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Dear Friends,

I'm writing to introduce myself as the new Rector of Ashington, Chilton Cantelo, Marston Magna, Mudford and Rimpton. My first day in office will be Wednesday 8th January 2025. On that day there will be a special service of welcome (the official term is "Installation"), to be led by the Bishop of Bath and Wells, in one of the local churches – details to be confirmed nearer the time.

I have made a few visits already and it's clear that you love and value your churches. During the last few years, you have been without a Rector, but members of all the churches have done a fantastic job in keeping them going, and in keeping a Christian welcome at the heart of the community. You are wonderful people and I'm very much looking forward to joining you!

My wife is Debbie, and we have four grown-up children. I was born in Cornwall, went to school in Somerset, was ordained in Wiltshire and we lived for several years in Dorset, so the West Country is in my blood, and my return will be something of a homecoming. For the last 25 years, though, I have been living in the Midlands working as the Chaplain of Rugby School. You may have heard of us because of the game we invented – some would say the best game in the world. As the Chaplain I'm responsible for the spiritual life of the 850 children and 600 adults who make up our school community. If you're curious about me, you could go to YouTube and search for the channel called "Rugby School Chapel", where you will find many videos recorded in the school chapel.

In some ways my new job could not be more different from my present one. But at a basic level my aim is the same – to be part of a lively community, to help people find faith and grow in faith. I'm convinced that the Christian message is true and relevant, a rational and practical way of living in the 21st Century. What we do in our church buildings is important, and so is the way we live our lives. Making connections between the two will be a big part of my job, and I hope to have a lot of fun along the way. I'm looking forward to getting to know you all.

With all good wishes,

Richard
Revd Richard Horner

Diocese News in brief

Digital giving on a roll

Churches across Bath and Wells are already starting to reap the reward of the Church of England's Digital Giving Roll-out, having raised over £51,000 between them since November 2023, when 79 parishes were supported to access a discounted contactless unit Holy Trinity Church, Binegar, overcame its uncertainty about going contactless and have raised nearly £500 on their device, while the rural parish of Lyng has raised over £800 it might not otherwise have received.

Lottery boost for Porlock church

St Dubricius Church in Porlock has been awarded a £179,335 grant by The National Lottery Heritage Fund to conserve its spire and roof.

Reverend Ann said: "The church has been at the centre of village life for centuries and is a beacon for both visitors to the village and residents. The last re-shingling was done by village craftsmen using timber from just up the combe. We intend to replicate that as far as is practical, and also to use the project to promote the local heritage, not only of our church building, but of the wider community."

If your church requires funding for essential repairs or transformative missional projects, do contact the Giving and Funding Team for help in identifying potential funders.

Are you joining the Wave of Prayer?

Join in from 7pm on Friday, 6 September, as we pray for the growth of our churches and the transformation of our communities. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, will be joining Bishop Michael at a number of prayer events over the 24 hours. You can join in as individuals or communities. St Mary's, Timsbury has volunteers reading all 150 psalms while Wrington benefice is holding a prayer breakfast. Find out how you can join in at bathwells.org.uk/diocesan-wave-prayer.



Richard and Debbie Horner

FIR VILLA COMMUNION

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

From the Registers, St Mary's, Rimpton

Funeral Service followed by the burial of Rosalind Anns Fell on Friday 9th August 2024

Marston Magna Harvest Service **Sunday 15th September 9.30am**

You are warmly welcomed to our service of Harvest Thanksgiving at 9.30 am on Sunday 15th September. If you would like to bring some non-perishable items of food for the Lords Larder, they would be much appreciated. Please come and join us to celebrate this special time of year.

