

Butlers Marston Village Newsletter

March 2019


**Date for the
Diary
Safari Supper
Saturday 15th
June**



**Parish Council
News**



**See Inside for
Details!**

**Mothering Sunday
Service**



31st March 10:30am

**Easter Church
Clean and Craft**



**Saturday 20th April
10am**

From St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, Chapter 12, Verses 1-8

The New Life in Christ

12 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. **2**Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

3For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. **4**For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, **5**so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. **6**We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; **7**ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; **8**the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Deanery Lent Services Tuesdays During Lent

12 th March	On Richard Meux Benson	Rev. Tom Moffatt	Illmington Church
19 th March	On Hudson Taylor	Rev. John Horton	Alderminster Church
26 th March	On St. Cuthbert	Rev. Chris Goble	Whatcote Church
2 nd April	On George Herbert	Carola Beecham	Tidmington Church
9 th April	On Tyndale	Rev. Ben Dyson	Burmington Church
16 th April	On Susannah Wesley	Rev. Canon Dr. Jill Tucker and Rev. Sarah Edmonds	Honington Church

Lent Lunches for Christian Aid

12.30 – 2.00 pm:



- Ettington 13th March in the Church
- Newbold 20th March in the Village Hall
- Alderminster 27th March in the Village Hall
- Halford 3rd April in the Village Hall
- Pillerton 10th April in Pillerton Priors Village Hall



Last month, local resident, Talia Calvert introduced herself and the work that she is doing to support her Duke of Edinburgh

award. As part of her goal to set up a community recycling point for items that aren't widely recycled, Talia has put together a survey about the scheme to determine what sort of collection point we might utilise. The survey can be found at the following link.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZMBNGRC>

If you would like further details or a hard copy of the survey, please contact Marie Louise on 07885 634355

Want to know more about the TerraCycle scheme? Visit www.terracycle.co.uk for more details!

What is TerraCycle?

TerraCycle is Eliminating the Idea of Waste® by recycling the "non-recyclable." Whether it's coffee capsules from your home, pens from a school, or plastic gloves from a manufacturing facility, TerraCycle can collect and recycle almost any form of waste. We partner with individual collectors such as yourself, as well as major consumer product companies, retailers, manufacturers, municipalities, and small businesses across 20 different countries. With your help, we are able to divert millions of pounds of waste from landfills and incinerators each month.

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Lent Course, "Living Faith"

Alderminster
Vicarage

2.30 – 4.00 pm on:

- Tuesday 12th March
- Tuesday 19th March
- Tuesday 26th March
- Tuesday 2nd April
- Tuesday 9th April
- Tuesday 16th April

The course is drawn from a Lent Study Guide produced by "Cover to Cover"

Contact Rev. John Horton for more details (01789 459241)



‘Those moments that prompt the thought ‘there must be more to life than this’ are perhaps indicative of a recognition that sometimes we just don’t have things ordered quite right; a certain restlessness drives us to question and search for something that truly satisfies. Despite life’s abundance, maybe this familiar frustration is what Keith Richards and Mick Jagger were getting at in “...*I can’t get no satisfaction, Cause I try and I try and I try and I try...*”.

Peppered throughout this newsletter are various invitations during this season of Lent to help us consider such questions, be that through a course with Rev. John Horton, attending special services, or indeed one’s own self-reflection.

Our church will again this year be supporting Water Aid’s ‘Jars of Change’ appeal, where those of us who give something up for Lent are invited to donate the money saved to help provide clean water to communities for the very first time.

If you’d prefer a more action based Lenten theme, maybe try ‘The Generosity Challenge’ by Stewardship consisting of ‘*40 reflections and challenges to make a difference*’. These will fall into your inbox at 6am each day. Sign-up details can be found at www.40acts.org.uk. For my part, a couple of us made a commitment to meet once a week after work to read through one book from the Bible and to join in prayer. The time will change each week according to availability but if you’d like to join in, we’d be delighted! Please give me a call

(642076) or drop me an email and we can coordinate...

Community and hospitality have long been in abundance in Butlers Marston, and it was only a couple of weeks ago that the church became a breakfast café offering a ‘Full English’ and vegetarian equivalent. What an inspired event it was! The breakfast drew us together in our droves from the long dark days of winter; thank you to Sarah Mountford for bringing the idea to fruition and for leading all the arrangements. A great thank you to all those who cooked, supported the ‘kitchen’ and of course, to everyone who came along!

Chat in Church was also a superb evening on 1st of this Month. As mentioned in last month’s issue, the evening had a board games theme and it was another busy evening amongst friends playing games whilst enjoying refreshments. Thanks to Joanne Young and Simon Pile for leading the evening and we look forward to the next Chat in Church on the first Friday in May!

This year, ahead of the annual church meeting, it is necessary to make a new electoral roll (a full revision). To rejoin the roll or if you would like more details to join for the first time, please contact Christina Grange on 641701 / 07971 684915.

Mothering Sunday is upcoming on 31st and we’ll be holding a special service to celebrate our mothers on Sunday 31st. The service is at 10:30am with refreshments and a chance to catch up beforehand from 10am!

Wishing you all well, *Matthew* - CW

From the Alderminster Vicarage



“Try Praying, it’s easier than you think” is an arresting notice to have plastered across a large billboard. It is part of a

current advertising campaign in the UK, the USA and Australia. It is wording that should challenge all of us!

