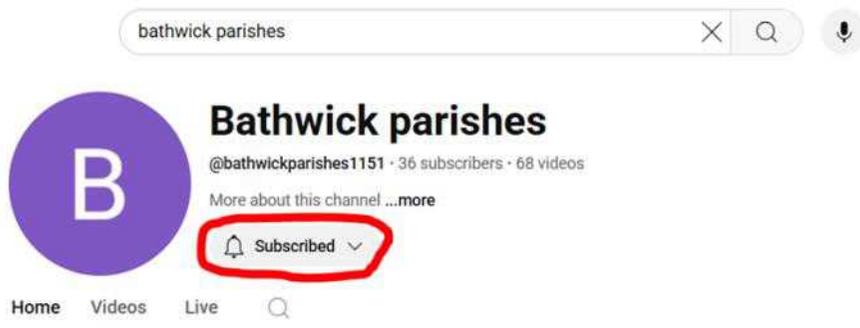
The following meeting of the Bathwick Book Club will be on **Tuesday 25th November** at 3pm
in St Mary's Choir Vestry
We will be discussing
Clara Reads Proust by Stéphane Carlier

See you there and why not bring a friend?

Help us reach 50 YouTube subscribers!

We have recently switched live streaming of our Sunday morning services from Facebook to YouTube, as YouTube offers better options for sound and video quality and for sharing videos with others. However, in order to access all of the streaming options in YouTube we need a minimum of 50 subscribers, and we are currently at 36. If you have a YouTube account, or you have children, grandchildren or other friends and family members that you think might, please encourage them to subscribe to our YouTube channel. You can subscribe to our channel by searching for Bathwick parishes on YouTube, or by using the link below, and clicking on the subscribe button shown in the image. Thank you for helping us improve streaming of our services!

<https://www.youtube.com/@bathwickparishes1151>



Green News

There is always hope

The Ash tree has been the third most popular tree in our country but since 2012 when the deadly Asian fungus, known here as ash dieback, this fraction has changed. In some woods it has wiped out 85% of the trees and is still spreading. Scientists using cutting edge genetics found the DNA of 800 Ash growing wild in a park in Surrey. They discovered young saplings more often had genetic markers for resistance than mature parent trees nearby. Natural selection is working within a single generation. Scientists hope that working with nature ash could survive the disease long term, but there is a long way to go yet.

Helen and Keith Moss

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Good for the body is the work of the body, good for the soul is the work of the soul, and good for either the work of the other.

Henry David Thoreau *Journal*

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Father, I see so clearly that You are a God who cares-really cares.
Because you care , I must care too. Amen



Postcards

We now have postcards of our icon which are on sale either via the office or at the back of St Mary's Church for 50p each.



Safeguarding Sunday – 16th November

Every year one Sunday in November is chosen to be Safeguarding Sunday, so I thought I would take this opportunity to highlight the importance of safeguarding within our church community.

It is very easy to think that safeguarding doesn't apply to 'us', but no part of society is free from problems and we should all be looking out for the well-being of our neighbours. As I have said many times before safeguarding is not just a legal requirement, it should be part of our ongoing pastoral care.

'As we commit ourselves to the principles of safeguarding, we are embracing the culture that reflects our God. To relegate safeguarding to a purely legal or tick-box exercise is to misunderstand or neglect the nature of our God and his dealings with people.' (Adam Bradley – pastor of Emmanuel Community Church, Stockport)

If any person or situation makes you feel uncomfortable or if you have any concerns involving the young or elderly and vulnerable members of our congregation please talk to me as soon as possible (or email me at njackland@aol.com) All disclosures are treated confidentially, but there are set procedures and protocols that have to be followed, so it is important to understand that serious cases would have to be passed on either to the Diocesan Safeguarding department or the Social Services.

If you are interested in finding out more about safeguarding there are some very good courses available online. These include a Basic Safeguarding Awareness course which gives information about different forms of abuse and how to recognise them and also an excellent course on recognising Domestic Abuse. These online courses are available to anyone and help to highlight and recognise vulnerabilities that we may not have thought of before. To access them go to:

<https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org>

Dear God, Help us to be a church that loves, welcomes and protects; listens, learns and serves; repents, restores and transforms; values, cares and believes". Amen

Nicola Parker
Parish Safeguarding Officer



Let's walk into the light

A story that's often told in our churches comes from the fourth chapter of John's Gospel. It tells of Jesus, in the blinding heat of midday meeting a Samaritan woman at the well in a town called Sychar. The woman is hoisting up heavy buckets of water in the hot sun. She's there because she's a woman with 'a reputation' and it's the only time of day she can avoid the muttering of her neighbours who meet at the well at cooler hours.

