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Save the Date

A Farewell Party for **David and Ann Howard** will take place
in the Village Hall on Friday 14th October.

More details to follow.

The Churchwarden team

Worton and Marston Christian Aid Week collection 2016

The total given this year amounted to £653.66. There will be some gift aid arising from this also. Many thanks to all who contributed to this fine total and very grateful thanks also to all collectors.

Tony Walker
Coordinator for Christ Church

Worton and Marston Open gardens and church

The open gardens and church weekend proved a great success. People were drawn from far and wide to see a huge range of beautiful gardens and the amazing displays in church.

The weather, though not sunny, was basically dry and everyone who visited seemed greatly impressed with what our villages had put on.

The weekend was the result of much hard work by many people, in their gardens and in the church before the day, and then by a small army of people guiding, serving refreshments, manning stalls, marshalling, moving furniture etc. on the days.

Christ Church raised around £1,200 and Nick is reporting elsewhere in the Bridge on the amount given to Dorothy House. The whole weekend was a great testament to the ability of these communities to put on a very special event. There are so many thanks due to so many people it is impossible to name them all. It is right just to mention Nick and Joy Stokes who masterminded the whole event and put in hours and hours of hard work.

Many thanks to all involved for a superb event.

David Howard

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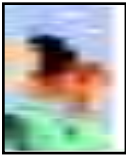
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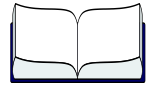


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Letter from the Vicarage



What can you believe these days? As I write the EU referendum is nearly upon us, and both sides are prophesying doom and gloom. We are told there may be war and economic chaos if we leave; the country overrun with immigrants and the NHS falling apart if we stay. The truth is, of course, that everyone overstates their case to make a point.

It is the same with the Church of England.

Several newspapers recently reported the latest survey on faith in Britain. For the first time ever, the number of people describing themselves as having “no religion” has exceeded the number who self-identify as Christian. Just 15 years ago, almost three-quarters of us still regarded ourselves as Christian, now only 44% do. By contrast, 48% regard themselves as non-believers. Some commentators prophesy doom and gloom for the Church in England.

So what has happened?

First, the number of ‘cultural’ Christians has collapsed. These are people who would have described themselves as Christian even though they never attended a church, and often didn’t even believe. Now they are prepared to be honest. Is that a bad thing? I don’t think so. Second, the survey measures the attitude to organised religion. We have become a nation of ‘non-joiners’ who do not like organisations, including the Church. There are lots of people who think ‘Christian’ equals ‘Church’. They would still like to follow Jesus but have no time for the Church as it is.

Nevertheless, we have to face the fact that the Church is not in brilliant shape in the UK today. So is that another reason for doom and gloom?

G.K. Chesterton once reflected that, “On five occasions in history the Church has gone to the dogs, but on each occasion it was the dogs that died.” This may be occasion six, but the Church will flourish again for one simple reason – it is the Body of Christ here on earth and God will not let that body die.

On Easter Day 1800 only six people took communion in St Paul’s cathedral. The church was in the middle of a dire crisis. Churches were empty, scepticism was on the rise but the Church bounced back. Why? Partly because the mood of the nation changed, but chiefly because God inspired His people into dedicated missionary work. Jesus said to His friends before He was taken in to heaven; “All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples”. That is the primary task of Christians and I believe more and more are responding to the challenge.

Anyone who thinks the Christian Church is finished in this nation should think again. Jesus still has authority, and once again the sceptics will be proved wrong as his Church moves forward in his strength and power.

David Howard 01380 723189
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SERVICE CALENDAR

July

July

Sun 3rd TRINITY 6
8.00am CHRIST CHURCH
Holy Communion
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Family Service
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Rev David Ellis

Sun 24th TRINITY 9
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Parish Communion
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Rev Gary Gotham
Holy Communion

Sun 10th TRINITY 7
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Parish Communion
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Rev David Coppard

Sun 31st TRINITY 10
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
No Service (The final service
of Holiday Club will be on
Marston Green at 4.00pm)
4.00pm *Joint Open Air Service*
on Marston Green

Sun 17th TRINITY 8
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Matins
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
No Service at Marston Chapel
(Area Service)

August

Sun 7th TRINITY 11
8.00am CHRIST CHURCH
Holy Communion
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Family Service
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Local Arrangement

There was one Funeral at Christ Church during April and May 2016
for Gary Charles Jefferies.

Visit the church website: www.christchurchworton.org.uk

CHURCH ROTAS

Sidesmen – July 2016

Sun 3 rd	8.00am	Mr R Shercliff	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Mrs J Mason, Mrs M Armand-Smith	Family Service
Sun 10 th	9.30am	Mr T Harwood, Mr T Brewer	Parish Communion
Sun 17 th	9.30am	Mrs A Cross, Mr R Boyns	Matins
Sun 24 th	9.30am	Mrs M Boyns, Mr P Witcher	Parish Communion
Sun 31 st	9.30am	No Service	

Sidesmen – August 2016

Sun 7 th	8.00am	Mrs J Buckley	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Mrs S Courth, Mr L Courth	Family Service

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**Church
Flowers**

July 3 rd	Mrs Brierley	Mrs Collins	Mrs P Wright
July 10 th	Mrs F Smith	Mrs J Wright	Mrs M Brewer
July 17 th	Mrs Francis	Mrs Mason	Mrs L Phillips
July 24 th	Mrs Walker	Mrs Lane	Mrs A Darling
July 31 st	Mrs Puckle Hobbs	Mrs Brierley	Mrs S Horn

Church Cleaning

July 2 nd	Mrs Walker	Mrs Brewer
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and for June were:

Tracey Mitchell £50 and Paul Stephenson £10.

