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Dear Friends

As we progress through Holy Week towards Easter Sunday, the most important festival of the Christian year, we remember and re-enact those final days of Jesus's life here on earth.

His washing of the disciples' feet on Maundy Thursday, in full knowledge that he was about to be betrayed, and urging his disciples to 'do as I have done to you'.

His agonized prayer to his Father in the garden of Gethsemane as he awaits his arrest, 'father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me, yet not my will but yours be done' (Luke 22.42).

His subsequent torture, humiliation, and crucifixion in the hands of the authorities on Good Friday, and the miracle of the empty tomb on Easter morning, accompanied by the angels' words, 'why do you look for the living among the dead? he is not here, but has risen' (Luke 24.5)

And bound up in this unique rollercoaster of events, we witness the entire gamut of human emotions - bewilderment, weakness, shame, fear, desolation, despair, awe, elation, and hope. The whole of the human condition is here.

So, what relevance can this event of almost 2000 years ago have for us, today?

The simple answer is, 'life-changing'.

For us, Jesus' gave his life so that we might have:

HOPE - out of the darkest nights of despair comes hope and the promise of new life; death is not the end.

LOVE - unconditional love that endures all things and will never leave us.

FREEDOM - from all that diminishes us - so that we may receive life in all its fullness.

Wishing you a very happy Easter, and that wherever we find ourselves, and whatever we may be going through, may we all experience something of the hope, love, and freedom of God in Jesus this Easter.

Penny Holt

FIR VILLA COMMUNION

Home Communion is celebrated once a month with residents & staff. Please call Penny Holt for more details on 01935 850354

CALENDAR OF SERVICES

April 2024			
Sunday 7th April MARSTON MAGNA RIMPTON	WHITE No service at Marston Magna Holy Communion at 10.45 am.	EASTER I Reader: Dr Billings	
SUNDAY 14th April MARSTON MAGNA MUDFORD RIMPTON	WHITE No service at Marston Magna Holy Communion at 11 am No Service at Rimpton	EASTER II	
SUNDAY 21st April MARSTON MAGNA RIMPTON	WHITE Holy Communion at 9.30 am. No Service at Rimpton	EASTER III Reader: Mrs P Hopkins Sidesman: Mrs P Hopkins	
SUNDAY 28th April MARSTON MAGNA CHILTON CANTELO RIMPTON	WHITE No service at Marston Magna Holy Communion at 9.30 am. No Service at Rimpton	EASTER IV	
Sunday 5th May MARSTON MAGNA RIMPTON	WHITE No service at Marston Magna Holy Communion at 10.45 am.	EASTER V Reader: Mr/Mrs Copeland	
MARSTON MAGNA APRIL 2024	<u>Church Cleaning</u> <u>(Now for services)</u>	<u>Church Flowers</u> <u>High Altar</u>	<u>Locking Up</u>
7 th April			Mr & Mrs Knott
14 th April			Dr T Smith
21 st April	Mr & Mrs Bateman	Mrs Bateman	Mr & Mrs Jackson
28 th April			Mr H Privett
5 th May			Mrs Bateman
RIMPTON APRIL 2024	<u>Church Cleaning</u> <u>(Now fortnightly)</u>	<u>Church Flowers</u> <u>High Altar</u>	
6 th April		Mrs Le Hardy	Mrs Millington
13 th April	Mrs Billings & Mrs Gattrill-Smith	Mrs McCreight	Mr Woolley
20 th April		Mrs McCreight	Mrs Kemp
27 th April	Mrs McCreight & Mrs Green	Mrs McCreight	Mrs Rolls
4 th May		Mrs Le Hardy	Mrs Rolls

Mid-week Prayers at Rimpton

A brief service of morning prayer and silent prayer time. Rimpton church, Wednesdays, 8.00 am. All most welcome

MARSTON & RIMPTON HOME GROUP

A small, friendly group meeting fortnightly for fellowship, prayer, and bible study.

All welcome. Please contact Penny Holt on 01935 850354 for more details

RIMPTON VILLAGE HALL DIARY – What's on? – Regular items and contacts

Sundays (First Sunday of each month)

9.00 am - 10.30 am Yoga, coffee, and cake Kate Whittell 07881 628780

Tuesdays

9.30 – 10.30 am Yoga Classes Kate Whittell 07881 628780

Wednesdays

7.30p.m. – 10.00 p.m. Badminton Dale McLoughlin 01935 851100

For the Diary

8th April - Marston Magna & Rimpton WI Meeting at MMVH – 7 pm
17th April - Ladies Walking Group, meet at Village Hall Carpark 9.30 am.
18th May - Disco Night at the Village Hall with professional DJ from 7.30 pm
7th September - Marston Magna & Rimpton Gardening Show

For hall bookings please contact Frances Burton on 07944365261 or by email rimptonvhbookings@btinternet.com

MARSTON MAGNA VILLAGE HALL DIARY - What's on? - Regular items and contacts.