In an extraordinary encounter, Jesus sees deep into the woman's heart. Through their conversation Jesus brings about her healing and restoration into the community from which she is estranged. It's a story of life, possibility, new beginnings and forgiveness.

The woman at the well is not the only Biblical story set in Sychar. There's another, contained in the 34th chapter of the Book of Genesis. This is a tale of terror that's never heard in our churches; the rape of a girl called Dinah. It's a dark, nasty tale of violence that wrecks the life of individuals, families and the entire community. So we don't speak about it. We keep it hidden.

Sometimes people say to me of safeguarding 'It's just a tick box exercise', an onerous compliance requirement. Rather I would say that our work in safeguarding asks fundamental questions about the kind of places we want our churches to be. Just like the Bible passages I've mentioned, we can be places of hiddenness, silence, and hurt. Or places of life, new beginnings and restoration.

Accounts like the Makin review have shone light on our story. We've also been working hard to bring about change. While we cannot be complacent, I am intensely proud of all that was revealed about safeguarding in Bath and Wells by our independent audit that happened earlier this year. This told us that we are moving towards a much better story. So let's build on the momentum we have created. Let's walk into the light.

Michael Beasley
Bishop of Bath and Wells

Restoration Action Group News:

Following on from the first of our series of Autumn Travel Lectures exploring northern Queensland the next **at 7:30 pm Monday 27th October in St Mary's Hall: Exploring Cairns further afield, the Daintree and Atherton Tablelands.** While the main focus is wildlife, including searching for some elusive Aussie creatures that have been on my bucket list for some time: **cassowary, tree kangaroo** and finally seeing probably my favourite the **platypus** for the first time on Mainland Australia, we will also be exploring Paronella a weird and wonderful "Spanish Castle" hidden deep in a rainforest of the Tablelands!

Then on **24th November** we have the first of two linked lectures **riding two of Queensland's iconic Outback Trains the Savannahlander and the Gulflander.** We are beginning with the Gulflander which is definitely Queensland Rail's most remote and isolated outback service, running from Normanton near the Gulf of Carpentaria to Croydon -a historic former gold mining town. Even getting from Cairnes to Normanton is an adventure, as it means taking the 3 day a week Trans North Bus, leaving Cairns at 6:30 am and finally arriving at Normanton at about 5pm!

For all you train buffs this is definitely for you. However, if trains are not really your thing, "no worries" as they say in Australia, as we will also be exploring some truly amazing places as we travel through this remote and vast part of northwest Queensland including Karumba on the Gulf of Carpentaria.

The linked lecture is after our Christmas break on **Monday 23rd February: Riding NE Queensland's iconic Outback Trains, part 2: the Savannahlander.** This will include exploring the hidden and very beautiful Cobbold Gorge. Wildlife highlights include seeing Australia's heaviest flying bird the Great Bustard, actually flying, a very rare sight!

As usual there is no admission charge for these illustrated lectures. However, we invite donations (Gift Aided if possible as this raises more for Restoration Funds). Each evening there will also be a raffle with the star prize being a bottle wine.

Everyone is warmly welcome, so why not invite a friend or neighbour to come along with you? I can certainly promise you some great photos during the evening and even some short video clips of my first mainland platypus!

If you would like any more information, please have a chat with me.

Finally, RAG is running another of our special **Coffee Morning's Plus** on

Saturday 29th November, from 10-12 noon. The idea of these is to combine the social aspect of a coffee morning with the opportunity to get some early Christmas Gifts. There will be two main stalls. The first will feature a selection of my **soft toys**. There will be plenty of seasonal favourites such as Penguins and Teddy Bears, but if anyone would like a particular animal or bird let me know and I will see what I can do! The second is a **Crafts and Produce Stall**, which will feature some of Andy Parker's beautiful **turned wooden items**. However, it would be **great if people could donate other craft items** to ensure we have a good display and **get making those jams and chutneys!** Please speak to Andy or me if you can help.

