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SAINT STEPHENS SOUNDWELL

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Run the race



DO YOU EVER wake up in the morning with a song in your head that you then can't get rid of for the rest of the day?

I DO TOO, and when that happens, I like to ponder on why that song in that moment. Perhaps our mood or events going on in our lives influence our 'earworm' songs, but mine mostly seem to be a random selection of hymns – some we have sung in church in recent times and others not. I often ponder what God might be trying to say to me as each one comes to mind, and stays there.

Less frequently, but perhaps more significantly, I wake up with a bible passage on my mind, one that then stays with me for weeks and then seems to crop up in conversations or whatever books I am reading.

I have learnt over the years to pay attention whenever this happens, because the Lord is usually speaking to me through these 'earworm' bible verses. This is the passage that the Lord has been whispering in my ear since the start of 2023;

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.”

[HEBREWS 12:1]

Each generation that has gone before us has welcomed new life, enjoyed abundance, experienced joy and yet has also known grief, endured hardship and at times felt immense sorrow.

Being human invariably means that we will all experience these things (and more) in our lifetime.

We enjoy the good times but when more challenging seasons roll in, we can become despondent and perhaps fail to see the possibilities in a new dawn.

Yet, this passage invites us to remember that great cloud of witnesses – ordinary people throughout history that the Lord has worked in and through to do extraordinary things – and not only to dare to dream of a brighter future, filled with possibility and hope, but to be people that the Lord will use today to make those dreams and visions a reality here and now.

We just need to shake off all that holds us back from seeing and believing and then step forward at pace into the future that the Lord has prepared for us.

I am certainly not naïve about the challenges that we face this year, both as individuals and as church, and yet these words from the letter to the Hebrews is surely just the encouragement that we need in such a time as this.

So, whatever is going on in your life right now, hear the Lord whispering these words to you and with faith, prayer and a good sense of humour let's run together with perseverance the race marked out for us as God's family here in Soundwell, and look forward to how the Lord will bless us – and the people of our community through us – in the months and years to come.

Every blessing **Lisa** x



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Readings & Collects

FOR JUNE 2023

FOR THOSE OF US who are not able to attend services or who wish to use the Sunday readings and Collect Prayer to worship at home, here they are:

SUNDAY 04 JUNE

Trinity Sunday

*Isaiah 40:12–17, 27–end; Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11–end;
Matthew 28:16–end*

HOLY GOD, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

SUNDAY 11 JUNE

1st Sunday after Trinity

*Job 29:11–16, Psalm 112,
Acts 11:19 to end, John 15:12–17*

BOUNTIFUL GOD, giver of all gifts, who poured your Spirit upon your servant Barnabas and gave him grace to encourage others: help us, by his example, to be generous in our judgements and unselfish in our service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THURSDAY 18 JUNE

2nd Sunday after Trinity

*Exodus 19:2–8a; Psalm 100
Romans 5:1–8; Matthew 9:35–10:8*

FAITHFUL CREATOR, whose mercy never fails, deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SUNDAY 25 JUNE

3rd Sunday after Trinity

*Jeremiah 20:7–13; Psalm 69:8–20
Romans 6:1b–11; Matthew 10:24–39*

GOD OUR SAVIOUR, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE:

Contemporary Psalms!

AT Friday Night Live in May we looked at Psalm 86 and during the activity session that followed, several of us chose to write a Psalm of our own, in a traditional Psalm style, which is usually in the form of a song, prayer, entreaty or outpouring of thought to the Lord.

Having done so, we thought we would share them with you!

■ CALL to you in sorrow, I call to you in pain.

I call to you for forgiveness to find salvation.

Hear my prayer and bring me fullness and peace.

I call to you in love and grace.

You are the only one, the one to show me the way.

Looking heavenward where you preside.

I kneel down before you. I sing your praises and worship you.

Teach me the way to be kind and mindful of all good, bad and indifferent.

Show me a sign to cement our relationship.

