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Dear Friends

This is a great time of the year for meeting and greeting! Family and friends welcomed at Christmas and into the new year. And for Christians the joy of again welcoming the Christ child into our hearts and lives. January also brings us the feast of Epiphany, and the arrival of the Magi, those mysterious wise men from the East. We welcome their devotion to the babe who was born to save and to rule. Perhaps we also hope that some of their ancient wisdom might rub off and stay with us after they have left. Our world and its leaders could do with it...

On the 8th January we have a very special welcome to extend, when the Revd. Richard Horton will be installed as the new Rector of our benefice. At the service in St Mary's, Mudford, Richard will be welcomed into his new post by the bishop and archdeacon as well as us - his new flock! It is an old, traditional ceremony, with much symbolism – the tolling of a bell, the use of the church door, and being conducted to the priest's seat in the chancel. And we, the people, will be called upon to give a public promise to support Richard and his family in their ministry amongst us. Lots of singing, too!

Richard's arrival will bring to an end a vacancy of nearly four years which has been difficult for everyone; a time of pestilence, with the Covid pandemic, as well as years of economic hardship for many! The leaders of our churches; retired and visiting clergy, lay readers and lay ministry teams especially, but also the wardens and PCCs have been hard pressed to keep the churches alive and kicking! We owe them a great big Thank You – not only did they bring us through the vacancy, but they did it with competence and understanding, and never failed with the kind word and smile, or a hug and a laugh, or a ready ear. Well done, and Bless you all!

Bill Watkins

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From the Registers, St Mary's, Rimpton

CALENDAR OF SERVICES

JANUARY 2025			
SUNDAY 5th January MARSTON MAGNA		WHITE No service at Marston Magna	EPIPHANY SUNDAY
RIMPTON		Holy Communion at 10.45 am.	Reader: Mr Benbow
WEDNESDAY 8th January MUDFORD		Installation Service, led by the Bishop of Bath & Wells at 7 pm	INSTALLATION of Revd Horner
SUNDAY 12th January MARSTON MAGNA		WHITE Holy Communion at 5 pm	PLOUGH SUNDAY Sidesman; Mr Knott Reader: Mr Knott Reader: Mrs Stephens
RIMPTON		Holy Communion at 8 am	Welcome Party at MMVH from 18.00
SUNDAY 19th January MARSTON MAGNA		WHITE Morning Worship at 9.30 am	EPIPHANY III Sidesman; Dr T Smith Reader: Mrs J Privett
ASHINGTON			
RIMPTON			
SUNDAY 26th January MARSTON MAGNA		WHITE No service at Marston Magna	EPIPHANY IV
CHILTON CANTELO		Morning Worship at 9.30 am	
RIMPTON		No Service at Rimpton	
SUNDAY 2nd February MARSTON MAGNA		WHITE No service at Marston Magna	CANDLEMASS SUNDAY
RIMPTON		Candlemass by Candlelight at 5 pm	Reader: Mr Kemp
MARSTON MAGNA JANUARY 2025	<u>Church Cleaning</u> <u>(Now for services)</u>	<u>Church Flowers</u> <u>High Altar</u>	<u>Locking Up</u>
5 th January			Mt & Mrs North
12 th January	Mr & Mrs Bateman	Mrs Bateman	Mr & Mrs Knott
19 th January	Mrs Knott & Mrs Whittell	Mrs Knott	Dr T Smith
26 th January			Mr & Mrs Jackson
2 nd February		Mrs Venning	Mr & Mrs Bateman
RIMPTON JANUARY 2025	<u>Church Cleaning</u> <u>(Now fortnightly)</u>	<u>Church Flowers</u> <u>High Altar</u>	
4 th January	Mr & Mrs Green	Candles & Greenery	Emma Rolls
11 th January	Mr & Mrs Green	Mrs Brady	Mrs Kirkpatrick
18 th January	Mrs Le Hardy & Mrs Stephens	Mrs Brady	Celia Gould
25 th January		Mrs Le Hardy	Mrs Kirkpatrick
1 st February			Mr 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