Also, if you have any **unused items suitable for Christmas Gifts**, such as toiletries, candles, mugs, chocolates etc, these would be very welcome. Finally, there will also be a **raffle**, so if anyone can donate something for this we would be delighted. We will also need **cakes** and **mince pies** to enjoy with our coffee and possibly sell as well.

There will be **fliers at the back of church**, so please take some and pass on to friends and neighbours to help publicise this event more widely.

Marilyn Kirby Secretary RAG

Monday 27th October
7:30 pm, in St Mary's Bathwick Church Hall
**Exploring Cairns further afield:
The Daintree and Atherton Tablelands**

An illustrated travel lecture by Dr Marilyn J. Kirby



Themed Raffle and Light Refreshments
Retiring collection in aid of
St Mary's Restoration Appeal

Monday 24th November
7:30 pm, in St Mary's Bathwick Church Hall

Riding NE Queensland's iconic Outback Trains: Part 1: The Gulflander

An illustrated travel lecture by Dr Marilyn J. Kirby



Themed Raffle and Light Refreshments

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PRE-CHRISTMAS

COFFEE MORNING PLUS!

St MARY'S CHURCH BATHWICK

SATURDAY 29 NOVEMBER

10 am -12 pm

**Including stalls with Cuddly Toys, Crafts,
Cakes and a Raffle**

(In aid of St Mary's Restoration Appeal)



**CHRISTMAS
COFFEE MORNING
with Stalls**

on
SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER

**10:30am - 12:30pm
at St John's Bathwick
Church Hall**

Please come and join us



MONTH'S MIND FOR NOVEMBER

Please pray for those whose anniversary of death falls in November

- 1st Emma Loades, Francis Craddock, Ernest Ackland, Leonard Jackman, Louise Gowing,
George Lawrence, Florence Clare, Mary Blythman, Alan Joseph Scudamore Creyke
- 2nd Edgar Bailey, Dorothy Clarke, Charles Wassell, Ada Shickle
- 3rd Daisy Hunt, Emily Smale, Mabel Miles, James Bailey, Donald Rae (Priest),
Leonard Spiller
- 4th May Flower, Sara Allen, Frederick Wooster, George White, Florence Morris,
Arthur Blackstone, Derek Cooper, Jim Bailey, Jeffrey Alan Hawkes
- 5th Charlotte Field, Don Mayhew, Violet White, Kathleen Mullaly, Seymour Collett (Priest),
Phyllis Quale, Joan Ozzard
- 6th Mary Poynton, Ellen Willis, Lilian Hunt, Leonard Allen, Henry Pace
- 7th William Wheeler, Ronald Wheeler, Elinor Windsor-Aubrey, Alfred Stockton,
Laura Ashman, Dorothy Temlett, Ann Palmer, Sylvia Lee, Peter Lockyer, Henry Pace
- 8th Frederick Fisher, Don Mayhew
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Kenneth Selby
- 10th Percival Stubbs, Elsa Nunn
- 11th Louisa Maggs, Mona Jordan
- 12th Thomas Nunn, Stella Cope
- 13th Alfred Collis, Kathleen Dickins
- 14th Mary Dando, Henry Allen, Peter Skidmore, Margaret Mary Hall
- 15th Thomas Holland, Iris Edith Swonell, Roger Lockyer, Winifred Newton.
- 16th Robert Millard, Edith Erickson, Mary Hunt, Flora Seaman, Alan McCombe, Jack Taylor
- 17th Leslie Richardson, Ada Pemberton, Arthur Lansley
- 18th Alfred Hillier, Helen Wills, Muriel Trueman, Enid Mona Sands Francis,
Margaret (Peggy) Kirby
- 19th Violet Lemarchand, Hermione Henslow, Muriel Teale, Cyril Horne.
- 20th Dorothy Gray, John Harris (Priest), Douglas Kemmery
- 21st Isobel Bishop, Gwendolene Kent, Caroline Davies, Henry Davies, Kathleen Dickens,
Jasmin Sani
- 22nd George Ruck (Priest), Kathleen Tolman, Eugenie Oliver
- 23rd Henry Lavington, Marjorie Bird, William (Bill) Shier
- 24th Timothy Hargreaves, Alice Dawes, Emily Turner, Dora Yarrow, James Hayward
- 26th Albert Bunyar, Edgar Charles Harrison, Shirley Moors
- 27th Albert White, Lucie Beaumont, Thomas Maddox, Richard Johan Springett Francis
- 28th Constance Gilbert, Lewis Galloway, Bertha Cocks Johnston
- 29th Angus Kinlock, Ada Severs, Joanna Dunn, Violet Caroline Wilkins, Gerald Frost
- 30th Louie Jefferis, Christine Davies, Reginald (Reg) Hillman

