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Dear Friends

Last month the RNLI recorded its 200th anniversary. There was a special service of celebration and thanksgiving in Sherborne Abbey, in which we were reminded of the service and dedication of so many. We heard of their heroic acts of bravery as rescues were attempted in stormy seas, some of which ended in tragedy. The work of the volunteer crews continues to be outstanding, and we honour their courage, as they continue to risk their lives to save others.

This year, Sunday 19th May, Pentecost marks the anniversary of the birth of the church, after Jesus' death and resurrection nearly 2000 years ago. Following the arrest of Jesus, his trial and crucifixion, his followers had scattered in fear of their own lives, heartbroken at the loss of their Lord and Saviour. When Jesus reappeared amongst them, they were overjoyed, but they were still hiding behind locked doors.

Six weeks later they were gathered together in Jerusalem, when with a dramatic appearance of wind and fire, the disciples lives were transformed. Jesus had ascended into heaven, but they were inspired and emboldened by God's Holy Spirit to spread the news of the world changing events, they had witnessed in the past few weeks. This was the ultimate rescue act. God showed his love for us, by sending his only Son into the world to die on the cross, so that we might be saved from our sins and have everlasting life. Christians celebrate Pentecost as the culmination of God's purpose, through Jesus, to offer us new life, inspired by his Spirit.

I hope and pray that along with all the promising signs of spring flowers and new growth in our gardens and countryside, you will also embrace the new life which Jesus offers us through his life-giving spirit.

Richard Gardner

FIR VILLA COMMUNION

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

RIMPTON SUMMER FETE and DOG SHOW **SATURDAY 13th JULY 2024**

The following people are collecting items for their stalls for Rimpton Fete. If you have anything you can give, please phone the stallholder.

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CALENDAR OF SERVICES

MAY 2024			
Sunday 5th May MARSTON MAGNA		WHITE No service at Marston Magna	EASTER V
RIMPTON		Holy Communion at 10.45 am.	Reader: Mr/Mrs Copeland
SUNDAY 12th May MARSTON MAGNA		WHITE No service at Marston Magna	SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION
MUDFORD		Holy Communion at 11 am	
RIMPTON		No Service at Rimpton	
SUNDAY 19th May MARSTON MAGNA		WHITE Holy Communion at 9.30 am.	WHITSUNDAY
RIMPTON		No Service at Rimpton	Reader: Mr R Knott Sidesman: Mr R Knott
SUNDAY 26th May MARSTON MAGNA		GREEN No service at Marston Magna	TRINITY SUNDAY
CHILTON CANTELO		Holy Communion at 9.30 am.	
RIMPTON		No Service at Rimpton	
Sunday 2nd June MARSTON MAGNA		GREEN No service at Marston Magna	TRINITY II
RIMPTON		Holy Communion at 10.45 am.	Reader: Mr Benbow
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>
5 th May			Mrs Bateman
12 th May			Mr & Mrs Knott
19 th May	Mr & Mrs Hopkins	Mrs Hopkins	Dr T Smith
26 th May			Mr & Mrs Jackson
3 rd June			Mr H Privett
RIMPTON APRIL 2024	<u>Church Cleaning</u> <u>(Now fortnightly)</u>	<u>Church Flowers</u> <u>High Altar</u>	
4 th May		Mrs Sedwell	Mrs Rolls
11 th May	Mrs Ke Hardy & Mrs Stephens	Mrs Sedwell	Mrs Bryant
18 th May		Mrs Kemp	Mrs Farmer
25 th May	Mr Ing	Mrs Kemp	Mrs Copeland
2 nd June		Mrs Machray	Mrs Galvin

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

7th May - MM & R Gardening Club meeting and talk at MMVH.
13th May - Marston Magna & Rimpton WI AGM Meeting at MMVH – 7 pm
15th May - Ladies Walking Group, meet at Village Hall Carpark 9.30 am.
18th May - Disco Night at the Village Hall with professional DJ from 7.30pm – 11.30pm
23rd May - Village Hall AGM – 7.30 pm
13th July - Rimpton Summer Fete and Dog Show
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 – Suspended until September

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.

7th May - MM & R Gardening Club meeting and talk at MMVH.
10th May - Village Café at the Village Hall, 10.30 am – Noon.
11th May - Swampy Karaoke disco at the Marston Inn
13th May - Marston Magna & Rimpton WI AGM Meeting at MMVH – 7 pm
15th May - Ladies Walking Group, meet at Village Hall Carpark 9.30 am.
17th May - Village Café at the Village Hall, 10.30 am – Noon.
18th May - Circus of Thieves rock & pop at the Marston Inn
24th May - Village Café at the Village Hall, 10.30 am – Noon.
31st May - Village Café at the Village Hall, 10.30 am – Noon.
2nd June - Village Café at the Village Hall, 10.30 am – Noon.
15th June - Marston Inn Summer Party
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 8th May. It will be in Home Farm Lane, BA22 8AS between 12.30 pm and 1.00 pm. The next after that will be 5th June. 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 8th, 14th, 21st, and 29th May. **Garden Wheelie Bin** Collections are collected from 6 a.m., on Thursdays the 10th and 23rd May. **Refuse bins** will be collected once every three weeks and the next ones are on Tuesday 8th and 29th May.