Mondays

10.00 am – 11.00 am Exercise Class. Steph Edwards 07444 979297

7.00 p.m. - 2nd Monday monthly W.I. Pam Goodwin 01935 850571

Thursdays

2.30 – 4.30 p.m. Short Mat Bowls Tony Green 01963 220943

7 pm –8.30 p.m. Table Tennis etc. Judy 01935 851418

Fridays

10.30 a.m. – 12 noon Marston Village Café every Friday morning

5.00 p.m.- 7.15 p.m. Pilates Contact Mo 07815 748518

Various classes – do check on the notice board in Village Hall

For the Diary.

5th April - Village Café at the Village Hall, 10.30 am – Noon.
6th April - Bingo postponed until the summer.
6th April - Marston Inn - Lemon Rock from 9.00pm
8th April - Marston Magna & Rimpton WI Meeting at MMVH – 7 pm
12th April - Village Café at the Village Hall, 10.30 am – Noon.
19th April - Village Café at the Village Hall, 10.30 am – Noon.
20th April - Quiz at the Village Hall starts at 7 pm.
20th April - Marston Inn - Groove Cat from 9.00pm
26th April - Village Café at the Village Hall, 10.30 am – Noon.
27th April - Marston Inn - Charlatans Ukulele band from 7.30pm – charity event
3rd May - Village Café at the Village Hall, 10.30 am – Noon.
22nd June - The Midsummer Village Fair
7th September - Marston Magna & Rimpton Gardening Show
14th September - CHARCUTERIE AND WINE at MMVH

For Village Hall bookings – please contact Judy Suckling Tel. 851418

The Mobile Library WILL BE IN Rimpton on the 10th April. It will be in Home Farm Lane, BA22 8AS between 12.30 pm and 1.00 pm. The next after that will be 8th May. The Mobile Library calls every four weeks and really must be used, or we will lose it.

Re-cycling and Waste Collections

Recycling is complicated! If in doubt check the following web address – enter your postcode with a gap.

<https://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/recycling-collections/>

RE-CYCLING IS NOW EVERY TUESDAY in Marston Magna from 6 a.m. on Tuesdays 3rd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th April. **Garden Wheelie Bin** Collections are collected from 6 a.m., on Thursdays the 11th and 25th April. **Refuse bins** will be collected once every three weeks and the next one is on Tuesday 16th April.

RE-CYCLING IS NOW EVERY FRIDAY in Rimpton from 6 a.m. on Fridays 6th, 12th, 19th and 26th April. **Garden Wheelie Bin** Collections are being collected from 6 a.m., on Thursdays 11th and 25th April. **Refuse bins** will be collected once every three weeks and the next will be on Friday 12th April.

This all does depend upon available staff and there are delays at present, caused by staff shortages. Recycling Centres are open for winter times.

Letter from Bishop Michael Langrish, Assistant Bishop for Bath & Wells

In January I was back in my old Diocese of Exeter, marking the death of Sabine Baring Gould 100 years before. What an extraordinary person he was, with an incredible range and roundedness of learning and interests, in an equally full and fulfilled life. He was a great traveller and prolific writer of biographies, folklore, travel books, theology, novels, and hymns, including some, such as 'Onward Christian soldiers' that remain popular today.

He was a linguist and translator; and, as an archaeologist on Dartmoor, very much a pioneer in the field. For many, his greatest achievement was his collecting the old folk songs of Devon and Cornwall, providing inspiration for such composers as Elgar, Vaughan Williams, and Holst. He was also the Squire of Lewtrenchard and, being ordained, he appointed himself as parish priest as well!

This he saw as his true vocation. His responsibility, and that of the local church, was the cure of souls from cradle to grave. This meant a care for the spiritual wellbeing of all in the community and for their bodily and social welfare too. Striving for good health and housing must go hand in hand with growth in faith and prayer. All should be encouraged to full humanity, to holy discipleship, to the recognition, and use, of whatever gifts anyone possessed for the common good.

But, underlying all of this, one other aspect of this great man's life speaks very strongly to me now. That is how he understood worship and its relationship to the whole of life. 'To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God'.