***Rest Eternal Grant To Them O Lord and Let Light Perpetual Shine On Them
May They Rest In Peace and Rise In Glory.***

**If you would like a name included in the Month's Mind,
please speak to the Clergy or leave a message at the Parish Office
These will be remembered by name at St John's Mass at 10.30am
on Thursday 27 November**

One Quiet Day in August.....

The weather was kind, balmy with warm sunshine but not too hot, ideal for contemplation, when we assembled in the Church Garden from 10am with the essential cup of coffee. Church Warden Clare introduced Revd Dr. Katy Garner, Chaplain at Bath Spa University, who had come to lead our day. Katy began by telling us of her experiences when she took a group of young people to walk part of the way of Santiago de Compostela – they walked and rested by cairns to contemplate – she then asked us to think of our own life's journey.

After enjoying our own picnic lunches, she read the story of the Walk to Emmaus asking us to think which one of the characters we would have been - yet more thoughts. To end the day, we were each given a pebble to write or draw upon before laying them under the old leaning tree to make our own cairn.

Here are some of the thoughts –

Joy to the world

For peace

Patience and strength

Open your heart

Cyclamen growing under the bushes



I know I have used the following little poem before when writing about St. Mary's Garden but they really sum up the day when about a dozen of us met to spend a "Quiet Day" way back in August.

*Our Garden is a peaceful place,
Where joyful flowers dwell;
They whisper softly to the breeze,
And weave their magic spell*

Jenny Jones



Saint Andrew's Day 30th November

St Andrew's Day 30th November is the feast day of Andrew the Apostle and is celebrated every year in Scotland with parties etc. Andrew officially became the patron saint of Scotland in 1320, following the signing of The Declaration of Arbroath when the country's independence was declared.

Andrew was born in Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee and, like his brother Simon Peter, he was a fisherman. Andrew, Peter, James and John formed the inner circle of the 12 apostles of Jesus, although Andrew had been a disciple of St. John the Baptist before following of Christ. So, what brought Saint Andrew to Scotland?

He travelled extensively preaching the Gospel in lands around the Black Sea and Greece, eventually being crucified on an X-shaped cross in Patras. He is the patron saint of other countries as well as Scotland, but his association with Scotland is based on several conflicting legends. One legend claims that St Andrew actually went to Scotland and built a church in Fife, now called St Andrews. The church became a place for evangelism, with pilgrims coming from all over Britain to pray - a real centre of Medieval pilgrimage, but the most interesting legend is the story of St Rule.

Three hundred years after Andrew's martyrdom the Roman Emperor Constantine, himself a Christian, ordered that the saint's bones should be moved from Patras to his new capital city of Constantino.

However, before the order was carried, out a monk called St Rule (or St Regulus) had a dream in which an angel told him to take what bones of Andrew's he could find to 'The ends of the earth' for safe keeping. After a frantic raid on the tomb, he took what he could on an epic journey which ended when he was shipwrecked on the east coast of Scotland. He must have thought that he had reached 'The ends of the earth'!

St Rule's Tower is still standing among the ruins of St. Andrew's Cathedral and during his visit in 1969, Pope Paul VI gave further relics of St. Andrew to Scotland with the words "St Peter gives you his brother" - these are now displayed in a reliquary in St Mary's Catholic Cathedral, Edinburgh.



Jenny Jones

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Matthew 7:7-11, Luke 11:5-13

To teach about praying, and God's good gifts, Jesus told this story - 'If you have a visitor arrive in the middle of the night..'

Oh no! I have no bread to feed him! I am so ashamed! What can I do?.. I know!



