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a community centred on the living Jesus, growing serving
and reaching out in His name.

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February Staff letter

Why the name February? Well apart from it being challenging to spell, February was known in Welsh as 'y mis bach' - the little month with only 28 days in non-leap years. To Saxons the month was known as 'sprout-kale' from the sprouting of cabbage or kale. In Shakespearean England the second month of the year was called 'Feverell', becoming 'Februeer' a hundred years later. The modern name, February, is only about a hundred years old.

Some interesting events have taken place in Februarys of the past. On 4 February 1927, Malcolm Campbell set a new land speed record in his car 'Bluebird' at 174.883mph. Katherine Howard the fifth wife of Henry VIII was beheaded on 13 February 1542. On 15 February 1971 decimal coinage became the currency of Great Britain. Eastenders was first aired on BBC TV on 19 February 1985 and on 28 February 1953, James Watson and Francis Crick decoded the structure of DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) and announced they had "found the secret of life".

February 2 is known as Candlemas, a festival which marks the midpoint of winter, halfway between the shortest day and the spring equinox. For Christians Candlemas marks the 'official' end of the Christmas season which lasted for forty days. The festival commemorates the ritual purification of Mary forty days after the birth of her son Jesus and his presentation in the Temple. Candlemas is so named because it was the day of the year when all the candles, that were to be used in the church during the coming year, were brought into church and a blessing was said over them - so it was the Festival Day (or 'mass') of the Candles. In a pre electricity era candles were vital in a dark world and still today when lit hold a lot of symbolism..

Watson and Crick may have "found the secret of life" in DNA but in Jesus we have found the "the light of life." Months and seasons may come and go but that light is ours forever.

Blessings,
Anne

WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY

Please come to:

Saturday 4	10.00am 3.30pm	Sanctuary Morning at Wick St Lawrence Church Messy Church at Mead Vale Hall
Tuesday 14	2.15pm	Women's Fellowship AGM at Ebenezer Hall
Thursday 16	10.30am	Coffee Morning at the home of Chris and Diane Swatton, 17 Ryecroft Avenue in aid of St Martin's Flower Fund
Saturday 18	10.00am	Mead Vale Coffee Morning with Cake Stall in Mead Vale Hall
Saturday 25	10.00am	Coffee Morning at the home of Grace Rubery, 5A Madam Lane in aid of the Bell Fund

For information:

Wednesday 8	7.15pm	Amnesty International Weston-super-Mare at Salvation Army Hall. Revd John Angle is the speaker.
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Service Times

St Martin's

Sunday: 8am Holy Communion
 Sunday: 10.00am Family Communion
 Sunday: 6pm Service of Healing (1st), Evensong (2nd & 4th), Evening Worship (3rd), Holy Communion & Anointing (5th)

St Mark's

Sunday: 9.30am Prayer Meeting
 Sunday: 10.30am Teaching Service: 1st Sunday
 Holy Communion: 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays
 All Age Worship 3rd Sunday

Mead Vale

Sunday: 10.30am There is a monthly pattern of two Holy Communion services, one Morning Worship service and one All Age Worship service
 2nd Sunday: 6.00pm Ikon Service (Evening Prayer)
 4th Sunday 6.00pm Pub Presence (The Nightjar)

St Lawrence

1st Sunday: 6.00 pm Evening Worship
 2nd Sunday: 10.00 am All age service
 3rd Sunday: 10.00 am Morning Praise with Sunday Club for children
 4th Sunday: 6.00 pm Holy Communion
 5th Sunday: 6.00 pm Songs of Praise

MIDWEEK SERVICES OF HOLY COMMUNION

Wednesdays *9.30am at St. Mark's **Thursdays** 10.00am at St. Martin's
 *First **Wednesday** in the month 10.00am Mead Vale Community Hall

From the Rector

Carol Singing – Team Vicar – Lent Groups - Weddings

Carol Singing – Once again, we were able to bring some Christmas cheer to Worle High Street with carol singing and free hot chestnuts. Leaflets about Christmas services at all of the churches in the Parish of Worle were also given out.



Team Vicar (St Mark's) - Interview 15 December - after prayer and reflection it was concluded that an appointment could not be made. The position will be re-advertised in early February.

Lent Course – ‘A Prayer Pilgrimage through the Parish’. The course will begin on Monday 27 February at Lawrence Road Community Centre, Lawrence Road, introducing our ‘pilgrimage’. Thereafter at Mead Vale on Thursday 8 March, St Mark's on Thursday 15 March, St Martin's on Monday 19 March and Wick St Lawrence on Monday 26 March. The sessions will be at 7.45pm for 8pm start and will end at 9pm.