Worshipping is key. I am reminded of the later words of Archbishop William Temple: 'It is sometimes said that conduct is supremely important, and worship helps it. The truth is that worship is supremely important and conduct tests it.'

+ Bishop Michael

THE RAIN REPORT (February)

February rainfall totalled 119mms (4 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches) with 18 wet days, double the February average of 59 mms. Some areas of the country reported that it was the wettest February for over 100 years, but not so in Rimpton. There have been 2 wetter since 1991. 2014 was the wettest with 148 mms (5 $\frac{3}{4}$

inches). This was the year of the widespread and prolonged flooding on the Somerset levels. 2020 was just behind this with 141mms. (5 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches).

There have been several dry Februarys over the years. Last year, 2023 saw 7mms ($\frac{1}{4}$ inch) but the driest was 1993 with just 5.5mms.

Ricky Gibbs

Diocese News in brief

Bishop Michael to visit Zambia.

Bishop Michael will be making his first visit to Zambia as Bishop of Bath and Wells this month, having previously spent time there during his career as an epidemiologist.

Commenting on his visit, which takes place from 22 April to 5 May 2024, Bishop Michael says, "I am really looking forward to be going back to Zambia. It takes the whole world to know Christ and I'm so excited at the thought of all I will learn from our Zambian brothers and sisters. I am also looking forward to the opportunity to explore how we can potentially work together on a joint environmental project involving our schools."

Cathedral admission changes - Wells Cathedral has announced changes to its admission guidelines from 22 April. Free passes are available to local people and to parishioners in the Diocese of Bath and Wells, with a new entry charge for tourists. It will remain free to enter for worship, prayer, and to light a candle. The monies raised by the £14 tourist admission charge will go towards the care of the cathedral building and its mission. Information about the Parish Pass and how to apply for it is available from the [Wells Cathedral website](#).

Somerset artists create a unique art exhibition in Martock Church - An immersive response by four artists to the Easter themes of ascension and love, grounded in the locality of Martock, the Levels and Somerset is on display in All Saints Church, Martock from 20 to 28 April. Painter Tessa Coleman, writer Lucy Jago, sound artist Zivi Sainsbury and sculptor Rachel Goodison, collaborated on the installation for the beautiful space of All Saints, finding inspiration in the church and its community.

Marston Magna & Rimpton Gardening Club

At our March meeting we held a brief AGM before an excellent talk from Rimpton professional gardener, Adam Martin. Adam gave some great tips of all the jobs we should be doing in the garden now, including:

- take seasonal pictures of your garden to remind yourself what you've got growing when and where
- aerate your garden and borders to improve the soil and use a sustainable mulch on the borders to help plants along and suppress weeds
- service garden tools, particularly mowers
- test your soil to help you understand exactly what you've got and therefore which plants will grow best
- clear-up in the garden potting shed and greenhouse
- wash-out container pots; clean garden furniture

Members agreed to a much-needed increase in our annual subs to £10 and Judy (as Treasurer) and I (as secretary) gave our reports on the last year.

As well as the planned programme (see MMVH notice board) there are numerous initiatives under way.

We'd love to see new members so please get in touch if you'd like to come along. We have a visit to Castle Gardens in April and a talk at MMVH in May on fuchsias.

Whenever you get outside, enjoy yourself and consider wildlife!

Roll on warmer weather!

Julia Phillips
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RIMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

The full Minutes of all meetings, including all Appendices, can still be viewed and/or downloaded from the Village Website by going to the Rimpton website (<http://rimpton.net/parish-council/parish-council-meetings/draft-parish-council-minutes/>) and (in part) on the village noticeboard, and you can also see them by getting in touch with the Parish Clerk.

If you do not have an internet device, you should find the minutes on the noticeboard by the bus shelter, or you could ask the Clerk for a copy, the Parish Clerk is Mrs Anne Tuck of "Merryfield", Camel Street, Marston Magna, 01935 850632 or mobile 07538 502812 or email to rimpton.parish.council@outlook.com.

MARSTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

Full Minutes including all Appendices can be viewed and/or downloaded from the Village Website, by going to: - <https://marstonmagnaparish.co.uk/agendas-minutes/>

Anybody unable to use the website who needs to see a hard copy of the full Minutes please contact any of the Councillors.

The Draft Minutes of meeting held are on the website. Do watch the Parish Council website for dates and more details.

A reminder that the public may speak at the start of a Parish Council meeting in the Public Session, even if the meeting is held online with Zoom. Please contact me for details.

