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September 2026

BATHWICK NEWS

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Taste and see that the Lord is good.
The Lord's words are sweeter to me than honey.
Ps 34:8, Ps 119:103



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)

SEPTEMBER 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:

- Choral Evensong: 6th September

- (said) Evensong: 20th September and 27th September



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:

- Evensong & Benediction: 13th September 6pm

SPECIAL SERVICES AND EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER



ST MARY'S PATRONAL FESTIVAL (6 Sept)—
the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary—
Sung Mass 10.30am on Sunday 6th Sept followed by
bring-and-share lunch and **Choral Evensong at 6pm**

HARVEST FESTIVAL (19-20 Sept)—
we will celebrate God's gifts of the harvest with a
parish supper 7pm 19th Sept (St Mary's church hall) -
further details on p.10 of this magazine,
and **Sung Masses 20th Sept at 9am at St John's and
10.30am at St Mary's.**



A LETTER FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST, FR PETER EDWARDS

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

September is the time of year when we get back to normal routine after the summer break. It's an opportunity to ask how God wants us to make the most of the time he gives us. Although we can't always choose how we use our time, we can control our attitude towards it. How can we use our time wisely?

Firstly, see time as a gift from God. Each day is an opportunity to know God better and serve him. Time isn't inexhaustible, as someday our time on earth will end. 'Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.' (Psalm 90:12). The first thing we can do when we awake is thank God for the gift of another day.

Secondly, commit your time to God. Time is not to be wasted, but to be used for God's glory. We are accountable to God for the way that we use our time: 'Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity' (Ephesians 5:15,16). We should ask God to help us organise our time more wisely, to reflect God's concerns.

Thirdly, set aside time for God, others and ourselves. How often can we go through a whole day without thinking about God or ignoring someone who needs our help? This is because we relegate God to our spare time, so he ends up at the bottom of our list of priorities. Jesus said, 'Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness' (Matthew 6:33). If we prioritise our time for God, people and our needs, the rest of life will fit around them.

September includes the **Patronal Festival** celebrations at St Mary's church—the festival of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is observed by the church on 6 September, and our services that day will give thanks both for the church in which we worship, and also for the example given us by Mary of obedience to God's call—'I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it be with me according to your word' (Luke 1:38).

Do try to join us for our festival celebrations—our morning Eucharist at 10.30am and in the evening at 6pm for Choral Evensong. There will of course also be the usual Sung Mass at St John's at 9am.

Please also note dates for the diary for September. Further details can be found in this magazine, but **highlights include:**

- **Glastonbury Pilgrimage**, 5 September: meet at St John's 10am
- **Cream Tea in aid of Dorothy House Hospice**, 12 September 3pm St John's
- **Harvest Festival: parish supper** 19 September 7pm St Mary's Hall, and services at both churches 20 September
- **Quiet Day** led by Revd Narinder Tegally, 24 September 10am, St Mary's garden

Do please bring others to these events if you can do so!

With every blessing to you all,

Fr Peter

Friends of the Holy Land

In October there will be a presentation in the church hall from Friends of the Holy Land, who care for Christians who struggle with difficulty in Palestine (West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza), Jordan and Israel, providing immediate relief and long-term practical support so that they can remain in the land of their birthright and have hope to survive and thrive.

Providing practical assistance with everyday living costs. Help people access healthcare and education; and to start and grow businesses. Currently, they are also providing humanitarian aid.

This presentation is a joint venture between St John's and our Orthodox brothers and sisters who share our church building. Once a date has been arranged, we will let people know. This is just a preliminary notice and to give you a taste of what is coming.

Talking of tasters, tea, coffee and cake will be served. A stall of items from the region will also be available.

Chris Plummer

Cream Teas

St John's Church Hall

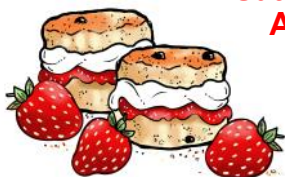
Saturday 12th September 3 - 4.30pm

All proceeds to Dorothy House.