■ LORD my God, where are you? I need you to hear what I have to say.

I am ready to obey you and be your trusted servant.

Your attention to my call is all I ask.

Answer me Lord, I pray.

Show me the way of truth and love.

There is no other like you.

You are the one and only God.

Nothing and no-one can be so full of compassion and love for all regardless of any faults or failings.

There is no other like you.

You are the one and only God.

How can I worship your greatness?

Lord my God, I can sing, I can shout your name to all who will listen, that you are the Lord of all, mighty, victorious, loving and forgiving.

Praise, praise and more praise to you Lord God. Be with me as I face tough choices in life.

When others are cruel and critical of others, teach me to follow in your path, to be like you, day by day, week by week, throughout my life.

Answer me Lord, be my guide, show me the way of truth and love.

I am your trusted servant.

● LORD my God and Saviour, hear my humble heart.

You are my delight and joy, my Saviour and forgiving friend.

There is none like you, O Lord.

You are gracious and true, forgiving and generous and kind.

How great is your name in all the earth.

You are the Lord of Lords, the King of Kings, the one true God!

Help me to follow you always; to put your ways before my own and know you in my life each and every day.

Help me to follow you, Lord Jesus.

For you are the lover of my soul, the giver of life itself and my reason for being.

Thank you Lord Jesus!

Thank you Lord Jesus!

When I am less than the person you created me to be, when I turn away from your ways and follow my own.

When I don't love with compassion and compassion and kindness as you do – help me!

Help me to be the person you want me to be.

Help me serve others and put their needs first.

■ HEAR me Lord, watch over me, give me your love.

Give me understanding and patience.

When I am lost, guide me and protect me.

You are my one true God. May I worship and glorify your name.

May my heart continue to follow you. May my life be lived for you.

I will praise your name forever.

Your love fills me.

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Contemporary Psalms

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Gracious God, when I lose my way to you, guide me back to your love.

When I feel weakness give me strength.

Watch over your servant, Lord, that I may watch over your people.

OH Lord hear my prayer when I doubt everything I once believed in.

Renew my faith, open my heart, my mind and my soul to listen to your message.

When my head is full of doubt, help me to focus on you.

How can I not believe in you, when I see the wonders of your glorious world all around me, but I do.

I love to be in your church and feel the love and friendship of other Christians all around me.

When things are difficult and in times of sadness and joy, I still pray to you, even though I am not sure what I believe any more.

Oh Lord hear my prayer, help me to find my faith again.

I love to sing and praise your name and yet still I have so many doubts and questions that no one can fully answer.

Lord I thank you for all the blessings you have given me, a loving family both present and past.

Help me to find you again and feel your presence ever near.

ISN'T it time, Lord. Haven't we been through enough? I know you want to draw us back to yourself, but haven't we been in darkness long enough? You have promised oil of gladness and lifting from the pit. Isn't it time now? Isn't it time for you, Lord, to act?

You are Holy, Almighty, eternal, beyond imaginings, creator, designer, planner, infinite;

You are Trustworthy, faithful, loving, Redeemer, Shepherd, Rock, All Powerful, Timeless, Splendid;

You are gracious, restorer, friend, Father, Mother, Brother, Sister;

You are the only God.

How great are you, my God!
I want to be your servant. I want the time left to me to be a time of honouring you and giving you

everything that I am. I long to see your Kingdom come – in this our generation. I long for people to come to know you and to trust you, for your Holy Spirit to fall in real revival. I may want these things, Lord, but so much more for your glory in this our time.

Nothing is beyond your care and your reach, you have done these things in the past. You have been with us all the days of our lives, you have held, protected and prospered us, you have delivered us, called us and brought us forward in your service. To you be all thanks and praise for all the lovely people who you have surrounded us with, and who love us.

May your kingdom come here and now, not for the glory of us, your servants, but for your light to shine and salvation come among the people. May Jesus name be known in all the earth in this our generation. So have mercy on your people, stir us up to praise and worship you to honour and glory in you alone, today and always. Amen.