Lucy Gibbons – Clerk to Marston Magna Parish Council. Rose Cottage, Pendomer, Yeovil, Somerset, BA22 9PH. T: 01935 863106 - Email: l.gibbons@btinternet.com

Rimpton Ladies Walking Group
The next walk will be on Wednesday,
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THE SHOE LADY AND HER ILLUSTRATOR

Nora Ephron is one of the most distinguished of the more recent American film scriptwriters. Among her more famous scripts are 'When Harry Met Sally', 'You've Got Mail' and 'Sleepless in Seattle'.

'You've Got Mail' is about a conflict between a small specialist bookshop and bookseller (played by Meg Ryan) on the one hand and a big impersonal bookshop chain on the other. In one scene, Meg Ryan is in one of the chain bookshops studying the opposition. A customer comes into the shop and says that her niece has asked her to buy the book "by the shoe lady". The server in the shop is completely flummoxed and at a loss and has no idea who or what the customer has in mind.

Meg Ryan, using the specialist knowledge of an independent bookshop owner, interrupts and says that the book that the niece must have in mind is the well-known young person's book, 'Ballet Shoes', written by the children's author, Noel Streatfeild.

What is not generally known locally is that the first edition of 'Ballet Shoes' was illustrated by Ruth Gervis, who was for many years, the Art Teacher at Digby School in Sherborne. Noel Streatfield was in fact her younger sister and Ruth features in several other books written by her sister. Ruth Gervis took an active part in Sherborne life.

The Sherborne Museum has two natural history montages created by her and also two significant drawings. One of the drawings is the illustration of the siege of Sherborne Old Castle in the Civil War. It is displayed above the model of the Old Castle in what from various sources is thought to be its original state before it was captured and incapacitated by Fairfax and Cromwell.

The other is a drawing of the Teddy Roe's band procession which introduces Sherborne Pack Monday Fair in October. The illustration shows a number of similar groups of people belonging to different Centuries and times, dressed in the costumes of their age. Despite the differences, each group is led by a man blowing the same traditional horn at the beginning of each procession.

I hope to write more about the Gervis family in the next edition of the Magazine.

John Spencer

QUEEN CAMEL BOWLS CLUB

The Recreation Ground, off England's Lane,
Queen Camel, Yeovil, BA22 7NN

If you venture past the Bowls Club, you may see a number of changes taking place at the moment. The Clubhouse is being re-decorated, and the Green is now being coaxed from its winter sleep and preparing it for a busy new Season which is due to start on 9th April.

The 2024 Club Registration took place on 2nd March, and we welcomed our previous members and also some new members who all wish to play lawn bowls this year. The Green will open at 5:30pm on 9th April, and we would welcome you to come along to join us for a free trial session.

We have an Open Day arranged to take place on 20th April, from 10:30 – 4pm. There will be Tabletop Sale and a Tombola so why not come along and join us for a cup of Tea or Coffee, and a slice of cake perhaps. Our Licensed Bar will also be open. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you would like to book a table.

Queen Camel Bowls Club will also be open on Saturday 4th May, together with the Tennis and Cricket Clubs within the Village. You will find some of our members at the club where you will be able to join us for a roll-up on the green. Hot drinks and

cake will be available to purchase, and our Licenced Bar will also be open, should you like something a little stronger. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Bowls Club are also supporting Marie Curie this year and we are holding a Great Big Tea Party on Sunday 26th May, and hope that you will come along and help us support this amazing charity. Why not try sending a few bowls along the green at the same time. Flat soled shoes are the only requirement to have a go.

Should you wish to know more about the club, or any events that will be taking place over the next few months, do please get in touch.

Sally Ashley, Secretary

MARSTON MAGNA VILLAGE HALL **SHORT-MAT BOWLS** **THURSDAYS 2.30-4.30PM**

Would you like to try short-mat bowls? We are a small friendly club and play for fun, no competition matches. Come along on any Thursday afternoon, no experience needed; bowls can be provided. We would love to see you!

Alternatively, if you would like more information, please contact Marlene and Tony Green on 01963 220943.