**TICKET ONLY at £8 each
from Di (01225) 722917 or**

Chris (01249) 712894

**Please don't delay in
booking your ticket**



WALSINGHAM PRAYER GROUP

Prayer meetings are usually on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 5pm.

The next prayer meeting will take place on:

Sunday 13th September at 5pm at St John's.

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



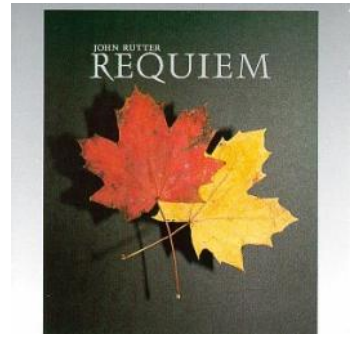


THURSDAYS, 12.30pm-1.10pm 2026

September 3rd Richard Johnson – Organ
Westbury-on-Trym Parish Church, Bristol

October 1st Quercus Wind Quintet, Bath

Light refreshments available before and after each recital
Retiring collection in support of Music @ St Mary's



Come and Sing - John Rutter Requiem

Saturday 12th September, 10.00am
St Mary's, Bathwick, Bath, BA2 4EB.

Robert Brooks - *conductor*

Join Bath Camerata for a marvellous day of choral music-making in our Come and Sing event. Open to singers of all experience levels, this is a wonderful opportunity to explore beautiful repertoire, develop your vocal skills, and experience the thrill of singing as part of a high-level ensemble.

Led by Musical Director Robert Brooks, you'll sing alongside our wonderful choir and receive expert musical guidance in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. The event will culminate in an informal performance at the end of the day, to which friends and family are warmly invited.

Cost: £25 for the full day

A lyrical and deeply moving work, John Rutter's Requiem blends the traditional Latin Mass with English psalms and scripture. It is known for its memorable melodies and reflective character, and offers both moments of gentle intimacy and rich, full choral sound.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

St John's **WILL NOT BE** hosting their annual Macmillan Coffee Morning in September, **BUT** will hold a Macmillan Coffee Morning in Spring 2027!



Jacki Douglas

Beguiled and Blue: Ayres to the Lute

4.00-5.00pm, 26th September 2026, in the Church Hall

Four hundred years ago, the death of John Dowland marked the beginning of the end of the lute's golden age in England. For much of the 16th and early 17th centuries, the lute was central to English musical life, accompanying singers and instrumentalists. By the time of Henry Purcell, however, it had become just one of many instruments used to accompany a voice.

This programme traces the changing styles of song across this period, beginning with Dowland and his contemporaries and the final flowering of the English lute-song tradition.

Nicholas Lanier provides a bridge to the more dramatic Baroque style of Purcell, whose songs are also represented here. Together, they reveal how the intimate sound of voice and lute evolved over the course of a century.

Join soprano Alysha Paterson, mezzo Alice Simmons and lutenist Din Ghani for Musicke in the Ayre's final concert at St Mary's for 2026.

Tickets £12 at the door, £11 in advance from Bath Box Office (01225 463362, bathtboxoffice.org.uk).

Grateful as ever to Nicky and her team for providing refreshments.

St Mary's Bathwick
Darlington St
Bath BA2 4EB

26th Sept 2026
4.00—5.00pm
In the Hall

Alysha Paterson soprano
Alice Simmons mezzosoprano
Din Ghani lutes & baroque guitar

**MUSICKE
in the
Ayre**

**BEGUILED
AND
BLUE**

**Ayres to
the lute**

Songs by Dowland, Lanier, Purcell
and their contemporaries

Tickets £12 at the door,
£11 from Bath Box Office
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BRING AND SHARE LUNCH

Sunday 6th September at St Mary's Church
Hall following the 10.30am
Eucharist - All welcome to attend.





United Benefice of Bathwick

Harvest Supper

St Mary's Church Hall

Saturday 19th September

7pm for 7.30pm

Tickets £12



QUIET DAY IN ST MARY'S GARDEN

Thursday 24th September.