Weddings – On January 18th in St Martin's Church, we were able to gather half of this years wedding couples (17 couples) together in advance of their wedding, so that we could outline the service, give information about flowers, video, music etc. and offer some guidance for married life over some light refreshments. We have had some encouraging feedback, with many saying how helpful the evening had been. A couple of video clips were shown including one here from License to Wed with Robin Williams as Reverend Frank.



With love
Paul Larcombe

St Lawrence Church, Wick St Lawrence



We had a great turn out for our **Service of Thanksgiving** on Sunday 15th January. For a medium sized rural church it's surprising how much so many do to support the ministry of Wick St Lawrence Church. It was good to be able to celebrate. As part of the service a list was read out of all the roles that are played in the church, this year we were able to name 42 different 'jobs'. Apart from the obvious like readers, welcomers and choir, for 2012 we needed to add hay balers, archivist and mince pie warmers!

This was a good opportunity to present to the wider church community our future plans for **heating the church** more efficiently, which has taken two years to research. We would be grateful for your continued prayers to get this right, this is not a fix for a few years but something to enhance the church for future generations.

For those of you in need of some peace and quiet, our next Sanctuary Morning is on **Saturday 4th February**, from 10 – 12.30pm, refreshments provided. Drop in any time and let God bless you in the stillness. Psalm 62:5 says, "Find rest, O my soul, in God alone."

Worle and Wick Ladies Breakfasts.

In January we enjoyed a fascinating talk from retired Archdeacon Judith Rose who shared her inspiring story of becoming the first female Archdeacon in England with much humour.

Our next breakfast will be on Saturday 10th March 8am at St Martin's Church, hosted by ladies from Wick when we'll be joined by Councillor Ros Willis.

Future breakfast dates are: May 12th at St Mark's, September 8th at Mead Vale (venue tbc)

St Mark's Church



Church Walk

On 2nd January a group from St Mark's braved the wind and rain at Brean Down to take part in a church walk. We began by sharing a meal together at a local pub and then drove to Brean to start the walk. All enjoyed this healthy and invigorating way to begin the year.



A Year of Change

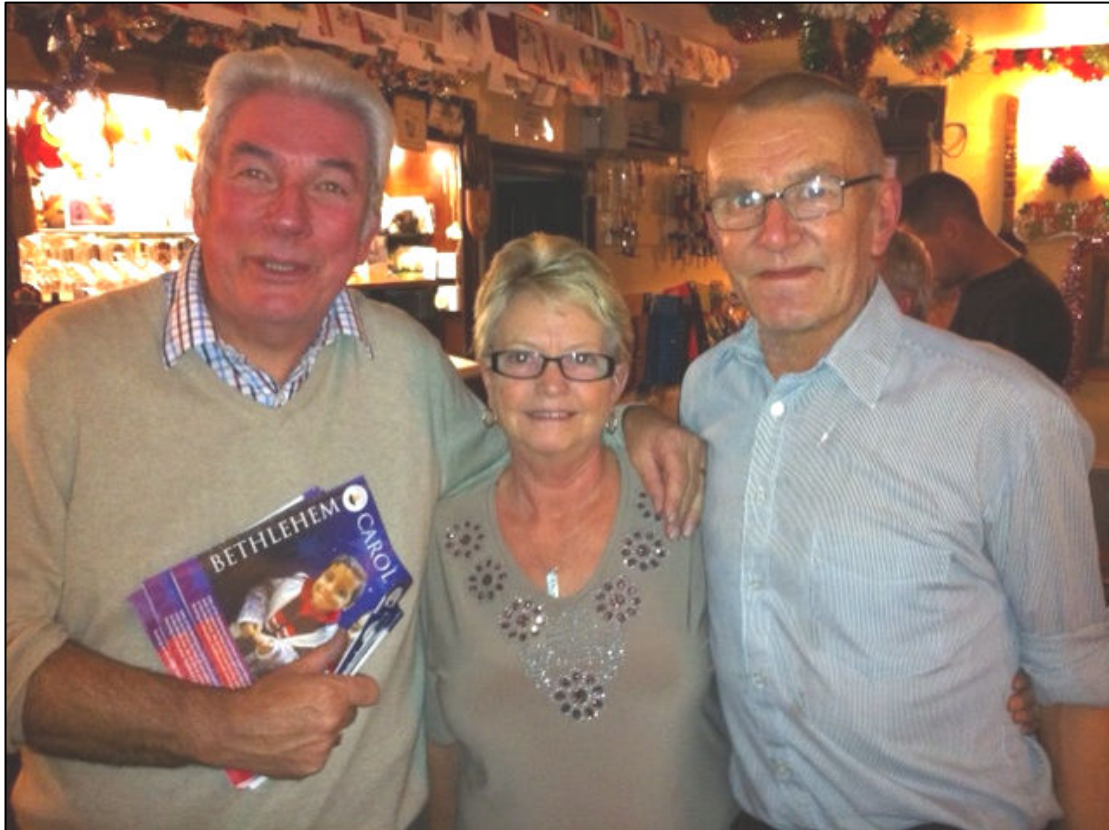
Looking ahead there is the ongoing search to find a new minister for St Mark's. Please support us with your prayers as we seek to follow God's will during the appointment process. This is an exciting time and it is good to see the church being blessed during the interregnum. The growth in the number of children and their families is particularly welcome.