Richard Gardner

CALENDAR OF SERVICES

September 2024			
SUNDAY 1st September MARSTON MAGNA	GREEN No service at Marston Magna	TRINITY XV	
RIMPTON	Holy Communion at 10.45 am.	Reader: Mr/Mrs Gattrill-Smith	
SUNDAY 8th September MARSTON MAGNA	GREEN No service at Marston Magna	TRINITY XVI	
MUDFORD	Songs of Praise at 11 am.		
RIMPTON	No Service at Rimpton		
SUNDAY 15th September MARSTON MAGNA	GREEN Harvest Thanksgiving and Holy Communion at 9.30 am	TRINITY XVII	
RIMPTON	No Service at Rimpton	Reader: Mrs P Hopkins Sidesman: Mrs P Hopkins	
SUNDAY 22nd September MARSTON MAGNA	GREEN No service at Marston Magna	TRINITY XVIII	
CHILTON CANTELO	Holy Communion at 9.30 am.		
RIMPTON	No Service at Rimpton		
SUNDAY 29th September MARSTON MAGNA	GREEN No service at Marston Magna	TRINITY XIX	
ASHINGTON	Holy Communion at 11 am		
RIMPTON	No Service at Rimpton.		
SUNDAY 6th October MARSTON MAGNA	GREEN No service at Marston Magna	TRINITY XX	
RIMPTON	Harvest & Holy Communion at 11 am	Reader: TBA	
MARSTON MAGNA SEPTEMBER 2024	<u>Church Cleaning</u> (Now for services)	<u>Church Flowers</u> High Altar	<u>Locking Up</u>
1 st September			Mr & Mrs Knott
8 th September			Dr T Smith
15 th September	Mrs Knott & Mrs Whittell	Mrs Knott	Mr & Mrs Jackson
22 nd September			Mr & Mrs Bateman
29 th September			Mr H Privett
RIMPTON SEPTEMBER 2024	<u>Church Cleaning</u> (Now fortnightly)	<u>Church Flowers</u> High Altar	
31 st August	Mrs Ing	Mrs Copeland	Mrs A Bryant
7 th September		Mrs Copeland	Mr Woolley
14 th September	Mrs Walton & Mrs Millington	Mrs Galvin	Mrs S Gould
21 st September	Mrs Hale	Mrs Galvin	Mr D McCloughlan
28 th September		Mrs Le Hardy	Mr G Simpson

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 September - Marston Magna & Rimpton Gardening Show
12th September - Marston Magna & Rimpton WI Meeting at MMVH – 7 pm
18th September - Ladies Walking Group, meet at Village Hall Carpark 9.30 am.
27th September - Pop Up Pub – Rimpton Village Hall 7 pm – 9.30 pm
7th October - Harvest Supper – 6.45 pm for 7 pm – Rimpton Village Hall

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 Starting again in 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.

5th September - Start of NEW SEASON Short Mat Bowls at 2.30 MMVH
5th September - Village Hall Management Committee – 7.30 pm MMVH
6th September - Village Café at the Village Hall, 10.30 am – Noon.
7th September - **Marston Magna & Rimpton Gardening Show – MMVH**
7th September - Marston Inn, music at 8.30pm, Rag Tag Poodles.
12th September - Marston Magna & Rimpton WI Meeting at MMVH – 7 pm
13th September - Village Café at the Village Hall, 10.30 am – Noon.
15th September - Marston Inn – music at 4.30pm, No Fixed Abode.
20th September - Village Café at the Village Hall, 10.30 am – Noon.
27th September - Village Café at the Village Hall, 10.30 am – Noon.
27th September - Marston Inn, music at 8.30pm, Danny Jukebox
28th September - Marston Magna Community Day 9 am to 11.30 am
28th September - CHARCUTERIE AND WINE at MMVH – ticket only
October - Scarecrow competition all month!
12th October - Harvest Supper at MMVH from 7 pm

For Village Hall bookings – please contact Judy Suckling Tel. 851418 - bookings.marstonvillagehall@gmail.com

The Mobile Library WILL BE IN Rimpton on the **25th September**. It will be in Home Farm Lane, BA22 8AS between 12.30 pm and 1.00 pm. The next after that will be **23rd October**. 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 31st August, 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th September. **Garden Wheelie Bin** Collections are collected from 6 a.m., on Thursdays the 12th and 26th September. **Refuse bins** will be collected once every three weeks and the next one is on 13th September.

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
Bishop for the Diocese of Bath and Wells
Reimagining generosity

In John's Gospel, the first of the signs that Jesus offers to show who he is happens at a wedding in the town of Cana in Galilee (John 2: 1-11). Jesus saves the whole event from being a social disaster.

The presenting issue is that the wine runs out. This exposes the families that have organised the event to the possibility of severe embarrassment. Rather than modelling lavish hospitality, they are in danger of showing themselves to be stingy and disorganised. Thankfully Jesus's mum is alerted to the situation and gets Jesus on the case. He comes up with a solution and all is well.