Taking the theme of Prayer, the Reverend Prebendary Narinder Tegally (Lead Chaplain at the RUH and Bath & Wells Interfaith Advisor) will lead us through a series of reflections in the peace and serenity of our lovely garden (or the Church Hall, if the weather is unfavourable). The day will start at 10 am with coffee and cake and close at 3pm with tea; bring a packed lunch. Please do come along, and invite a friend. If possible let one of the Churchwardens know in advance that you are intending to come so that we set up chairs and tables accordingly.

Clare Goodhart



The next meeting of the Bathwick Book Club will be
on

Tuesday 29th September

at 3pm

in St Mary's Church Hall.

The book we will be discussing will be
'The Artist' by Lucy Steeds.

See you there and why not bring a friend?

SOME CHARITY FOR OTHERS IN SEPTEMBER

ST JOHN'S CHURCH gives away 10% of its general income at the end of each year to support 6 charities. Each month we remember the work of one of these charities. Please support these good causes.

Charity for September: WIZZIBUG WHEELCHAIRS FOR KIDS

There is often no funding for powered wheelchairs for children under five years old, "DESIGNABILITY", only with donations, make and provide Wizzibug wheelchairs free to children who will benefit. Each wheelchair is designed to a child's 'request,' (the wheelchair could resemble a car, ladybird etc.) and is made at the RUH. When a child grows out of the wheelchair it is returned for reuse, and the child goes on to the next size.

ST MARY'S CHURCH make weekly collections during the Sunday services using the "Alms" envelopes which are given away to a different charity each month.

In September we will be supporting **Connect Bath** (formerly Open Christmas Bath) which hosts a free event for up to 150 guests on Christmas Day who would otherwise be alone. It is run by volunteers who provide a delicious freshly cooked festive lunch for their guests and also make home deliveries for those unable to attend. Kingswood School hosts the lunch but all the helpers are volunteers who do a range of duties from setting up the huge dining room beforehand, drivers to collect guests, hosts to welcome, and of course the cooks and the washers up. Each guest takes home a goodies bag afterwards. Here is a quote from a regular attendee:-

"The Christmas Event is so good. It gets me out my house, and I get to enjoy a warm meal and a present from Father Christmas. I am happy each time I attend."

Robin and Sarah Davies

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

We only deliberately waste time with those we love - it is the purest sign that we love someone if we choose to spend time idly in their presence when we could be doing something more constructive.

Sheila Cassidy. *Prayer for Pilgrims*

MOMENTS OF LIGHT AT DOROTHY HOUSE

Many of you will have visited Dorothy House in Winsley and know what beautiful grounds overlooking the Limpley Stoke valley, the hospice has. This was commented on by HRH The Princess Royal, when she visited the Hospice in July for their 50th anniversary. From 1 October to the end of December this year, a large-scale light installation by world-renowned artist, Bruce Munro will be open to visitors, offering the opportunity to wander among thousands of illuminated forms, each one glowing softly in the darkness.

You are invited to come and experience a moment of light in the darkness, an evening of quiet awe, reflection, and togetherness. Dorothy House believes everyone should be able to experience this event, without financial barriers. As a charity therefore, the Hospice welcomes donations from those who are able to give. Further details and the link to book tickets is here:

[Moments of Light - Dorothy House.](#)

Sarah Davies



St James' Buchi

Thank you very much for your kind message and for the generous gift of £1,000 from the congregation of St Mary the Virgin, Bathwick, to St James Buchi.

Please convey our deepest gratitude to the whole congregation. We are truly touched by your generosity and by the love and Christian fellowship behind this gift. Although we are separated by many miles, your kindness reminds us that we are one family in Christ, united in faith and in the work of His Kingdom.

I am pleased to let you know that the door and window frames are actually being installed as I write this email. Your gift has therefore come at a very important time and will make a significant contribution towards the completion of our building works.

We shall keep checking our Indo Zambia Bank account and will let you know as soon as the funds are received.

May God richly bless you all for your kindness, generosity and partnership with us.

With sincere thanks and prayers,

Ven Fr Freddie Mwanza - St James Anglican Church
Buchi, Kitwe, Zambia

Food items Bath Foodbank are currently in need of:

Custard (tinned), rice pudding (tinned), vegetable meals (tinned), tomatoes (tinned), vegetables - peas and carrots (tinned), pasta sauce (jars), mash (instant), squash / long life juice, coffee (small jars), and (UHT) milk.