Colin Guichard

St Martin's Church



Carol Singing at The Lamb – It's been traditional to sing carols at The Maltings and then move on to The Lamb. However, it was a bit more special this year as it's likely to be John and Sue's last year at The Lamb.



Christmas Services – Along with the other churches, we had a great turnout for our Christmas services and were able to welcome many members of the community. Carols by Candlelight was very well attended, and the Crib Service was a full house again. On Christmas Day the Rector excitedly opened some Christmas presents from 'lady admirers' - Miss Take, Miss Fitt, Miss Match - but almost missed the most important gift all - the gift of Jesus

St. Martin's Fellowship - St. Martin's Women's Fellowship is changing. From March 2012 it will be known as St. Martin's Fellowship and will be open to ladies and gentlemen from our four churches. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month (except March and August, when we are in Church) in Ebenezer Hall, Lawrence Road, Worle at 2.15pm with a wide range of topics. Look out for a poster on your noticeboard each month giving details. We look forward to welcoming you at our meetings.

Mead Vale Church



We had a wonderful Christmas at Mead Vale Church, celebrating the birth of Jesus in many ways. Carols in the pub and a great nativity that the children put on for us on Christmas Eve, based on the story “the owl and the star”.

During Christmas week there was a Mead Vale Community Christmas Fayre, organised by Ann Withers. Sadly Ann died on the 4th January. Ann did a tremendous amount in the community and for other people, she will be greatly missed by her family and the many other people who knew her. The Christmas Fayre was an opportunity for us to open up the Community Centre and offer refreshments and fellowship, which was well received as the weather was dreadful! We even had a visit from the Mayor!

ADVENT COURSE - During Advent we met as a Church family every Monday evening for an hour to think, talk and pray about the real meaning of Christmas. It was good to step out of the busyness and be with each other in the presence of God. We would like to thank St Mark’s Church for the use of their Chancel for our meeting.

MESSY CHURCH In December Messy Church joined us for our Christingle service which was preceded by a delicious breakfast cooked by Maggie. The children made Christingles, we had prayer stations and a great time of fellowship together whilst raising a good sum of money for the great work of The Children’s Society. We are very blessed at Mead Vale Church to have such a committed Messy Church team which we thank God for but we are looking for more help, so do please prayerfully consider if this may be for you and contact Emma for more details. **Our next Messy Church is Saturday 4th February 3.30pm – 5.30pm at the Mead Vale Community Centre.**

In January we had our Epiphany party when we celebrated the Magi visiting Jesus. We had a super bring and share meal, and fun and games for all the family, a great time was had by all and we even got a picture of ourselves in the Mercury!

On behalf of us all at Mead Vale Church I pray that your 2012 is peaceful and joyful. Emma.

From the Registers



Baptisms in St. Martin's

God has received you by baptism into His Church

22 January

Alfred Peter Crosby

Isaac George Crosby

Baptisms in St. Lawrence

8 January

Ben Owen

Katherina Kidd

Janette Millard



Thanksgiving in St. Mark's

29th January

Reuben Dillon Taylor

Funerals in December

Rebecca Jane Heide

aged 40

Beatrice Elsmore

aged 94



Funerals in January

Mary Adele Collard

aged 11

Philip Miles Read

aged 72

Valentine John Beacham

aged 85

Prayer for February

Today let my spirit stay far from loneliness.

Let me discover the richness found in solitude,

appreciate the quiet times for prayer,

feel contentment in my aloneness.

If my thoughts should turn to loneliness today,

let me find the courage to reach out to others.

Let me give thanks for the good parts of my life,

accept the lonely times,

change what needs changing to find peace of mind.

Lord help me to remember that I am never truly alone

for you are always here with me.