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

7.00 - 9.00 pm Badminton Lindsey Maguire 07903 297712 Lindsey@studio-6.co.uk

For the Diary

9th January 2025 - Installation of Revd Richard Horner – Mudford Church at 7 pm
10th January - Village Café at the Village Hall 10.30 to Noon – a Cake Day!!
31st January - Pop Up Pub - Rimpton Village Hall from 7.00 to 9.30 pm
15th February - Italian Night - Rimpton Village Hall from 7.00 pm till late
28th February - Pop Up Pub - Rimpton Village Hall from 7.00 to 9.30 pm
15th March - Race Night - Rimpton Village Hall
18th March - Ladies Walking Group – 9.30 am from VH Car Park
28th March - Pop Up Pub - Rimpton Village Hall from 7.00 to 9.30 pm
25th April - Pop Up Pub - Rimpton Village Hall from 7.00 to 9.30 pm
24th May - Ceilidh - 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

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.

31st December - Marston Inn - New Year's Eve - 8.00pm till we fall over - Circus of Thieves,
9th January 2025 - Installation of Revd Richard Horner – Mudford Church at 7 pm
10th January - Village Café at the Village Hall 10.30 to Noon – a Cake Day!!
12th January - Welcome Party at MMVH 6 pm for Revd Richard Horner
16th January - MM Village Hall AGM at 7 pm MMVH
17th January - Village Café at the Village Hall 10.30 to Noon
24th January - Village Café at the Village Hall 10.30 to Noon
25th January - Marston Inn at 8.30 pm - Jay, guitar and vocals, general popular music.
26th January - Tabletop Sale MMVH – 11 am to 1 pm
26th January - Marston Inn at 3.00 pm - Justin Daisch a Hank Marvin/Shadows style
tribute singer with great skills!
29th January - MM Parish Council Meeting – MMVH 7 pm
31st January - Village Café at the Village Hall 10.30 to Noon
23rd February - Tabletop Sale at MMVH – 11 am to 1 pm
22nd March - Yeovilton Military Wives Choir at MMVH doors open at 6pm.

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

The Mobile Library WILL BE IN Rimpton on the **15th January**. It will be in Home Farm Lane, BA22 8AS between 12.30 pm and 1.00 pm. The next after that will be 12th February. 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 4th, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st January. **Garden Wheelie Bin** Collections are collected from 6 a.m., on Thursdays the 16th and 30th January. **Refuse bins** will be collected once every three weeks and the next one is on 17th January, then 7th and 28th February.

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 of Bath and Wells
Bringing hope

“A leader” said Napoleon Bonaparte, “is a dealer in hope.”

At the start of 2025, this is a tough challenge for leaders everywhere! Conflicts continue around the world. The climate emergency is ongoing. At the polls, voters in many countries express their dissatisfaction with the status quo. As we look around us, can hope mean anything more than mere wishful thinking? As we look on all the challenges that exist, have we anything more to say than “I hope that that somehow, somewhere, something will turn up”.

More than ever, the Christian understanding of hope is what we need. Christian hope is broader, deeper, stronger altogether than any ‘wishful thinking’. In scripture, hope is not just a vague desire that something good in the future will somehow happen. Rather, the Biblical understanding of hope is of a confident expectation and desire that good in the future will come. It’s an assurance based in our pre-existing experience of God’s goodness, God’s love, the faithfulness that he has already shown towards us.

Scripture also contains the idea that while hope is something which comes primarily from God, it is also something in which human beings have a part to play, a contribution to make. The letter to the Hebrews says this: “God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, so that what you hope for may be fully realized.”

(Hebrews 6:10-11)

God graciously calls us to join in bringing hope into the world. Our work, our love, our diligence matter. The contribution we make is important in bringing into being the future that God wants for us. At the start of this new year, we are called to take the lead: to be signs, symbols, dealers in the hope for which our world longs today.