Lent begins on 6th March, Ash Wednesday, and once again provides us with an opportunity to reflect on our relationship with God. Too often our busy lifestyle sees God pushed to one side but in this season we are challenged to make every effort to ensure that God is once more placed where he should be – in the centre of our lives. Archbishop Desmond Tutu’s words that he was “too busy to pray for less than two hours a day” are a challenge. Sadly our version can become, we are too busy to pray!

During the weeks of Lent there will be a number of things to help us focus more closely on God and our relationship with him. It is planned that there should be prayer stations in each of our six churches so do please take some time to go and look at them when you are in or near your church – you are welcome to visit those in the other parishes too!

On Tuesday afternoons there will be a Lent Course from 2.30 to 4.00 pm at Alderminster Vicarage called ‘Living in Faith’. There will be tea and cake available and everyone is welcome to

attend. At 7.30 pm on Tuesday evenings there will be the Deanery Lent Services rotating around the different churches in Shipston Deanery. We will be hosting the service at Alderminster on 19th March. Full details of the other services are in the ‘Weekly Grapevine’ and on our rotas.

More for the body than the soul, there will be our usual Lent Lunches in support of the work of Christian Aid and these will be between 12.30 and 2.00 pm on Wednesdays throughout Lent – again full details are in the Weekly Grapevine.

Without God, and without reflecting on the state of our lives, we become very dry and dull spiritually. We would not neglect our physical needs so readily - why do we do so with the Spiritual aspect of life? At a time of year when much will be awaking from winter hibernation why not use the run up to Easter as an opportunity to stir other parts of our lives too?

Paul’s words to the Ephesians might be an appropriate Lenten challenge to all of us, “Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you” - as we all realise that praying is easier than we think!

Have a great Lent!

John, Reverend John Horton



2019 Concert Diary

Sunday 5th May – 7pm

The Arnold Ensemble
Mozart – Bruch

Sunday 14th July – 7pm

10th Anniversary Concert

**Sunday 1st
September – 7pm**

Piano Duets



In aid of St David's Church
Newbold-on-Stour with Armscote



Saturday 25th May
10 am – 12.30 pm

Newbold Plant Sale

St David's Churchyard

Great Variety! Great value!

Tombola Refreshments

Produce Stall



Plant donations greatly appreciated
Please contact Gilly Marsden 01789 459168
or deliver to Church on Friday 24th May 3 – 7 p.m.

Contact Your Clergy Team



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Carers4Carers monthly meeting

Friday 22nd February

**10.30 – 12 noon at Kineton
Village Hall**

Come and join us for coffee, biscuits and friendly chat.

This month we will have a visit from Rekha Tanna Hirani, our local Parkinson's Adviser. Please let us know in advance if you would like us to look after your loved one in our Companionship Group.

For more details, including help with transport, please phone Gillian on 01926 640203/07947 893504.

Butlers Marston Parish Council Notices

There will be an open meeting to which all village residents are welcome in the Parish Church on Tuesday 19th March at 7:00 pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss revised plans for development of the former garage site next to Town Ground.



Following the meeting in November, the developers have drawn up the revised plans to address issues raised at that meeting.

The developers would now like to hear residents' views on their revised plans.

Copies of the plans have been delivered to all those who attended the previous meeting.

Dick Leaper (641647) has further copies, if anyone would like to consult them ahead of the meeting.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, comments can be made in writing and submitted to Dick Leaper, or sent directly to the developers.



There will be an Election of five Parish Councillors for the parish of Butlers Marston.

A number of the present Parish Councillors will not be standing for re-election. Nominations are therefore invited from interested persons.

Nomination forms and further information is available from the clerk to the Parish Council at the address below.

If there are more than five nominations, a poll will take place on Thursday 2nd May 2019.



Dick Leaper

Clerk to Butlers
Marston Parish Council

Brook House, Butlers
Marston
(Tel 01926 641647)



Dates for Your Diary

Church Services & Worship

Wednesday 6th March	10:00	CW Communion at Newbold
Ash Wednesday	18:00	CW Communion at Ettington
Sunday 10th March	09:00 – 10:00	BCP Communion
Led by Rev. Sharon Goble		
Sunday 17th March	19:00 – 19:45	Evensong
Led by members of the congregation and lay team including recorded choral works		
Sunday 24th March	10:45 – 11:15 11:15 – 12:15	Church Coffee Morning Family Service
Led by our congregation and lay worship team		
Sunday 31st March	10:00 – 10:30	Church Coffee Morning
Mothering Sunday	10:30 – 11:30	Family Service
Led by Rev. John Horton		
Sunday 7th April	10:00 – 11:00	Benefice Service at Ettington CW Communion
Led by Rev. Sharon Goble, speaker Godfrey Armitage (Diocesan Environment Officer, formerly lecturer at Warwick University)		
Every Friday	07.00 – 07.30	Morning Prayer
An early morning service led by members of our community; please note that the service will be held at No. 5 Verney Close during the cooler months.		

See inside newsletter or church notice board for details of the Deanery Lent Services to be held every Tuesday evening during Lent.

For a full list of services taking place in the Benefice, please visit www.stourdene.org/downloads.php or request a weekly e-bulletin at <https://www.stourdene.org/newsletters.php>

Fellowship & Village Events

Friday 1st March	20:00 – 22:00	Games night at Chat in Church
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