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FROM THE BENEFICE July 2024

Dear Friends,

As I write, we have just passed the Summer Solstice. It was at 8.51pm on 20th June this year. I have lived to a ripe old age without realising that the date and time varies from year to year. Next year it will be on 21st, but it can be as late as 22nd. On 20th June, while some folk in Mudford were enjoying a delicious Midsummer Strawberry Tea, there was a very different sort of celebration in Rimpton, as the church was packed with those gathering to say farewell to our dear friend, of indomitable spirit, John Spencer. It was a celebration of a life well lived, and it was just as he wanted it to be. John was well known and much admired for his intellect, his faith and his tireless service to God, the church and the community. Indeed, he often contributed fascinating articles to this magazine.

The sun shone brightly on both occasions, as we all enjoyed a spell of lovely summer weather, a welcome relief after weeks of low temperatures, rain and wind. Everyone knows that a bit of sunshine brightens the spirits; apparently, it increases the release of the hormone serotonin, boosting mood and helping us to stay calm and focused. Also, it plays a vital role in our bodies' production of vitamin D, essential for our health. The sun's crucial role in the daily, seasonal and annual rhythms of life on earth has been recognised for millennia. No wonder many cultures, past and present, have worshipped the Sun as a deity. After all, the Sun can be seen as the source of light and life, and in a physical sense that is true.

The Old Testament prophet, Malachi, predicted a coming judgement for evildoers, but added, '... for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves.' I love that image. When I lived next to a working farm, I remember how joyful the moment was when the cattle were let out into the field after a winter inside. Like many commentators, Charles Wesley interpreted the Sun of Righteousness to be none other than Jesus Christ, the Son of God. This is clear in his great hymn, 'Christ whose glory fills the skies', in which he calls Christ 'the true and only light', who as Sun of Righteousness will 'triumph o'er the shades of night', 'pierce the gloom of sin and grief' and 'glad [his] eyes, and warm [his] heart.' What a wonderful image! Jesus Christ is the source of light and life. Only he can fill us with 'radiancy divine', bring us true joy so that we can go out and frolic like well-fed calves.'

I wish you every kind of joy this Summer.

Jo Dalton-Leggett

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CALENDAR OF SERVICES

July 2024	CES					
Sunday 7 th July MARSTON MAGNA		GREEN No service at Marston	Magna	TRINITY	TRINITY VII	
RIMPTON		Holy Communion at 10.45 am.		Reader:	Reader: Mrs Le Hardy	
SUNDAY 14th July		GREEN		TRINITY	VIII	
MARSTON MAGNA		No service at Marston	i Magna			
MUDFORD		Holy Communion at 1	1 am.			
RIMPTON		No Service at Rimpton	n		_	
SUNDAY 21st July		GREEN		TRINITY	IY	
MARSTON MAGNA		Holy Communion at 9.30 am		Reader:		
RIMPTON		No Service at Rimpton	n			
SUNDAY 28th July		GREEN		TRINITY	X	
MARSTON MAGNA		No service at Marston	Magna			
CHILTON CANTELO		Holy Communion at 9.30 am.				
RIMPTON		No Service at Rimpton				
SUNDAY 4th August		GREEN		TRINITY	XI	
MARSTON MAGNA		No service at Marston	Magna			
RIMPTON		Holy Communion at 1	0.45 am.	Reader:	Mr Benbow	
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MARSTON MAGNA JULY 2024		<u>Church Cleaning</u> (Now for services)	Church Fl High Al		Locking Up	
7 th July					Mr H Privett	
14 th July					Mr & Mrs North	
21st July	Mr 8	Mrs Hopkins	Mrs Hopkins		Mr & Mrs Knott	
28 th July					Dr T Smith	
4 th August					Mr & Mrs Jackson	
RIMPTON	Church Cleaning		Church Flowers			
JULY 2024	<u>(1</u>	Now fortnightly)	High Altar		Marcollino	
6 th July	-		Mrs Cattrill Smith		Mrs Celia Gould	
13 th July	N 4	Dillings 9 Mar Orthall	Mrs Gattrill Smith		Mr Billings	
20 th July	Mrs Smit	Billings & Mrs Gattrill h	Mrs Benbow		Mrs McCreight	
27 th July			Mrs Benbow		Mrs Kirkpatrick	
4 th August	Mrs	McCreight & Mrs Green	Mrs Hines		Mr Pulham	

From the Registers, St Mary's, Rimpton

Funeral Service for John Needham Spencer, Thursday 20th June 2024 followed by cremation.

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)

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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

2nd July - Rimpton & Marston Magna Gardening Club – MMVH – 7 pm 8th July - Marston Magna & Rimpton WI Meeting at MMVH – 7 pm

13th July - Rimpton Summer Fete and Dog Show

17th July - Ladies Walking Group, meet at Village Hall Carpark 9.30 am.