MARSTON MAGNA VILLAGE HALL **COMMITTEE**

Full Calendar for Village Hall 2024

Saturday 6th April - Bingo has been postponed.
Film nights This will be quarterly, dates TBC
Saturday 20th April - QUIZ at 7pm
Saturday 22nd June - The Midsummer Village Fair
Saturday 14th September - CHARCUTERIE AND WINE
Saturday 12th October - HARVEST SUPPER from 7pm
October all month - SCARECROWS
Saturday 2nd November - Scarecrow competition, children to judge 2pm
Saturday 9th November - QUIZ 7pm
Monday 2nd December - BINGO 6pm
Saturday 21st December - CHRISTMAS PARTY in the pub
Monday 23rd December - KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY 2-4pm

Village Hall Committee Meetings

Thursday 13th June at 7.30pm
Thursday 5th September at 7.30pm
Thursday 5th November at 7.30pm
Thursday 16th January 2025 at 7.30pm

Marston Magna Village Hall **Table Tennis and Games**

Table tennis and board games in the hall. Chess, backgammon, and crib, but feel free to bring your own.

Thursday evenings 7 pm - 8.30 pm in the Village Hall. The Thursday night table tennis is now attracting 7/8 players a week. But we have room for more!!!.

All are very welcome but please accompany children. Cost £1 per person.

Anne Tuck

Marston Magna & Rimpton **WI Report for March 2024**

Donna Smith, a member of our own Institute, was the speaker at this month's meeting. The subject of her presentation was 'Then and Now in the NHS'. Donna outlined the breadth of work covered by the NHS and many aspects of its changing practices over the decades. She gave us an entertaining, interesting and thought-provoking talk.

Donna's personal experiences over more than 50 years in the nursing profession were drawn upon. A dedication to her profession shone through her words as she spoke about the vocation that she set her heart on as a small child.

Our next meeting will be on Monday April 8th at 7p.m. in Marston Magna Village Hall when we shall be having a skills sharing evening.

Visitors are welcome and more information can be obtained from Pam Goodwin 01935 850571 or at all@amhome99.com

THE MARSTON INN

This month, the kitchen is now open. The general reaction is very positive; the menu is basic, but hearty. We do still need a chef /cook, so that we can extend the restaurant hours.

Fish & chips on Fridays, and the menu for Saturday & roast dinners on Sunday seems to be pleasing those who have tried it.

Exciting times for us, and another step in the right direction. The trees in the garden have had a serious trim back, and as spring has sprung, I am sure they will be lively and lush in no time. The garden too is looking lovely with the Daffodils just coming to an end, but other things are waking up. Hopefully the weather will improve, and people can sit on the refurbished garden benches.

The band Shady Lady played on Sunday, keeping us very busy and they were excellent as usual.

Dates for the music diary, April

6th Saturday - Lemon Rock from 9.00pm
20th Saturday - Groove Cat from 9.00pm
27th Saturday - Charlatans Ukulele band from 7.30pm, a charity event for "raising the roof" appeal.

As always, thanks to everyone who encourages us to keep improving, for the benefit of all.

Colin Stout

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Brighter days and longer days can only mean one thing.... PLANTS!!! Hooray I can just about feel Spring in the air amidst the rain...BUT it can only get better! So, we've decided to open all over the Easter holiday to tempt you with some little gems including Spring bulbs, early flowering alpenes, perennials, and herbs.

Easter Open Days

Good Friday 29th March – 10 am to 5 pm
Saturday 30th March – 10am to 5 pm
Easter Sunday, 31st March – 10 am to 4 pm
Easter Monday 1st April -10 am to 4 pm
Then we are fully open from Saturday 6th April, everyday except Tuesdays.

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Midsummer Fair update

This year's Midsummer Fair will be on Saturday 22nd June.

As usual, the event will start at 1.00 with the Duck Race from The Mill on Rimpleton Road downstream to the Village Green. Cash prizes for the winning ducks. Tickets will be on sale after Easter. Let's win the Duck Trophy back from Rimpleton to Marston Magna where it belongs.

The Duck Race ends conveniently by the Village Green, for the opening of the Fair at 1.30 pm, with FREE ENTRY

As well as the very popular Fun Dog Show with several categories for your dog to enter, we are also delighted to announce the return of Temptation Alley to test your dog's willpower! Time to get in training!

There will be lots of entertainment and activities – including Axe Throwing and Archery. Skittles and a Tug of War - and plenty of games for the children.

We will have familiar and new stalls with a wide range of produce and goods. This year's Bric-a-Brac will be bigger and better than ever. There will be a wide range of hot and cold food– including BBQ, cream teas, and homemade cakes - and to drink - the ever-popular Pimm's and Prosecco stall and of course the Beer & Cider tent.

There will be live music throughout the afternoon, starting with our friends from the Stoke-sub-Hamdon Band to get us In The Mood.

Remember the Midsummer Fair is run by the Village for the Village. **All** funds raised go to support Village good causes.

Please come and join us for a fun afternoon.