Non-food items Bath Foodbank are currently in need of:

Deodorant, washing-up liquid, razors and shaving cream.

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Father, I am so thankful that I don't to run away from anything. I can meet everything through you. Amen



MONTH'S MIND FOR SEPTEMBER

Please pray for those whose anniversary of death falls in September

1st	Cecil Burney (1957), William Corbould (Pr.) (1957), Francis Whittuck (1964), Leslie Newton (2008), Ken Smith (2009)
2nd	Julia Sumerhayes (1974)
3rd	Harold Weaver (1970), Gordon Burden, Bernard Thorold (1979)
4th	Margaret Tudor (1957), Claire Symns (1962), Fred Commons (1984), Ethel Tudor, Winifred Dodd (1985), George Bayntun, Ebenezer Loades, Amanda Robertson Martinovic
5th	Alice Fudge, William Stiles (1964), Margaret Jean Ledbury (1994)
6th	Douglas Brown, Joan Leech-Wilkinson, Wilfred Curtis (1985)
7th	Hilda Perrett
8th	Grace Macdonnell (1953), Dora Skrine (1961), Isobel Small (1962), Moira Dowding
9th	Harry White, Charles William Robert Caswell (1996), John Squire (2008)
10th	Brenda Turner (1965), Benjamin Maslen (1982)
11th	William Baker, Herbert Burden, Lucy Quennell, Sarah Redheffer (2001)
12th	Herbert Priddle (1962)
13th	Beatrice Issac (1970)
14th	Sylvia Hull (1948), Norman Gibb (1962), George House (1964), Herbert Jones (1966), Margaret Kett (2010)
15th	Mabel Hobhouse (1940), George Winter (1976)
16th	Ina Hobhouse (1947), Francis Cox (1967), Francis Strong (1968), Brenda Willett, Glyn Maddocks (2013), Helen Earle (2024)
17th	Beatrice Gilbert (1959), Frances Wassell (1976)
18th	Lily Pratt (1931), Stella Kurlle (1966), Herbert Stannard (1975), Joseph Szoltysek., Daphne Portnall (2016)
19th	Raymond Twine (1976)
20th	Ethel Tylee (1946), Beatrice Beadle (1980), Peggy Ellison
21st	Thomas Loades (1967), Dorothy Weaver (1981), John Cuninghame (2007)
22nd	Reginald Stevens (1962), Edith MacDonnell (1970), Phyllis Fry (1971), Alban Ozzard, (1981) Myrtle Evans (1982), Alexander Francis Edwards (2003)
23rd	Casey Bottle (1951), Florence Belus
24th	Amy Brown, Ada Parsons (1954)
25th	Thomas Bell (1944), Kathleen Lansley,
26th	Myfanwy Owen (1976), Fred Cox (Pr.) (1977)
27th	Lionel Etherington, Lottie Hughes (1945), Florence Smith (1952)
28th	Mary Davison (2012), Roy Hatch (2025)
29th	Mary Sheppard
30th	Lilian Jacques (1943), Agnes Cox, (1958), Barbara Rouse (1959), Richard Merrett (1962), Sheila Edwards (2025)

**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 Church
10.30am Mass Thursday 10 September.**

Green News

When Mole and Ratty in *Wind in the Willows* remember their summer the flowers of willowherb are spoken of as being “tender and wistful, like a pink sunset cloud”. Our summer has been a memorable one because of the heat and drought throughout Western Europe. Rivers, tarns, bogs, streams and ditches have either dried up or are much reduced. Yet in a village in Yorkshire in the soft mud of a small beck, willowherb has managed to grow to over two meters tall. This has enabled wild bees to use the pollen and nectar from the flowers and elephant hawk-moths to visit at night to lay their eggs, as their caterpillars eat the foliage.

Keith and Helen Moss

Good afternoon,



I am contacting you to ask if there is someone in your parish who would consider being on our Eco Champions list. As one of the dioceses high-use churches we would love to have a representative to join our closed google group that we can support with environmental work such as Eco Church, carbon footprint and churchyard biodiversity. The group gets an email once a week with light-touch topics and discussions and all are invited to training and events as and when.