RE-CYCLING IS NOW EVERY FRIDAY in Rimpton from 6 a.m. on Fridays 3rd, 11th, 17th and 24th May. **Garden Wheelie Bin** Collections are being collected from 6 a.m., on Thursdays 10th and 23rd May. **Refuse bins** will be collected once every three weeks and the next ones will be on Friday 8th and 29th May.

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 Beasley,
Bishop for Bath & Wells
A challenge offered.

There's a fascinating exercise I've often undertaken with roomfuls of church members. I've asked them the question 'To what age do you trace back the beginnings of your Christian faith?' The results are almost always the same. About 40% of us think that our Christian journey started at some point before the age of four. Another 40% of us trace the beginnings of our faith back to when we were less than eleven. A further 20% say before we were eighteen. While only one in five of us report having embarked on the journey of faith as adults.

The findings I've described should give us all pause for thought. For most people, the start of our Christian journey (even if we've dropped out for a while in adolescence and early adulthood) starts in childhood.

So, if we want to grow our churches and transform our communities this suggests that it's into the faith development of children and young people that we should be putting our energies, priority, and resources.

Our data suggests that more than half our churches have no young person worshipping with them on a Sunday morning. I realise, of course, how hard it is for churches to compete with the demands of football, seeing the extended family, doing any of the many things that are otherwise crowded out of busy family lives. Yet experience shows that when we offer worship at other times and in formats that are attractive to children, young people, and families they do come.

This year I'm challenging all our benefices to grow their average weekly attendance by one child (net). If we could sustain such an achievement over several years the impact would transform our churches, our lives, and our experience. The support services of our diocese offer extensive assistance to enable local churches to think what could work with the resources you have, the passions and skills you possess and the reality of the situation where you are. Do ask for their help. Are you willing to take up the challenge I've offered?

+ Bishop Michael

THE RAIN REPORT (February)

March rainfall totalled 106 mms (4¼ inches) well above the March average of 60 mms (2¼ inches). Measurable rain fell on 17 days of the month, with the wettest day being Thursday 28th with a hefty 28 mms (1 inch). The remainder was spread fairly evenly across the month.

This brings the total for the first quarter of 2024 to 301 mms (11¾ inches), 50% above the average for this period of 201 mms (8 inches).

It's been a wet start to the year, but I guess it doesn't need me to tell you that.

Ricky Gibbs

Diocese News in brief
Electric mobile pantry

The Quantock Foodbank, a vital lifeline for families in need, now has a fully electric vehicle to deliver groceries to local villages. The van, which has integrated solar panels, ensures fresh, nutritious food can be delivered to vulnerable people in an environmentally friendly way. The £80,000 cost of the truck was funded from local donations, sponsorship, and small grants.

Week of Prayer for Children and young People:
1 – 7 July

During the first week of July, the Go Team are hosting a week of prayer for children and young people and are inviting churches across our diocese to join in. A Prayer Guide for the week will be available on the diocesan website. There are themes for each day plus creative prayer ideas for using at home, in small groups and in church services.

Go Team Adviser, Andy Levett commented "We'll be gathering to pray for half an hour each day and we'd love you to do the same wherever you are and at a time that suits you."

A space to encounter God.

More than 300 young people have joined A2 nights in Bath created specifically for them. 60 to 80 young people from all corners of the city attend the monthly gatherings held at St Matthew's Church. A2 doesn't seek to replace local church youth groups but aims to foster unity and broader connections in the city. The formation of A2 has enabled the group to offer a city-wide Alpha Course, allowing young people to explore their faith in greater depth.

[Find out more on these and other news stories at bathandwells.org.uk/news](https://bathandwells.org.uk/news)

Marston Magna & Rimpton Gardening Club

Last month the MM&R Gardening Club went to Castle Gardens in Sherborne for a talk and then a 'trolley dash' around the shop and nursery for the 25% discount. I wasn't there but a number of gardeners said they'd now got too much to plant!

The weather seems to be typical of April - one step forward with sunshine and warmth, and two back with colder and blowy days...

On Tuesday 7th May we will be welcoming Derek Dexter, a fuchsia expert, to talk about how to grow the best of these pretty and varied summer flowers.