What gets me every time about this story is the scale and the quality of the solution that Jesus presents. If my calculations are right, Jesus saves the day by creating the equivalent of six wheelie bins full of wine. And not just your supermarket bottom shelf stuff. The wine he provides is of the very best quality – stuff that would delight sommeliers and wine snobs the world over.

In his first action, Jesus could have chosen to show any number of things about himself – his wisdom, his power, his goodness or so on. What's striking is that he begins by revealing that he is someone of astonishing and abundant generosity. This is at heart who Jesus is.

If this is who Jesus is, then that means that this is who God is too. For 'in God there is no unChristlikeness'. In his first action, Jesus is showing us that at heart, God is abundantly and astonishingly generous.

If we're all made in God's image, might that be at heart who we're called to be too? Often, the call to be generous can be portrayed as hard and difficult, about self-sacrifice and denial, of the costly call to put others first. But what if we reimagined what being generous means? If we understood being generous as in fact the way to reveal and enjoy our true selves – lavishly, abundantly, joyfully... merrily?
A wheelie bin of wine anyone?

+ Bishop Michael

THE RAIN REPORT (July)

July rainfall totalled 74.5 mms (3 inches) with 13 wet days, slightly above the July average of 62 mms (2½ Inches). The majority of this rain, 54 mms (2 inches), fell in a 5-day period commencing the 5th July, when there were several heavy and thundery storms. The second half of the month saw just 8.5 mms (½ inch).

The wettest July I have recorded was 2007 with 156 mms (6 inches) and the driest 2016 with 10 mms (1/2 inch).

Ricky Gibbs

Marston Magna & Rimpton
WI Report for August 2024

Our August speaker was Christopher Forester, he is curator of Wincanton Museum. His talk was about the Rural Poor in the days before benefits and security of tenure, when people were employed on a yearly basis and if not retained were not only jobless but homeless as well. Accommodation usually came with the farming job which would frequently be very poor quality and overcrowded, large families were the norm then. Workhouses were provided by groups of villages, but families were split up into, male, female and children, not a situation ever desired. Gradually things improved but not before people were deported or imprisoned for poaching or stealing or questioning their employers' integrity.

The talk was very interesting, and Chris suggested a visit to Wincanton Museum which is in the High Street, I've visited and found it quite fascinating.

Our next meeting is a talk by Wendy Booth-Boyd, and she is speaking on The American Museum and Gardens near Bath. This evening, September 9th, will be an open meeting, FREE to all, because of the generosity of the Summer Fair Committee. The talk starts at 7.00 pm and refreshments will be available. There will also be a raffle.

We hope to see some of you there.

For more information please contact - Vivien Bateman vivien_bateman@yahoo.com. 01935 841225

IT'S... SHOW TIME!
Saturday 7th September

Yes, our annual Flower and Produce Show is almost upon us, and the purpose of this is to encourage the 'I've never entered before's' and the undecideds to pluck up their courage, fill out their entry forms and have a go!

So – "I'm no gardener" and "I haven't anything worth entering" and "the slugs have eaten everything" are just excuses...ok, slugs yes, but it's the same for everybody! And it's not just fruit n veg, there are classes for preserves, pot plants, flower arranging, baking, photography, art and crafts etc, and 5 classes for children too. Kids LOVE entering stuff they've made! (Perhaps your kids could paint a pebble, and after the Show, add it to Fir Villa's super snake?)

I was a newbie last year (in spite of visiting the Show regularly for the past couple of decades), I did no prior preparation, an early morning trolley-dash round the garden, selected a couple of new jars of jam and pressed go, as it were. The nervous anticipation was worth it as my first sight of a certificate under a jar of jam was like winning an Olympic medal (almost).

On a more serious note, if we don't have more entries there will come a point at which it won't be worth putting on the Show, and that would be a great shame as it's a fine tradition and we'd like to keep it going for years to come.

So PLEASE everybody, look at the entry form/schedules, which hopefully you still have, and decide what you, or your children/grandchildren, could enter. It's only 20p per entry, you've got to be in it to win it, and you can celebrate/drown your sorrows afterwards with a cracking Cream Tea 😊

PS If you can't locate your entry form/schedule, there will be some in the Church porch, or contact me via Facebook or phone 07927 405569 and I'll get one to you. Thanks for reading this.