If there is a suitable person, please let me have their email address and I can invite them to the group. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Many thanks

Sara Harbron MSc REnvP, ISEP
Climate Justice & Environment Advisor
Mobile: 07900694118

Restoration Action Group News:

The first of our autumn Travel Lectures is **Riding North Queensland's iconic Outback Trains: The Savannahlander** on **Thursday 17th September in St Mary's Hall**. Note, this was originally scheduled for February, but unfortunately it had to be postponed. During the evening, we will be taking an epic journey of 267 miles (430Km) on this legendary outback train, travelling from the former goldmining town of Forsyth down to Cairns. On the way we will discover the long hidden beautiful Cobbold Gorge as well as exploring the famous, and truly amazing Undara Lava Tubes, before heading down past the spectacular Barron Falls. The journey includes several "hair-raising" river crossings on what seem extremely fragile trestle bridges! This is definitely an experience all you train buffs out there shouldn't miss. If trains are not really your thing, "no worries" as they say in Australia, because not only will we be travelling through some truly wild and remote Outback country but also meeting some amazing wildlife including seeing Australia's heaviest flying bird, The Australian Bustard, actually fly -a very rare sight! There will also be a few other surprises on the way, to discover what you will just have to come along and see for yourself!

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). There will also be a raffle with the star prize being a bottle of Aussie 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 including short video clips of the Savannahlander making her way over one of those trestle bridges!

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

Future Travel lecture dates for your diary

Thursday 26th November: Further Explorations in and around Aberdeen.

Our Scottish theme then continues in the New Year

Monday 1st March: Exploring NE Scotland from Aberdeen: Stonehaven to Arbroath. (Note Monday to avoid clashing with our Lent Study Group meetings which normally run on Thursdays)

Thursday 8th April: Exploring NE Aberdeenshire; its heritage and wildlife

Thursday 29th April: Fair Isle, Britain's remotest inhabited island

Marilyn Kirby Secretary RAG

Thursday 17th September
7:30 pm, in St Mary's Bathwick
Church Hall

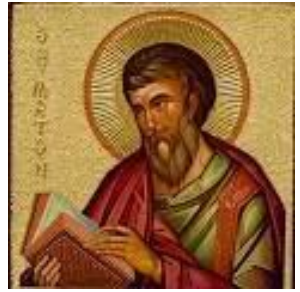
Riding NE Queensland's iconic Outback Trains The Savannahlander

An illustrated travel lecture by
Dr Marilyn J. Kirby



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

St Matthew's Day September 21st



Matthew, Mark, Luke and John known as the four Evangelists but what do we know about them?

We'll start with the first – St Matthew whose day falls in this month. The first book of the New Testament is the Gospel according to St Matthew, but who was he, what do we know about him, and when did he write the gospel?

He was born in Capernaum becoming one of the twelve apostles of Jesus, although he had begun his adult life as a Tax Collector called Levi. He collected taxes for the Roman Empire in Capernaum, which made him unpopular with many Jewish people who saw the job as unfair and traitorous. He was called by Jesus as He walked past his tax booth and told him to "Follow Me." Whereupon he left his old life behind and hosted a dinner for Jesus with other outsiders.

Following this he became one of the original Twelve Apostles. After the Crucifixion and Resurrection, he preached the gospel to the Jewish community in Judea before going to other countries. No one knows exactly where he went but most sources say Ethiopia. This is more likely to be the region south of the Caspian Sea, now known as ancient Persia, rather than the modern nation of Ethiopia.

Church tradition holds that he was martyred and buried in Cathedral de Salerno, Salerno, Italy. He is remembered today as the Patron Saint of accountants, bankers, bookkeepers, tax collectors, and civil servants.