7th September - Marston Magna & Rimpton Gardening Show

For hall bookings please contact Frances Burton on 07944365261 or by email rimptonyhbookings@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.

2nd July - Rimpton & Marston Magna Gardening Club - MMVH - 7 pm

5th July - Village Café at the Village Hall, 10.30 am – Noon.

8th July - Marston Magna & Rimpton WI Meeting at MMVH – 7 pm

12th July - Village Café at the Village Hall, 10.30 am – Noon.

13th July - Marston Inn from 8.30 pm - Groovecat

19th July
 Village Café at the Village Hall, 10.30 am – Noon.
 20th July
 Marston Inn from 8.30 pm - Moonshine Hillbillies
 Village Café at the Village Hall, 10.30 am – Noon.
 5th September
 Village Hall Management Committee – 7.30 pm MMVH

7th September - Marston Magna & Rimpton Gardening Show - MMVH

14th September - CHARCUTERIE AND WINE at MMVH

12th October - Harvest Supper at MMVH from 7 pm

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

The Mobile Library WILL BE IN Rimpton on the **3rd July**. It will be in Home Farm Lane, BA22 8AS between 12.30 pm and 1.00 pm. The next after that will be **31st July**. 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 FRIDAY in both Marston Magna and Rimpton from 6 a.m. on Fridays 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th July. Garden Wheelie Bin Collections are collected from 6 a.m., on Thursdays the 4th and 18th July. Refuse bins will be collected once every three weeks and the next one is on Friday 12th July.

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

<u>Bishop of Bath & Wells.</u> A richness of ministry

If we're all alike we tend to think the same. This can be comfortable and reassuring - 'Everyone around here sees things just like I do'. But it doesn't help us think out of the box or worse, spot risks and dangers of which we're unaware - 'Crumbs, we never saw that one coming!'. For this reason, companies and all kinds of organisations are seeking to become more diverse. Having differing viewpoints, skills and abilities is increasingly recognised to grow ability to think not only more widely but more effectively too.

Recognising diversity has been very much part of our life here in our Diocese of Bath & Wells during recent weeks. Back in May we acclaimed the 30th anniversary of the ordination of women to the priesthood. It's almost impossible now to imagine what our Church would be like without the contribution of women throughout the ordained ministry. At the end of June, the 'Celebration of Lay Ministries' held at St Paul's in Weston-Super-Mare saw us affirm, thank and bless the many different roles and responsibilities that lay people are undertaking across our churches and in local communities - from leading worship to pastoral care, ministry with children and young people to preaching and teaching the faith. Again, it's almost impossible to imagine what our churches would be like without such richness.

Our hope is that the diversity we've been honouring will only flourish and grow. For it's essential if we're to bring the light of the Gospel to everyone in our communities — and especially those we find hard to connect with. For none of us alone, either individually or as a group, has the ability to reach everyone. All of us are needed. It's for this reason that one of the priorities we're commending across our diocese is 'shared local ministry'. This recognizes that everyone, everywhere, has a contribution to make. Now surely that's something to celebrate!

Bishop Michael

THE RAIN REPORT (May)

May was a very wet month, being the wettest this year, with rainfall totalling 142 mms (5 ½ inches), well over double the May average of

58 mms (2½ inches). This was the wettest May I have recorded since my records began in 1991. The previous wettest being 2021 with 125 mms (5 Inches). There were 16 days with measurable rain falling, which is not unusual, but the big total was caused by several thunderstorms with very heavy rainfall in a short time. The wettest of these was the early hours of Thursday May 2nd with 30 mms (1½ inches) falling.

The dryest May I have ever recorded was 2020 with a tiny 5.5 mms (1/4 inch).

Ricky Gibbs

Appointment of Our New Rector

We are delighted to announce that we are to have a new Rector. As many of you will know the five churches of Marston Magna, Rimpton, Mudford, Chilton Cantelo and Ashington in our Benefice, have been without a Rector for some four years.

The very good news is that The Reverend Richard Horner will take up the appointment after Christmas. It will take until then for him to disengage from his current, very busy, ministry, but we hope that you will be able to give him and his wife Deborah a very warm welcome when they arrive in the Rectory and in our villages and churches in January. Those of us who have met them are VERY pleased that they will soon be with us.

The PCC's of St Mary the Virgin, Rimpton and Marston Magna.

Diocese News in brief

Youthful bell ringing

An 11-year-old schoolgirl from Locking has become one of the youngest elected members of a bell ringers association in the country. Sophie Taylor, who rings the bells at Locking Church, near Westonsuper-Mare, discovered her passion for bell ringing a year ago, inspired by her father, James.

Sophie shared, "I became interested after my dad stared bell ringing. I found it fascinating, and I loved the history. So, I asked him if I could have a go and after I tried it, I fell in love with ringing."