Cheers!
Sue Kenward.

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,
18th September. We will meet in the
Village Hall car park, at 9.30 am.
For full details contact
Sue Walton - Telephone 851818

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and meet some new friends

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or call Sally on 07514485809.

MARSTON MAGNA VILLAGE HALL
COMMITTEE

Full Calendar for Village Hall 2024

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 pub
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

Notes from Marston Magna Village Hall

We have quite a few events planned for this autumn and tickets are now on sale.

CHARCUTERIE and WINE on Saturday 14th September 7pm.

A modern take on sociable party centred around food and wine. We do not sit but move around the hall chatting and meeting new people! It is very popular, and we normally sell out very quickly. Only 22 tickets left. £15 per person for a riotous evening (that got a little out of hand last time).

HARVEST SUPPER on Saturday October 12th 7pm.

This is a celebration of our rural and agricultural heritage, a chance to give thanks for the fact we get to live in Somerset, some gratitude for the farmers who feed us all, and a lovely village get together.

We now have 2 new and modern cookers in the hall and will be serving a hot meal and pudding. The bar will be open, raffle, prizes and giggles. This year it will be lively and entertaining so come along. Never been?

Come and meet some nice people! New to the village? I will introduce you to some likeminded people! Non-believer? Come anyway, as the grub is good. Only 64 places so book quickly. 3 course meal with a glass of wine £12.50pp.
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MARSTON MAGNA VILLAGE HALL **SHORT-MAT BOWLS** **THURSDAYS 2.30-4.30PM**

If you would you like to try short-mat bowls, then why not come along when we start our new season on **Thursday 5th September**. We are a small friendly club and play for fun. No experience needed, just a pair of flat shoes; bowls can be provided. We would love to see you! For more information, please contact

Marlene and Tony Green on 01963 220943.

WESSEX WATER

Wessex Water are holding drop-in sessions around our supply area to allow our customers to come in and talk to us face to face. During our drop-in sessions, we can help our customers with enquiries about their bill, offer advice on what help is available if they are struggling to pay, or refer them to get the support they require. We'll also be able to offer advice on saving water and avoiding blockages as well as information about their water quality, plumbing, or drainage.

We have arranged to be in Yeovil Library on **Monday 21st October from 10am** The drop-in session will be run between 10am-11am, with bookable slots available between 11.30am and 2.30pm on our website. Further sessions in Yeovil will be on 16th December, with dates into 2025 to be confirmed.

I would really appreciate any help that you could give to get the word out to the residents of the parish. I have posters that I could drop in to you for noticeboards if that were appropriate, but I would be very grateful if you could share the following via any social media platforms that you use or during any Parish Council meeting.

To find out more, visit:
<https://www.wessexwater.co.uk/community-drop-ins>

THE MARSTON INN

The food has begun to take off, we believe we are serving good, well-cooked hearty meals and will mix the menu up as the seasons change. The menu and times are on display outside and on the Facebook page. We are now looking for an assistant cook, so we can continue to offer good meals.

The pool table has been moved to the skittle alley & the family room is now furnished as a comfortable quiet area to have a chat & a calm, soothing sit down.

The tables in the stone walled dining room are dressed for meals, a cool area just right to get away from the unusually sunny warm weather. The other areas are set out for bar meals.

The customers, old and new, are beginning to enjoy the changes, and these are going to continue, to give every aspect a new feel, without modernising or upsetting the character that everyone knows. We are still trying to work out; safely and sensibly how to improve the outside, unfortunately this will be a complicated affair.

Dates for the music diary, September.

Saturday 7th at 8.30 pm, Rag Tag Poodles.

Sunday 15th at 4.30 pm, No Fixed Abode.

Friday 27th at 8.30 pm, Danny Jukebox

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

Carrie & Colin - 01935 850361

Bonfires

With autumn fast approaching, a quick reminder that if you are planning to light a bonfire, do make sure that the material is not damp, does not contain any plastic, and hot days are when neighbours are likely to be enjoying their gardens and have windows open.

There used to be by-laws about not having bonfires on a laundry day, but those laws have long gone.

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