'You would go round to a friend's house.'



I really, really need some bread for a visitor.



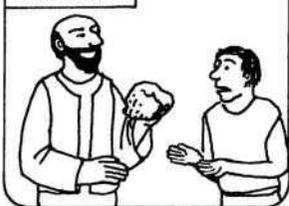
I need that bread!



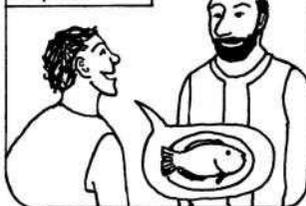
Jesus concluded...

So keep on asking and it will be given, seeking and you will find, knocking and it will be opened... And parents, if your hungry child asks for bread,

'..would you give them a stone?'



'And if they asked for a fish...'



'..would you give them a snake?'



'Or if they asked for an egg...'



'you'd give a scorpion?'



If you, who aren't perfect parents, give good gifts to your children, then don't you think that gifts from your perfect Father, God, will be even better?

Words and Actions

JESUS HAD MANY FRIENDS - AND HE OFTEN WENT WALKING WITH THEM.



ONCE, ON A JOURNEY, JESUS CALLED AT THE HOME OF MARTHA AND MARY



MARTHA WAS VERY PLEASED TO MEET WITH JESUS, AND SHE MADE HIM WELCOME



MARY WAS VERY EXCITED TOO AND WANTED TO LISTEN TO EVERYTHING JESUS HAD TO SAY



BUT MARTHA, WAS NOT VERY IMPRESSED WITH MARY! SHE THOUGHT HER SISTER SHOULD BE HARD AT WORK. NOT SITTING AROUND - JUST LISTENING



LORD, DON'T YOU CARE THAT MARY HAS LEFT ME TO DO ALL THE WORK BY MYSELF?!



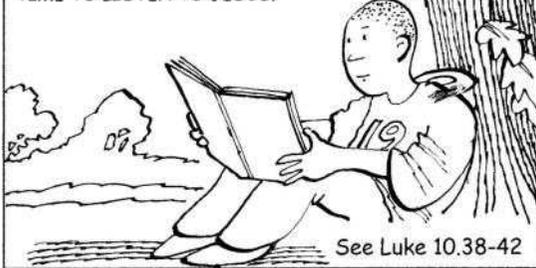
MARTHA, YOU ARE WORRIED AND TROUBLED OVER SO MANY THINGS



JESUS TOLD MARTHA THAT THERE ARE FAR MORE IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE THAN JUST FUSSING OVER A CLEAN HOUSE!



PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING WE CAN LEARN, LIKE MARTHA, IS TO MAKE TIME TO LISTEN TO JESUS.



See Luke 10.38-42

Simi's Kitchen

Since 2010, Simi's Kitchen has been sharing the vibrant food of the Middle East through private and group cookery classes, as well as bespoke catering. For the past two years, Simi has been running classes from St Mary's kitchen, where her warm, informal style makes every session feel more like a meal with friends than a traditional cookery lesson.

In season, she uses fresh herbs, fruit, and vegetables from her organic garden and allotment. Every class can be easily adapted to suit coeliac, vegetarian, or vegan diets.

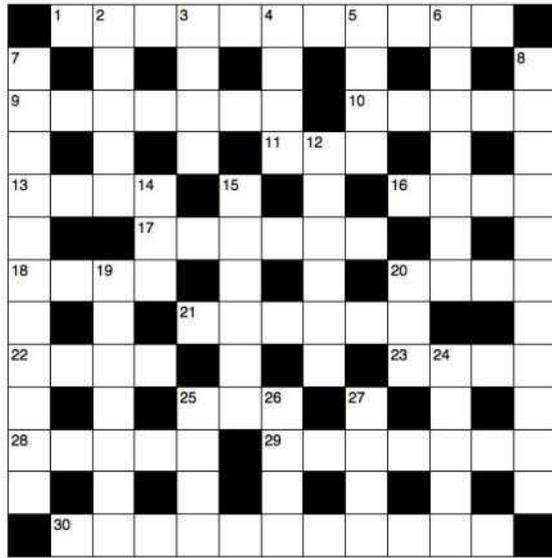
Whether you're cooking with friends, family, colleagues, or marking a special occasion, Simi's classes are a delicious and memorable way to explore authentic flavours, stories, and traditions. Gift vouchers are also available — the perfect present for food lovers or anyone who enjoys new experiences.