Michael Beasley
+ Bishop of Bath and Wells

THE RAIN REPORT (November)

November was as they say in football circles a game of two halves, but in this case a month of two halves.

Total rainfall was 90 mms (3½ inches), just below the November average of 98 mms (3¾ inches). The first 16 days of November saw just 2 damp days with rainfall totalling 2½mms (1/10 inch). The remaining 14 days were completely different with 87½ mms (3½ inches) and just 4 dry days. The wettest of these was Sunday 24th with a hefty 34 mms (1¼ inch) making it the wettest day of the year so far.

November tends to be a very wet month. November 2002 with 189.5 mms (7½ inches) is the wettest month I have ever recorded. The driest November was 2021 with just 10.5 mms (½ inch).

Happy Christmas to all my readers. I understand there are still a few of you out there.

Ricky Gibbs

Marston Magna & Rimpton
WI Report for December 2024

Marston Magna WI had a Christmas Meal in the Marston Inn. Carrie did us proud and a Christmas meal was enjoyed by 12 of our members.

2025 is the year we celebrate our 100th birthday, and we’re planning our events to celebrate including some open to all the Village.

So please keep an eye on notice boards and the magazine and help us celebrate this momentous event through 2025.

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

Diocese News in brief

New Deputy Lieutenants appointed

The Revd Prebendary Narinder Tegally, Lead Chaplain at the Royal United Hospitals Bath and Interfaith Adviser for the Diocese of Bath and Wells, and Caroline Boddington, Senior Non-Executive Chapter Member of Wells Cathedral, have been named as two of five new Deputy Lieutenants appointed to support the Lord-Lieutenant, His Majesty’s personal representative in Somerset.

Appointment to the office of Deputy Lieutenant is in recognition of distinguished service to the

community, country, or county. Every Deputy Lieutenant undertakes to assist the Lord-Lieutenant in performing any duties that may be required, including representing the Lord-Lieutenant at formal functions, award ceremonies, and citizenship ceremonies, or attending Remembrance Day services.

More than 120 people are confirmed

Wells Cathedral was filled with joy and celebration as more than 120 people from across the diocese were confirmed. The candidates, from a diverse range of ages and backgrounds, were joined by a large congregation of family members, friends, and church community supporters. Confirmation is a special service in which a person affirms the promises made on their behalf at baptism. Bishop Michael said, "It has been extraordinary to be in Wells Cathedral to confirm so many people, each of them here because their Christian journey has brought them to a new place, of commitment, of love of God and a willingness to serve God in the world and we have just been so proud of everyone that we have been with today."

'Space' by Luxmuralis comes to Wells Cathedral

From 28 January – Saturday 1 February 2025, 'Space' a spectacular immersive journey will be at Wells Cathedral. The artwork, which allows visitors to walk through and explore the space of Wells Cathedral in a new light, invites them to look out into space and think about what humans have achieved in our place in the world.

The son-et-lumière artwork encourages reflection on humanity's place in the universe as vibrant light is projected around the Cathedral, transforming its interior and turning the walls and ceilings into a stunning cosmic display.

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

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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. Our next meeting is on the **29th January 2025**.

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 March 2025. We will meet in the Village Hall car park, at 9.30 am.

For full details contact
Sue Walton - Telephone 851818

SHORT-MAT BOWLS- Marston Magna

After our Christmas break, bowls will recommence on Thursday, 9th January 2025.

New Year – New Hobby? Come along and give bowls a try. We meet every Thursday afternoon 2.30 - 4.30. A warm welcome awaits!

Tony Green

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Seeds of hope

The start of a new year brings with it a sense of possibility. It's often a time to take stock of where we've been and think about where we are heading. While the challenges of the past year may still linger, the beginning of a new year offers us an opportunity to look forward with hope and optimism.