Church welcomes Indian congregation

Around 100 people came together at St James's Church, Yeovil recently for the first gathering of Mar Thoma Church, a reformed Orthodox Christian denomination, rooted in the province of Kerala, India. Some members of the church in the Yeovil area were looking for a place to hold regular worship and approached St James'.

Mark Felstead, lay worship assistant at St James, said, "We have been feeling that God is bringing together more people from different cultural backgrounds. This was a wonderful opportunity, warmly welcomed by our vicar, the Revd. David Keen and Bishop Michael, for which the Mar Thoma expressed their enormous gratitude."

Church Tent at Bath and West Show

The Church Tent returned to the Bath and West Show last month, with a Caring for Creation theme. Visitors to the tent were able to access resources and speak to Sara and Dan from the diocesan environment team to find out how we can care for creation. The tent was staffed by volunteers from local churches who offered free tea and coffee to visitors. There was a drawing wall where people could post their prayers, Bible Chat mats to colour in, as well as a large version, created by the Revd Andy Gray, to explore and enjoy.

A time to celebrate

What a joy it is to come together to celebrate. Wedding season is upon us and across Bath and Wells this summer, churches will be the scene of couples pledging their lives to one another. But it also a time for us to celebrate those who minister in the church, both our ordained ministers and those who minister in other ways.

In June, colleagues, family and friends came together for the ordination of our new deacons and priests at Wells Cathedral. St Paul's Weston-Super-Mare was the venue for our Celebration of Lay Ministries service which saw people from across the diocese come together to give thanks for all that lay people give to the life of the church and to their community.

In May, many of our women priests, past and present, came together to mark the 30th anniversary of the ordination of women priests. Our PCCs and Treasurers have also been coming together at Wells Cathedral for an Evensong with Bishop Michael, followed by refreshments at the Bishop's Palace. "These are all special occasions and an important reminder of how we all serve our God and His Church in a host of ways. In Bath and Wells we are blessed with the gifts of so many people - from those who lead, including ordained ministers, Readers and those who serve in other ways, from mowing the churchyard, to serving refreshments. Our church life is richer for all these gifts, and it is important that we take time to cherish them and nurture them as we seek to grow our church and transform our communities together."

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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

MARSTON MAGNA & RIMPTON GARDENING CLUB

In June, twenty members of the club visited the beautiful and interesting gardens of Abbey Farm in Montacute. The mainly walled gardens are the site of the medieval Cluniac Priory. The owners' home is a Grade I listed gate house which has been used as a film location a number of times.

Tea and various cakes were enjoyed, and the weather was kind! Well-worth visiting on one of the NGS open gardens days.

On 2nd July, we will be hosting a local couple who have created a garden with planting for all-year, to give us some ideas on how we can keep our own gardens interesting and attractive beyond the summer. The talk, with slides, will be at 7pm in MM village hall. We always have wine available, and a raffle so why not come along?

Julia Phillips 07770 827263

Rimpton Ladies Walking Group
The next walk will be on Wednesday,
17th July. We will meet in the
Village Hall car park, at 9.30 am.
For full details contact
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MARSTON MAGNA VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE Full Calendar for Village Hall 2024

Film nights This will be quarterly, dates TBC 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

Saturday 7th December - BINGO 6pm

Saturday 21st December - CHRISTMAS PARTY in the nub

Monday 23rd December - KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY 2-4pm

Village Hall Committee Meetings

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

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

THE MARSTON INN

We had a very good evening with one of the local motorcycle clubs and a band in the garden. Our own summer party June 15th also was a great success we raised £460 for both Lung UK and Dorset & Somerset air ambulance. Thank you to everyone that came along

The building repairs have begun, and the hoarding and scaffold has been removed. There are just a few snags and some painting to do. We continue to welcome old & new customers into our beautiful old pub. We are doing our best to make it look as if we are open, despite its external appearance. We are currently looking for part time bar staff and a cook.

We will be showing the England football matches if you fancy a pint with the TV on.

We often have a BBQ on a Sunday which people thoroughly enjoy.

Dates for the music diary, June

Saturday 13th - 8.30 pm start, Groovecat. Saturday 20th - 8.30 pm start, Moonshine Hillbillies As always, thanks to everyone who encourages us to keep improving for the benefit of all.

Carrie & Colin - 01935 850361

Marston Magna & Rimpton WI Report for June 2024

June's speaker was Claire Randall who gave us all some excellent yoga exercises whilst we all remained seated. So there really is no excuse not to do some exercise.

Claire-lives in Rosewell in the village and runs yoga classes from a studio in her home.

Next meeting is our outing, and we are visiting Dorchester Museum on July 4th. In August we are having a talk from an historian about Somerset's rural communities.

If you would like to attend, please arrive for a 7.00 pm start on 12th August.

More details from Vivien Bateman 01935 851225

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