LORD, hear me, I know I am unworthy.

You are loving and forgiving.

Hear my cries and pleas, enable me to reach you and know your presence.

You are the one true God, none other compares to you.

Help and teach me to be a better Christian and servant for you.

Lord my God, you deserve all the praise.

Your love and patience is never ending.

Help us, Lord, for we as a world have lost its way.

You must despair at the state of the world as it is today.

You are full of grace, compassion and faithfulness.

Have mercy on us, Lord, and help us to be more like you.

HEAVENLY Father, I feel unworthy of your love, patience, care and guidance.

I fail to see you, hear you, or spend time with you daily.

Yet your love is there waiting quietly, your acceptance just waiting for me to say yes.

You do not fail me you won't grow weary.

Just through the door you await with all your promises but I fail to open the door wide enough to let you in.

You are awesome, you never give up, you are patient.

Your love so wide so high that I cannot comprehend it.

You are all I need yet I fail to give you all of me.

Help me, guide me push me, try me.

I want to, but hold back.

I feel you when I worship, but let that nearness fade away.

Your glory is breath taking, your presence so wanted.

Come Lord have your way. I let the wants of this world distract me.

I buy into this world way not your heavenly ways.

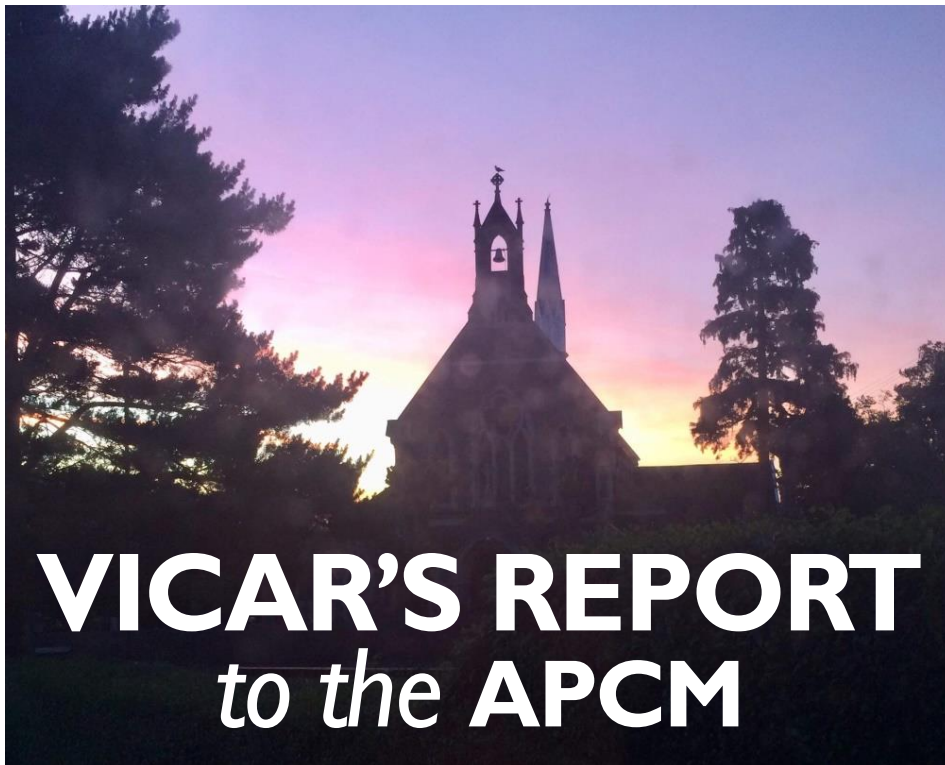
So, Lord, show me your plan for me. Let me see your truths that all else will fade away, my distractions quake, my boulders before me disappear and I am there led face down not able to see through your shining light the gloriousness you have for me and I for you.