Hope isn't always about certainty; it's about belief that things are possible. Like seeds carefully planted in spring, hope starts small, but with nurturing, it can grow and flourish. Revd Debbi Turley, Vicar of St Peter's Church, Taunton said, "The outpouring of love from the community was great after I discovered vandals had smashed and damaged windows at the church leaving us facing a large bill for repairs.

"In the hope of raising funds towards the repair costs, I decided to set up an online fundraising page. I thought it would just get a few donations, but within hours, there was an overwhelming response from the local community. We even had people from as far away as America who contributed to the fund. Before long we had raised the exact amount we needed to repair the window."

"This could have been a sad story, but it turned into a good news story. It brought the community together."

Hope for the new year doesn't always require grand resolutions or sweeping changes. Instead, it can come from small steps. It is about progress, however modest, being possible. As the new year begins, may we all look ahead with a renewed hope, a hope which is rooted in God's love for us all.

MARSTON MAGNA VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE AGM

Our village of 518 people is a wonderful place to live. We are fortunate to have a village hall, a pub and a church. But how can we use them to make our village even better? If you have thoughts and ideas or would just like to know what is going on, then pop into the Village Hall AGM on Thursday 16th January for 7 pm.

Agenda

Welcome and apologies
Brief note from Chairman
Brief report on finances
Election of Officers
AOB
Pub

The formal meeting will take 17 minutes and then we can have a discussion about whatever you'd like to develop our village/hall.

We are also very pleased to welcome new team members onto the village hall team. We put on a 6/7 events a year. The team works wonderfully together, and we have fun doing it. Want to get involved?

All welcome to come and offer ideas on how you'd like to use your community space in 2025.

We have 8 members on our team and have really enjoyed putting on events and sharing in the worthy goal of providing social gatherings. It is a great way to meet people in the village and I would welcome anyone who would like to join the team to come for a "taster" meeting. We only meet 5 times a year which is often followed by a visit to the pub. Come along.

Days for your diary in 2025. We will continue our tabletop sales on 26th January and 23rd February and 30th March. Sellers contact Judy at info.marstonvillagehall@gmail.com.

Doors open 10am for sellers and 11am till 1pm for buyers. Teas and coffees and bacon rolls for sale too.

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Yeovilton Military Wives Choir - Save the Date

The Midsummer Fair Committee and the Village Hall are hosting the Yeovilton Military Wives Choir for a concert on Saturday 22nd March 2025. The doors will open at 6 pm, the concert will start at 6.30 pm and finish around 8.30 pm. Tickets cost £12 each to include a glass of wine or soft drink.

This will be a great event, to strengthen our relationship with our neighbours at Yeovilton. So please ensure the date is in your new 2025 calendars and diaries.

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1.20pm: Leaves Yeovil Bus Station
2.00pm: Arrives Rimpton

Service is free for Bus Pass holding pensioners, others £2.00 each way. Currently only used by one resident. If we don't use it we may lose it.

THE MARSTON INN

Happy New Year to everyone. We hope you are all well and survived the festivities.

Good old George Saxton had a send-off that he would have been proud of. We had a few Christmas lunch bookings, the local W.I. and the Short Mat bowls team both of whom seemed to enjoy themselves.

Straight after the festive season we will be closed for a week to have our own celebrations and catch up with our own family & a well-earned rest.

Look out for changes announced on Facebook and the website as we try to improve the business and make sure the only pub for miles around tries to make it a warm dry & welcoming place to call your local.

We know that The Marston Inn has seen many management teams over the last decade or so, but it is possible that people forget or do not know that this is not only our business but our home and future, without the success of your local pub the entire village will suffer.

Dates for the music diary, January.

Saturday 25th January at 8.30 pm - Jay, guitar and vocals, general popular music.

Sunday 26th January at 3.00 pm - Justin Daisch a Hank Marvin / Shadows style tribute singer great skills!

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

Carrie & Colin - 01935 850361

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