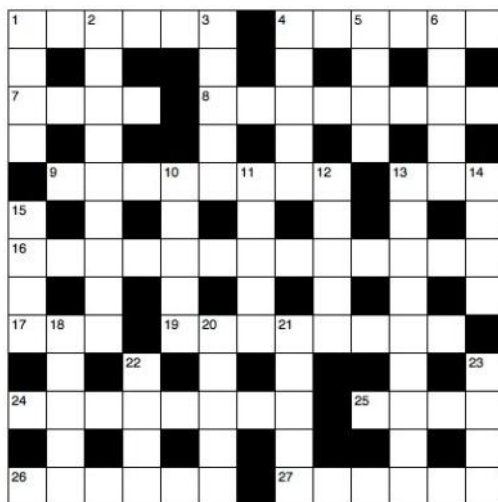
However, he is best known for his Gospel, positioned first in the New Testament because it is a direct bridge between the Old and New Testaments, written primarily with a Jewish audience in mind.

The main emphasis of the gospel is to show how Jesus fulfilled Old Testament prophecies with the text containing more than 130 quotes and direct allusions to Jewish scripture prophecies. These references are the unique feature of Matthew's Gospel, as he tells us explicitly that something happened in the life of Jesus "in order to fulfil" what was spoken through the prophets. His Gospel is the only one which traces Jesus's lineage back through King David and Abraham, records the story of the visit of the Magi and gives a long account of the Sermon on the Mount.

And from that we have in Chapter 11

*"Come unto me all ye that are weary.....
My yoke is easy and my burden is light"*

CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 'Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders — in vain' (Psalm 127:1) (6)
- 4 Season of the year (Psalm 84:6) (6)
- 7 'My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. — here and keep watch with me' (Matthew 26:38) (4)
- 8 It came over the whole land from the sixth to the ninth hour on the first Good Friday (Luke 23:44) (8)
- 9 Paul invariably did this in the synagogues he visited on his missionary journeys (Acts 17:2) (8)
- 13 'It is God who works in you to will and to — according to his good purpose' (Philippians 2:13) (3)
- 16 Members of the Church of Scotland (13)
- 17 'Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountain side and — down' (Matthew 5:1) (3)
- 19 Mock(Luke14:29)(8)
- 24 Disgrace(Psalm44:13)(8)
- 25 First month of the Hebrew calendar (Exodus13:4)(4)
- 26 Christianity of the Britons before Augustine arrived from Rome(6)
- 27 Mean (Numbers 35:23)(6)

Down

- 1 'Whoever finds his life will — it' (Matthew 10:39) (4)
- 2 'My lord the king, let the — — on me and on my father's family, and let the king and his throne be without guilt' (2 Samuel 14:9) (5,4)
- 3 O raid (anag.) (5)
- 4 'If two of you on earth — about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven' (Matthew 18:19) (5)
- 5 Take care of (1 Samuel 17:15) (4)
- 6 What the older son heard as he came near the house the day his prodigal brother came home (Luke 15:25) (5)
- 10 'Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with — judgment' (Romans 12:3) (5)
- 11 Do ten(anag.)(5)
- 12 Architectural style first used in Greek temples in the sixth century BC (5)
- 13 Capable of being used(1Kings7:36)(9)
- 14 'Each one should — his own actions'(Galatians6:4)(4)
- 15 Among the items imported by Solomon's fleet of trading ships (1 Kings 10:22) (4)
- 18 'But I am afraid that just — was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray' (2 Corinthians 11:3) (2,3)
- 20 Outstanding 18th-century hymn writer, — Watts(5)
- 21 One of the four sons of Asher(Genesis46:17)(5)
- 22 Be distressed(Proverbs24:19)(4)
- 23 He was the father of Gaal, who threatened rebellion against Abimelech (Judges 9:28) (4)



Human flourishing for all

‘Tell me about your school days’ is a deeply illuminating question to ask. Our experience of school shapes us deeply our whole lives long. Schools mould our character and values. They develop our skills and expectations. They influence our relationships and our life chances.

Rooted in our understanding of the Bible, Christians have been involved in schooling for many centuries. In the nineteenth century, the Church of England’s National Society set up thousands of schools all around our country, established principally for the benefit of the poor. It is largely out of this heritage that our Diocese of Bath and Wells continues to have a stake in so many of Somerset’s schools today. We have 180 Church Schools, the majority of which are for primary aged children, with nine middle, upper or secondary schools and one specialist provision. Big and small, and found in all kinds of communities, our schools educate around 60% of Somerset’s primary school children.