Join us for some
**COFFEE/
CHAT &
COMPANY**

Every first Wednesday
of the month at 11 AM
in the Turnpike
on Soundwell Road.

A time to be, be known,
and be together!



I WANTED to share this with those of you not able to attend the APCM, as what we do as a church is important for **all** of us to know.

THE first part are extracts from my APCM written report, as they're so important, then a few more words from me which I verbally shared at the APCM.

First – because this is being added in retrospect to the written report...

IN June 2022 we began a coffee morning in in The Turnpike, which has been a hugely popular, attracting folk who regularly come to church AND those who can't or don't.

Thanks go to Rosemary, Greta and Margaret S for getting us off the ground with this.

It is a great way of showing ourselves in the community and can lead to opportunities of sharing Jesus with others; loving God and our neighbour!

Now back to the written report and those important parts...

But what next??

Throughout 2022 and for some time before that, your PCC has been daring to look ahead.

Part of that included looking back, and out of that came the St Stephens Story video, which also encouraged us to leave a legacy to our church as well as *'knowing Jesus and making Jesus known'*, which has become our Vision Statement.

Part of this looking back helped us to think through about who we are, and we agreed the following Mission Statement, so that all we do might come from, or be checked against this...

SSS Mission Statement

We exist to share the love of God, which we see most clearly in Jesus.

Our Mission as Christians in Soundwell is to enable everyone to get to know Jesus and to deepen their relationship with Him.

We aim to do this by being the Church family for the whole community; journeying together through the good times, the tough times, and also the everyday, ordinary times; nurturing faith, having fun, serving our neighbourhood and working in partnership with those around us.

St Stephen's Church is a place of prayer and worship where everyone is welcome; everyone is valued; everyone is important, to us, and to God. This is because life, love and death does not make sense without Jesus.

Vision Statement

St Stephen's... knowing Jesus and making Jesus known.

OUR Diocese continues to look at our collective focus and priorities for the years ahead and we look forward to working together towards those new objectives.

Despite all the expense of the building repairs we have overcome this year, and despite the very real crisis in our economy, we know we have to lift our eyes and look towards the future of our church building, so we can pass on what we have been freely given, to the generations to come.

This is not a quick process, because none of us want to rush anything so important. Which is why your PCC began with reminding ourselves who we are as a church, and our reason for being – as outlined in the Mission and Vision Statements I have just shared with you.

Next will come consultations with the members of our church, our Mission Outreach Groups and other folk of our Parish. St Stephen's is the church for the whole parish, the whole community and we want to hear from everyone.

The reason is outlined in this next statement, but in a nutshell, it's because we know we have to ensure our buildings remain 'fit for purpose' for the next 120 years, whatever wonderful purposes God has planned for them.

Re-ordering our Mission Statement

St Stephen's Church, Soundwell, is well-worn, because it has been well used. We want to make our church a multi-functional facility, hospitable, fit for purpose and serving the needs of our local community.

St Stephen's... knowing Jesus and making Jesus known.

AS I wrote this in March 2023, the groundwork of who we are and the demographic of the parish we serve has all been recorded.

Now, the questionnaire is virtually complete, and has been approved by the PCC. *Continued on page 5 >*

We plan to share it with you, our Mission Outreach Groups, and more widely throughout the Parish, in September, as there is still some more work going on to ensure we receive as many completed questionnaires back as possible.

Nothing is being hidden, and all will be shared... but we can't share what we haven't yet prepared.

Please pray for your PCC as we take this forward with you and with our community.

I would like to finish with a Psalm, and a few words about why I have chosen it, and then a prayer.

Then there will be a time for questions.

PSALM 145

1 I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.

2 Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

4 One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.

5 They speak of the glorious splendour of your majesty; and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

6 They tell of the power of your awesome works; and I will proclaim your great deeds.

7 They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

8 The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

9 The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

10 All your works praise you, Lord; your faithful people extol you.

11 They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might,

12 so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.