USEFUL LOCAL DETAILS

Citizens Advice Bureau, Badger Centre, 3-6 Wadham Street.....836200
 Opening: Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri 10.00am - 3pm

CVS—W-s-M Council for Voluntary Services,
 Room 6, Roselawn, 28 Walliscote Grove Road,..... 631169

Community Association Contacts in Worle:

Lawrence Road Community Centre: Mrs. J.C.M. Thompson.....515681
 Mead Vale Community Centre, Redwing Drive,; Paddy Payne.....513653
 Preatnes Green Resource Centre 9.30am-1.30pm529733

Doctors Surgeries

Dr R J B Bowering & Partners:
 Riverbank Medical Centre, Walford Avenue, North Worle,
 Weston-super-Mare BS22 7YZ.....521133

Dr M H Pimm & Partner:
 The Cedars Surgery, 87 New Bristol Road, Worle.
 Weston-super-Mare BS22 6AJ.....515878

Dr N D Patel
 The Village Surgery, Hill Road East, Worle
 Weston-super-Mare BS22 9HF..... 516671

Worle Health Centre, High Street, Worle BS22 6HB..... 522422

Pharmacies:

See local chemists rota for late night opening but Milton Pharmacy,
 260 Milton Road is open Monday 8am till Thursday 8pm 24 Hours,
 Friday 8am to 8pm, Saturday 8am to 2pm and Sunday closed. Tel: 413100

Samaritans call any time.....632555

Waste Disposal Tip, Herluin Way.....419447
 Sat 9.00am—4.00pm; Mon—Fri 8.00am—4.30pm Sunday 9.00am - 4.00pm

North Somerset Town Hall WSM.....888888

Worle Library, High Street.....426090
 Open: Mon, Thurs 9.30am—7.30pm
 Tues, Wed, Friday 9.30—5.30pm, 1st Wed in month 11.00am opening
 Saturday 9.30am—4.00pm
 Mobile Library Service.....426010

Guide District Commissioners

Worle District: Ann MacDonald.....642053
 Moira Wilmot..... 521980
 Milton District: Liz Griffiths624366
 Priory District: Andrea Drury..... 515208
 Sue Cox.....515913

Scout & Cub contact numbers for Worle and Wick St Lawrence

1st North Worle - Carol Pepper.....511459
 2nd Worle - Marion Hillcok.....521021
 District Secretary- Ann Coombes.....513699
 1st Wick St Lawrence Beavers and Cubs.....520802

WORLE PARISH - ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

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Colin Guichard 521792

Parish Administrator Liz Winter

Parish Office: Monday to Friday 9.00am-12 noon and Tuesday 7.00pm-8.00pm Tel: 515922

Baptisms & Weddings - Come to The Parish Office between 9-12noon Monday to Friday or Tuesday Evening 7-8pm

Church Schools

St. Mark's Primary (V.A.) School.....	Tel: 513008
St. Martin's Junior (V.C.) School.....	Tel: 628651
St. Georges Primary (V.A) School.....	Tel: 426901

WHAT'S ON AT ST MARKS

Weddings and Baptisms... Come to The Parish Office during normal parish office hours.

Home Groups Midweek adult fellowship and study....
Enid Wills 512677 Colin Guichard 521792

Sunday Morning Teaching Groups for ages 0-13....

Young People during the week....

- Rainbows: Weds 4.30pm-5.30pm (Julia Watt 420422)
- Brownies Mondays and Wednesdays (Sue Cox 515913)
- Daily Playgroup (515922)
- Guides on Wednesday (Lynn Plumley 511909)
- Thursday Parents & Toddlers (Ann Payne 622245)

Lettings.....
The Parish Office 515922 (Liz Winter)

WHATS ON AT ST MARTIN'S

Choir..... Richard Lennox 07710788911

Church Cleaning Guild.

Flowers..... Diane Swatton 513111

Handbells..... Jenny Thompson 521570

Housegroups..... Midweek adult fellowship and study.....Robin Vincent 517425,
Joan McCarthy 510780, Margaret Mearthur 414648

Social Events..... Diane Swatton 513111

Bellringers..... Jim Lambard 514004

Women's Fellowship..... Olwen Brodhurst 512736

Toddler Group..... Juliet Board 524945

Children's Activities Every Sunday during 10.00am Service.....Anne Farmer 515610

WHAT'S ON AT MEAD VALE

Life Groups.... Greg Webster 519406 Penny Devereux 511140

Coffee Morning.... Wednesdays 10.30am in the Nightjar / 3rd Saturday in every month
Mead Vale Community Centre 10.00am

Messy Church 1st Saturday of the month 3.30pm - 5.30pm Families welcome

COSMIC.... Sunday morning groups for children

Lettings Contact for hall Paddy Payne 513653

WHAT'S ON AT ST. LAWRENCE

Open Church During daylight hours the church is open for anyone seeking a sanctuary of peace and quiet

Bellringers Paul Tomlinson 515853

Choir & Youth Choir Elizabeth Glen 832283

Sunday Club Sunday morning group for children. Contact Revd. Anne Farmer 515610