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Simi



CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 The sixth disciple (Matthew 10:3) (11)
- 9 'And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the — —' (Matthew 6:13) (4,3)
- 10 Love intensely (Song of Songs 1:4) (5)
- 11 From Mt Carmel to Jezreel, Elijah — all the way (1 Kings 18:46) (3)
- 13 One of the Midianite leaders who was captured and killed after Gideon's victory in the valley near Moreh (Judges 7:25) (4)
- 16 Metallic element (4)
- 17 At line (anag.) (6)
- 18 'Cursed is everyone who is — on a tree' (Galatians 3:13) (4)
- 20 Where Samson killed a thousand Philistines with a donkey's jawbone (Judges 15:14) (4)
- 21 He succeeded Moses (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
- 22 'When he saw him, he took — on him' (Luke 10:33) (4)
- 23 'For — is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction' (Matthew 7:13) (4)
- 25 'The god of this — has blinded the minds of unbelievers' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (3)
- 28 Fear or terror (Psalm 31:22) (5)
- 29 'We, who are many, are one body, for we all — of the one loaf' (1 Corinthians 10:17) (7)
- 30 Assyrian ruler assassinated by his sons while worshipping his god Nisroch (2 Kings 19:37) (11)

Down

- 2 'For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made —' (1 Corinthians 15:22) (5)
- 3 'After supper he — the cup' (1 Corinthians 11:25) (4)
- 4 The request of a man of Macedonia in Paul's vision: 'Come — to Macedonia and help us' (Acts 16:9) (4)
- 5 He disobeyed his father Judah by refusing to impregnate his dead brother's wife (Genesis 38:9) (4)
- 6 I veto me (anag.) (7)
- 7 Fourth king of Judah (1 Kings 15:24) (11)
- 8 Priest of God Most High, who blessed Abram (Genesis 14:18) (11)
- 12 'I have made you — for the Gentiles' (Acts 13:47) (1,5)
- 14 Implore (1 Samuel 15:25) (3)
- 15 'Out of the eater, something to eat; out of the —, something sweet' (Judges 14:14) (6)
- 19 'I am the most ignorant of men; I do — a man's understanding' (Proverbs 30:2) (3,4)
- 20 'Sin shall not be your master, because you are not under —, but under grace' (Romans 6:14) (3)
- 24 Native of, say, Baghdad (5)
- 25 The last word in the Bible (Revelation 22:21) (4)
- 26 Heroic tale (4)
- 27 'Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you —' (John 8:32) (4)

Answers to October crossword

ACROSS: 1, Jehoiachin. 7, Endured. 8, Eased. 10, Rash. 11, Startled. 13, Easier. 15, Rubric. 17, Impurity. 18, Feet. 21, Eye at. 22, Ready to. 23, Holy Spirit.

DOWN: 1, Judas. 2, Harm. 3, Is duty. 4, Cheerful. 5, Insular. 6, Jezreelite. 9, Dedication. 12, Secretly. 14, Supremo. 16, Stir up. 19, Egypt. 20, Hair.

Bathwick Baby & Toddler Group Job Vacancy

We are looking for someone to lead our Babies & Toddlers Group on Wednesday and Friday mornings. For full job specification and details of remuneration please contact the parish office on (01225) 447450.



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followed by breakfast in the hall

4.00pm EVENSONG & BENEDICTION

*(usually 2nd Sunday of each month;
6pm April-October)*



ST MARY'S

10.30am EUCHARIST & SERMON

followed by tea/coffee and biscuits in the hall

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6.00pm CHORAL EVENSONG *(usually 1st Sunday of each month)*
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*For changes and details of other services please see the weekly Sunday leaflet
and p.4 of this magazine*

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TUESDAYS: St John's	9.30am	MASS
WEDNESDAYS: St Mary's	10.30am	TRAD. LANGUAGE EUCHARIST
THURSDAYS: St John's	10.30am	MASS
FRIDAYS: St Mary's	9.30am	EUCHARIST
SATURDAYS: St John's	9.30am	MASS

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