14 The Lord upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.

15 The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.

16 You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

17 The Lord is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does.

18 The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

19 He fulfils the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.

20 The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

21 My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

ALL

I remember the effect that little word had on me, coming again and again in the verses of Psalm 145, when I read first read that psalm. How, as each 'all' seemed to widen the circle of God's love, till I began to wonder if even I might be included in one of those 'all's...

Let me share a few of the verses with you again...

9 The Lord is good to **all**; he has compassion on **all** he has made.

10 **All** your works praise you, Lord; your faithful people extol you.

14 The Lord upholds **all** who fall and lifts up **all** who are bowed down.

17 The Lord is righteous in **all** his ways and faithful in **all** he does.

18 The Lord is near to **all** who call on him, to **all** who call on him in truth.

19 He fulfils the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.

IN THE END it was these two little 'all's in verse 14 that included me;

'The Lord upholds all who fall: and lifts up all who are bowed down.'

We, the church, our society, the world, have been changed quite dramatically in the last 3 years.

Living through Covid, Brexit, the cost of living crisis, being a country full of strikes, worry about our healthcare system, Climate change and the impact it is having on us but most importantly on the planet that sustains us, the war in Ukraine, the growing number of natural disasters, knife crime and trafficking, and, encompassing everything, the general concern about the way our nations are responding to one another.

The world, our world, the one that God created, is at odds with its creator.

BUT: *'The Lord upholds all who fall: and lifts up all who are bowed down.'*

WHEN times are tough, it seems to me that we, humankind can begin to act in 'me' ways. Me first, my needs, my career, my bank balance, my family, my future, and we start to forget the ALL of God and the fact that we are ALL God's people. What is best for my neighbour, the person on the other end of the pew, the refugee in our street or arriving on a boat.

We revert to WE instead of US.

As we this church, is faced with not only caring for one another, but also with serious care for our buildings, when the time comes, we, ALL of us, those that come to church as well as those that don't, because we are the church for the whole Parish, we will need to be able to think of the needs of ALL and not just our own.

It won't be easy, because we care and are passionate about what we know, but if Jesus hung on a cross for the sins of 'others', perhaps we can think of the needs of others too – and it certainly won't be as painful as being tortured and then dying on a cross.

SO, in light of the ALL's in Psalm 145, I have been reflecting on how easy it is for us to be partial and selective, where God is generous inclusive.

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APCM Report

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And it got me to thinking that when we remember saints and holy souls, we tend immediately to think of already prominent people, the writers and teachers of the church, the priests and prophets, the big historical figures, people who already have a bit of the spotlight, people whom the world also admires.

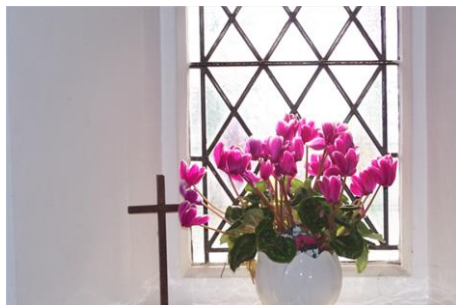
So, in the spirit of Psalm 145, and using a sonnet by *Malcolm Guite* as my starting place, I thought I would write a little something from my heart, to you ALL, that serve our Lord in the ways you serve the people of our community through this church.

Blessèd are the ones we overlook;

The faithful servers on the coffee rota,

The ones who hold no candle, bell or book

But keep the books and tally up the quota.



THE gentle souls who come to 'do the flowers',

The quiet ones who organise and serve at the fête,

Church cleaners who give up their weekday hours,

Doorkeepers and welcomers who open heaven's gate.

THE ones who pray and read and plan

Who sing and play and project.

Those who lead us to worship, our God who became man,

So that in our lives Jesus may have an effect.

BLESSÈD are the ones who lead our mission outreach groups,

Who put out chairs and toys and balls of wool.