Do consider joining us. We have 6 talks a year, a couple of visits and always a good exchange of ideas, tips, seeds etc. Membership is a mere £10 pp for the year.

And don't forget, the Annual Flower & Produce Show will be held again this summer on 7th September, so don't forget to consider entering!

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

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Empowering young people

We are all called to live and tell the story of Jesus. For young adults this calling can sometimes be challenging, they often encounter indifference or even hostility. In Bath and Wells we strive to support our young people and encourage them to trust in the power of the Holy Spirit to guide and empower them.

Revd Rich Miles, Missional Priest for Youth and Young Adults says, "Young people are open to exploring who God is, who they are in God and finding the love of Jesus. So, with those things in mind, the question for us to think about is how do we as the church welcome young people and make them feel at home, in our local churches?"

"And how do we make it feel like it's their church and that they have a part to play?" In Bath and Wells one of the things on offer are Movement Worship Night gatherings, hosted in multiple locations across the diocese, offering young people a chance to come together and connect with God through worship, relevant bible exploration and prayer. We're also in the process of developing a Young Leaders Learning Hub. This aims to help equip young people with basic leadership skills and offer mentorship so they can serve and have a greater impact in their local church and in the communities where God has placed them.

This year we're collaborating with some of our schools' chaplains across the diocese in taking young people on pilgrimage to the Taizé Community in France, offering them the opportunity to experiencing the presence of God, through prayer, reflection and worship.

Find out more about resources and support for young people in Bath and Wells at www.bathwells.org.uk/children_and_young_people

Rimpton Ladies Walking Group

The next walk will be on Wednesday,
15th May. We will meet in the
Village Hall car park, at 9.30 am.
For full details contact
Sue Walton - Telephone 851818

QUEEN CAMEL BOWLS CLUB

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

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fun to play.

Come along and join us on Tuesday Club
Nights - 5:30pm - Free Coaching is available.

Village Sports Club Open Day 4th May - 10 am
until 4pm, and

A Marie Curie Charity Big Tea Party and Bowls
Weekend on 26th May from 2pm until 4pm.

We also hold Social Events and have a
Licenced Bar

For further information please email Sally
queencamelbowlsclub@gmail.com

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

With the outdoor bowling season now upon us and
with several of our short-mat bowlers not being
available during the summer months, the Thursday
afternoon short-mat bowls is taking a break.

We will return in September – the date will be
advertised in this magazine – when we hope more
people will join us.

In the meantime, we wish all of you a happy holiday
season.

Tony Green

MARSTON MAGNA VILLAGE HALL
COMMITTEE

Full Calendar for Village Hall 2024

Film nights This will be quarterly, dates TBC
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 730pm

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

THE MARSTON INN

The food take up has been very slow, but as we
have no real chef, it has enabled us to cope quite
well. Thanks to all who have tried our fare, it has
been a steep learning curve, and we can't always
get it right. We still do Fish & chips Friday and roast
dinners on Sunday. We do still need a cook so we
can extend the service hours.

The garden is looking lovely; the refurbished
benches are in place, and there is a pergola
sunshade. The trees in the garden have started
sprouting and before long will look healthier than
they have for quite some time.

Preparations for our own summer party on 15th June
are progressing. It will be a ticket event as we are
raising money for both "Lung UK" and "Dorset &
Somerset Air Ambulance". More details to follow.

For the Marston Magna village fair, we are selling
tickets for the duck race and arrangements are in
place for the stall holders to come in for a well-
earned beer or tea & there will be a buffet after they
have packed away. There should be space to park
if it is not practical to stay put.

We are expecting the building repairs to begin
during May and unfortunately will involve traffic
lights for a few weeks. This does mean the stone
dining room will at last be back in use just in time for
our anniversary.

The Summer Skittles league starts again very soon, which will be on Monday nights, first game is the 6th May Bank holiday, so we hope to see some new faces for that.

Dates for the music diary, May,

Saturday 11th "Swampy Karaoke", disco fun for all the family

Saturday 18th "Circus of Thieves" rock & pop

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

Carrie & Colin

Yeovil Town Football Club support community blood pressure testing

In an important step to improve community health across the county, NHS Somerset and Somerset Council have partnered with Yeovil Town Football Club as part of their 'Take the Pressure Off' campaign, raising awareness of the importance of testing your blood pressure. They attended the match between Yeovil Town FC and Welling United at Huish Park Stadium on Saturday (9th) to host free community blood pressure checks to more than 3,200 fans that attended the match, and some of Yeovil Town's management team including Club Owner and Chairman, Martin Hellier.

Over half of all strokes and heart attacks in Somerset are caused by high blood pressure. Many people will have no symptoms of the condition, often termed the 'silent killer', but it can lead to serious health issues like heart disease, stroke, and kidney problems if left unchecked. The "Take the Pressure Off" campaign is designed to encourage residents, particularly those aged 40+, to regularly check their blood pressure and take necessary steps towards managing their health.