Our schools are Church Schools, they are not faith schools. We are open to everyone, of all faiths and none. Our schools are guided by our Christian ethos, manifested in their engagement with the Bible and worship, in prayer and Christian ethics. More recently, this is expressed most fully in the Church of England’s Vision for Education. This understands our schools’ mission to be ‘deeply Christian, serving the Common Good’. Our vision embraces the spiritual, physical, intellectual, emotional, moral and social development of children and young people. Our vision is of human flourishing for all.

As bishop, I am privileged to spend lots of time in our Church Schools. The most fun I have is being grilled by young people who pose me questions about ethics and doctrine, our Church’s life and faith. I’m certainly kept on my toes! What I value most is seeing played out in our young people the four main elements of our Church’s vision - wisdom, hope, community and dignity. These commitments are reflected in the stories told in this edition of Manna. I hope you’ll enjoy reading them as they illustrate our vision for education in the schools of our diocese.

Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells

SAVE THE DATE

PARISH BREAKFAST

SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER



Enjoy a delicious traditional English breakfast followed by a talk by a representative from one of the charities we support at St Mary's.

Charity speaker TBC.

Time: 9.00am – 12.00pm

Breakfast – donations of £5 appreciated

All welcome so don't forget to bring a friend!

Hope to see you there.

Transforming Futures for Young People

Nearly one million young people across the UK are currently not in education, employment or training (NEET). In Bath and North East Somerset, around one in ten young people face this challenge, with some local areas, such as Whiteway, experiencing some of the lowest educational outcomes in the country. This has a significant impact on our local community.

LUX Youth Project is launching a vision for Transforming Futures, a new programme designed to help NEET young people build confidence, skills and long-term employment. Participants will receive barista and employability training, a year of paid employment, and personalised one-to-one support to address challenges such as housing, family difficulties and mental health.

We believe God cares about every individual and is heartbroken when young people are written off at 16. We are passionate about helping every young person reach their God-given potential.

To find out more, support the project, or pray for this work, please visit [Transforming Futures – Big Give](https://www.transformingfutures.org.uk) or contact luke@luxyouthproject.co.uk.



Luke Brightwell - Chief Executive Officer

Answers to July/August crossword

ACROSS: 1, Wife. 3, To battle. 8, Obal. 9, Disciple. 11, Bitterness. 14, Niacin. 15, Attain. 17, Passionate. 20, Tertiary. 21, Meet. 22, Weakness. 23, Deer.

DOWN: 1, Woodbine. 2, Feast day. 4, Orient. 5, Accusation. 6, Type. 7, Eyes. 10, Dedication. 12, Gadarene. 13, Ancestor. 16, Esdras. 18, Stew. 19, Area.

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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PUBLIC WORSHIP WITH THE CHURCH DAY BY DAY

SUNDAYS

ST JOHN'S



9.00am MASS & SERMON

followed by breakfast in the hall

6.00pm EVENSONG & BENEDICTION

*(usually 2nd Sunday of each month;
4pm November-March)*



ST MARY'S

10.30am EUCHARIST & SERMON

followed by tea/coffee and biscuits in the hall

*(this service is live-streamed whenever possible
on YouTube—search 'YouTube Bathwick parishes')*

6.00pm CHORAL EVENSONG *(usually 1st Sunday of each month)*
or **(SAID) EVENSONG** *(usually 3rd/4th/5th Sunday of each month)*

*For changes and details of other services please see the weekly Sunday leaflet
and p.6 of this magazine*

USUAL WORSHIP ON WEEKDAYS

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

Morning Prayer is usually said around 9am and Evening Prayer around 5.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) by arrangement:

Please speak to Fr Peter (01225) 460052

Applications and Enquiries for Baptisms, Weddings, etc,

Please ask at Church or Tel (01225) 447450 for an appointment

***The "Bathwick Parishes Weekly Noticesheet" is available in Church,
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*The Clergy wish to receive information about people who would welcome a visit
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