Who quietly serve and sometimes feel they jump through hoops,

But, we follow Jesus, who certainly was no fool.

God knows the depths that often go unspoken,

Amongst the shy, the quiet, and the kind,

Or the slow healing of a heart long broken,

Lighting a candle and praying, for a year's mind.

THERE are so many more people that I have not mentioned here.

But, we are ALL God's chosen, with or without a voice.

On you Jesus smiles and loves and holds dear.

And in heaven and on earth, saints and angels' glory and rejoice.

And now back to the Psalm 145...

I WILL exalt you, my God the King;

I will praise your name for ever and ever.

Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise

He upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.

The Lord is good to all!

Amen.

Please now join in this prayer, we all said together at the APCM...

MY church is composed of people like me – I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly – if I am.

Its pews will be filled – if I help fill them.

It will do great work – if I work.

It will make generous gifts – if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship – if I invite and bring them in.

It will be a church of love and faith – if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the things I want my church to be.

Amen.

LISA

Crosses in St Stephens

THE QUESTION was posed in last month's Open Space: How many crosses are there in Church? Fifteen crosses were shown and they are located as listed below.

So how did you get on!

1. On the altar
2. Unused – outside vestry
3. Window alcove behind the Lady Chapel curtain
4. Processing cross on choir pew
5. Flower/décor cross by organ
6. I cheated – it's not usually on display!
7. Window alcove
8. Ditto
9. Ditto
10. On the altar
11. Window sill in Baptism font recess
12. Window alcove – external wall
13. By the baptism font
14. High above the altar
15. On the wall by the organ

Some others:

There's one in the office by window. There are two crosses carved into the wood décor of the lectern front. There's also the one used by Youth Church. ■

Churchwarden licensing

THURSDAY 29 JUNE



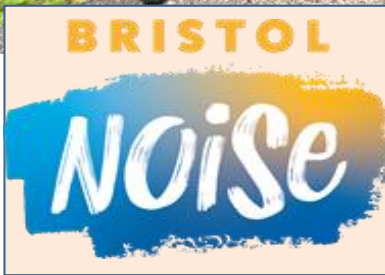
THOSE of you who are able, please would you support Gill when she is licenced in her role as our Church Warden.

We are going to watch the proceedings from Chippenham via a Zoom video link in the comfort of our own church at St Stephens!

The Service starts at 7.30pm, and will conclude by 9pm.

Thank you!

Lots of Noise!



THIS year, St Stephens Church Soundwell took part in 'The Noise' event which happened on Saturday 29th April.

THE NOISE is an opportunity for people to show God's love in practical ways. This includes taking part in the many community tasks and duties on that weekend.

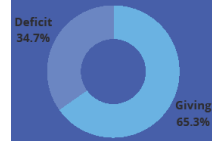
One of our duties was to cut back overgrown hedges and clear brambles from the extensive grounds of a Community Children's Disability Centre in Knowle West. It was an honour and privilege to take part in The Noise this year. We all enjoyed the day and worked well together as a team. Some photos of our day out are shown here! **Regan Meares**



Our Church Financial Health



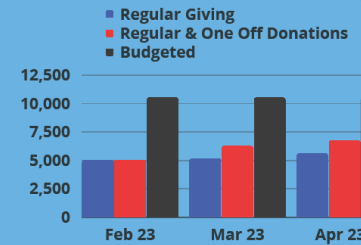
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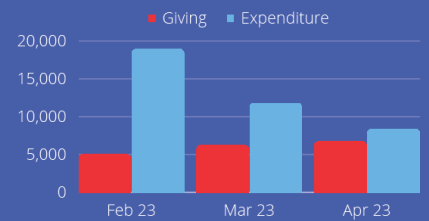
WHAT OUR GIVING NEEDS TO BE £10,500