Keith Weston, Head of Stadium Operations at Yeovil Town Football Club, expressed his enthusiasm about the partnership, saying,

"It's great to have partnered with NHS Somerset and Somerset Council to highlight the importance of knowing your blood pressure. Football has the power to bring people together, and we are proud to play our role in supporting the health and wellbeing of our community. Ensuring our fans are not only cheering for their favourite team but also taking steps to check their health is a win-win situation. They will be returning later to test the blood pressure of our players and support staff too."

Dr. Solomon Lebese, Cardiovascular Clinical Champion at NHS Somerset, highlighted the silent nature of high blood pressure and its risks:

"High blood pressure often has no symptoms, making it a hidden danger that can have serious consequences if undetected. Getting out into the community and raising awareness is crucial. Events like these enable us to reach people who might not otherwise check their blood pressure, helping to prevent heart attacks and strokes before they happen."

Councillor Adam Dance, Executive Member for Public Health, Equality and Diversity at Somerset Council said:

"It was fantastic to be able to attend this event and great to see the enthusiasm of staff and members of the public in stepping forward for blood pressure checks."

"High blood pressure usually has no visible symptoms but if left untreated, it can lead to serious illness. It can however be easily treated once identified, lowering the risk of developing those illnesses."

"Knowing your numbers means you can start making healthy lifestyle changes to lower your blood pressure level and get it under control. You can borrow a blood pressure monitor for free from any library in Somerset or by visiting your local pharmacy."

For further details on the "Take the Pressure Off" campaign and how to get involved, please visit www.bit.ly/blood-pressure-somerset

Marston Magna & Rimpton WI Report for April 2024

Our last meeting was on Monday 8th April when we had a skills sharing evening, which took a different format than usual, and which was very useful. There were 3 interests on offer, flower posy making, fusing material for embroidery and an introduction to research ones' family tree.

Some chose to watch and others actively part. Enjoying tea and cake, all enjoyed with lots of convivial chatter.

Our next meeting will be our AGM and will be on Monday 13th May at 7 p.m. We shall be having a bring and share supper.

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

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Lots of tomato plants - Moneymaker, Shirley, Red Alert, Gardeners Delight and Honeycomb need homes in your green house or windowsill and more coming on! Also, courgettes, cucumbers, lettuce and butternut squash ready in about a week. Sorry no beans this year. Lots of beautiful perennials ready to plant out, even in the wind! Basket and bedding coming on nicely too.....

OPENING HOURS from now on.....

MONDAY 10am - 5pm

TUESDAY CLOSED

WEDNESDAY 10am - 5pm

THURSDAY 10am - 5pm

FRIDAY 10am - 4.30pm

SATURDAY 10am - 5pm

SUNDAY 10am - 4pm and Bank holidays- 10am - 4pm

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Countdown to the Midsummer Fair on Saturday 22nd June

1.00 The Duck Race starts from outside the Mill in Rimpton Road and ends on the Village Green

1.30 The Midsummer Fair opens in the Moat Field: BBQ, bar, teas and cakes, stalls, entertainment and activities for children and adults.

3.00 The Dog Show starts with many classes to enter for rosettes and prizes.

5.30 till late Midsummer Fair evening event at the Marston Inn.

Duck Race tickets on sale.

Don't miss the chance to take part in the famous Marston Magna Duck Race!

The race starts from outside the Mill on Rimpton Road at 1.00 on Saturday 22nd June and ends at the Village Green for the start of the Midsummer Fair in the Moat Field.

Tickets: £1

Prizes: 1st prize £50 plus trophy

2nd prize £25

3rd prize £10

Tickets are available from :

- The Marston Inn
- The Village Café

Or from Anne Tuck, Jon Pengelly, Jill Harris, Gill Knott, Matthew Whittell, Sarah Henry, and Ann McKee.



Calling all Marston Magna children

Can you design an exciting poster for the Midsummer Fair?

We are launching a competition for the best poster promoting the Midsummer Fair.

The poster can feature the Duck Race, the Dog Show, the children's games, Circus skills, the BBQ, the Band – or any other part of the Fair.

The competition has two age groups - 4 – 7 and 8 - 11.

All entrants will receive a FREE pack of art materials with further details of the rules. To enter and collect your art materials contact:

Jon Pengelly, 7 Townsend

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The winners of each age group will get a cash voucher to be spent at the Midsummer Fair:

First prize £20, Second prize £15, 3rd prize £10, 4th prize £5.

All entries must be handed in by **Saturday 25th May**.

Entries must be on card provided with age and other details on the back.

All the posters will be on show at the Fair.