GIVING RECEIVED £6740

Giving Last 3 Months



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04	Our Vicar Lisa and her family: Paul & Tom	Thomas Brown, Lynn Burton Emma, Ian, Riley & Morgan Clarke Sue Clements, Jackie Clench	Morley Road Mulberry Gardens Mulberry Grove
11	Curate: Regan Meares	Sandra Conway, Maggie Cook Sandy and Lin Cooper Teresa, Robert, Benjy & Jacob Cooper	Narrow Lane Neville Road North View
18	Associate Minister: Sandy Cooper	Marlene Crew, Ruth Crosby Leigh Davey, Iris Davis Ros Davis, Margaret Dodge	Nympsfield Peartree Lane Pembroke Road
25	Lay Minister: Peter Robbins	Margaret Dodge, Dawn Duffin Bob and Nancy Emery, Ken Fox Lynn, Bernard & Brett Francis & Louisa	Penny Lane Phoenix Grove Pinewood

SUNDAYS: 8am BCP Holy Communion on 1st and 3rd Sundays.

10am Community Worship Service

Prayer Ministry is offered after the 10am Service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays or at any other time by request, so do please ask as necessary.

WEDNESDAYS: 10am Service of Holy Communion

JUNE DIARY

01 Thursday(s)	10-11.45am 2-4pm	See & Know in Church Hall then weekly Ladies Group in Church Hall then fortnightly
02 Friday	7pm-9pm	Outburst Youth Group in Church Hall
06 Tuesday(s)	1.30-3.30pm	Knit & Natter weekly in the Church Room
07 Wednesday	11am	Coffee/Chat/Company Turnpike Pub
08 Thursday	2-4pm	Men's Group in Church Room then fortnightly
09 Friday	2-4pm	Pensioner's Group in Church Hall
16 Friday	6.30pm	FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE in Church
29 Thursday	7.30pm	Archdeacon's Visitation (Church Warden Licensing) in Church via Zoom

JULY

02 Sunday	10am	Rev Regan Meares will be Presiding at Holy Communion for the first time
	11.15am	Coffee then Celebration Lunch in Church Hall
08 Saturday	2-4pm	St Stephens SUMMER FAYRE!

Regan's Ordination as Priest

REGAN will be Ordained Priest on **Saturday 1st July 2023** in Bristol Cathedral at 3pm.

IT will be a fabulous occasion! Plus, we are all invited! It will be great if we, his church family, can be there to support him & cheer him on.

A 49-seater coach has been booked for us to be there before the service starts. Meet outside the Church Hall for a 1.30pm departure. It will bring us back after the service after we've had time to congratulate Regan of course.

The cost per person is £8 return, which includes a tip for the driver.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of church – please book your space that way. Payment in advance is preferable as we have to pay the coach company and not the driver. Please give your monies to Lorraine or myself. However, if you need to wait until the day, we can work with that... just let us know in advance.

Then on Sunday 2nd July, Regan will be presiding at the 10am Service of Holy Communion in Church for the first time. After that service there will be a celebration lunch in the Church Hall – you are all welcome.

Thank you! **Lisa** xx

FROM THE REGISTERS

SINCE APRIL 2023

Funerals:

● **MAY 15: Audrey Elizabeth Magee** (91). The celebration of Audrey's life was held at St Stephens Church, Soundwell, followed by the burial at Canford Cemetery.

Please hold Audrey's sons, Kevin and Stephen, Audrey's Grandchildren, their families, the wider family and all Audrey's many friends in your prayers.

● **MAY 24: Bernard Denyer** (94). The celebration of Bernard's life was held at St Stephens Church, Soundwell, followed by the committal at Westerleigh Crematorium.

Please hold Bernard's children, Tina and Paul, their families, the wider family and Bernard's many friends in your prayers.

Baptisms:

● **MAY 07: Ella Kathleen Bennett.** Please hold Ella's Mum and Dad, Cathy and Ryan, big brother, Finley, her Godparents, Amy, Ben and Danielle, and all their family and friends in your prayers.



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