It is not too late to join this lottery. There are still nine more chances to win. To join just put your name, address and phone number in an envelope addressed to Veronica Franklin with £12 and pop it through the letter box at 11 Gaisford Chase, Worton.

Veronica Franklin (Chair)

JULY BOOK SWAP



Saturday 9th July
10.00am - 12 noon
at Koru, 125 High Street, Worton
(hosted by Phyl Martin)



Advance notice:
Saturday 13th August
at Westview House, 109 High Street, Worton
(hosted by Sally Collins)

WORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Last year Worton Parish Council carried out a survey covering a wide range of subjects. One of the things it identified was that only a small proportion of the village's young people attended the local school or toddler group.

Worton Parish Council has given its support in principle to the opening of a small children's nursery in Whatleys, to enhance the village facilities.

If you have any questions or points of interest you are welcome to attend the next Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm on 4th July in the Village Hall.

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A Message from Richard Gamble Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

Do you want some good news for a change?

Wiltshire has a thriving and growing economy. Only 0.6% of the working age population is claiming Job Seekers Allowance, which is about half the national figure. Not bad, I'd say!

Schools are doing well. Over 90% of our children are being educated in schools that are rated Good or Outstanding by Ofsted, which puts Wiltshire very nearly at the top of the national list. The proportion of students getting GCSE Grade A*-C including English & Maths is well above the national average.

Another positive point is that, on average, men and women in Wiltshire live in good health for longer than those in other parts of England. But when more of us reach old age we may need more help. Wiltshire Council's Adult Care Services have supported 26,483 individuals between April 2015 and March 2016. This includes residents who received both long term and short term support. Help to live at home is designed to help people who are frail, sick or disabled live at home for as long as it is safe and it helps people to continue to look after themselves in their own home. To help the environment, waste diverted from landfill continues to exceed the target of 75%. Landfill = Bad. Recycling = Good. Please keep it up!

Less happily, the number of incidents of fly-tipping increased by 22% over the year. Actions to reduce the number of incidents include increased camera surveillance and increased joint working operations with the Police to intercept waste which is being transported illegally. In addition, the Council will make full use of the new fixed penalty notice (introduced in May 2016) as an added deterrent to would-be fly tippers.

Support for local communities last year came in the form of grants from Area Boards, which totalled £1.7 million, supporting 1,038 local projects. For every £1 of grants an additional £4.53 was leveraged from other sources so the total investment in Wiltshire communities totalled over £5.7 million.

To know more about the County statistics go to <http://services.wiltshire.gov.uk/CitzDash/CitizenDashboard/MainReports>

The next Devises Area Board meets in West Lavington Village Hall on 11th July at 6.30pm. All are welcome, so come!

You may contact me about this or any other matter by email to richard.gamble@wiltshire.gov.uk or by phone on 07762 018209



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Details of time and how to book your place/tables in the August Bridge.
Jean Lane



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25th – 29th July 10.00 – 12.00

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Keep the date



Loo 'Lympics Entry Form

Saturday 16th July, Rose & Crown, Worton, 4pm for 4.30pm start

10 toilet themed games suitable for all fitness levels and abilities. Team competition, maximum of 6 players per team. Put your best player forward for each game. Points awarded for each game, winning team is one with most points at the end of all 10 games. Play your joker on one game to double the points for that game.

Games: not necessarily played in this order

Track	Field
1. Game of Thrones Musical chairs, of a sort Fitness level: A bit Skill: Tactical	6. Toilet Brush Coits No explanation needed Fitness level: Not much Skill: Below Average
2. Bog Rolling Loo roll dribbling Fitness level: Ussain Bolt Skill: Beckham	7. Down the Drain Splat the Rat with a difference! Fitness level: None Skill: Timing
3. Go Potty Egg & spoon style Fitness level: MAMIL Skill: Steady hand	8. Flushed Away Apple bobbing but with poo! (No, it's not real!) Fitness level: Sloth Skill: Anybody's guess
4. Squat Off Who can do the most squats in a minute? Fitness level: Strong thighs Skill: None	9. Pee Shooter How many peas can you get in the bowl? Fitness level: Good lungs Skill: Some
5. Poo Sticks It's nothing like Poo Sticks! Fitness level: 3 legged donkey Skill: Average	10. Turdlywinks Tiddlywinks renamed! Fitness level: Couch potato Skill: Good aim

Now you've read about the games, fill in the below and return to Jo Banks at 76 High St, Worton or Chris Johnson, 10 Gaisford Chase, Worton by 30th June along with your £10 entry fee

Team Name:

Team Members:

Name	Name	Name

Contact Details:

Don't forget to make a Joker to bring along on the day. All the better if it's toilet themed!

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Loo 'Lympics

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Where: Rose & Crown, Worton

When: Saturday, July 16, 2016

Time: 4pm for 4.30pm start for games

What: Max of 6 players per team (all ages welcome), £10 per team

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If you want to get involved and make a monster, let us know.

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Get in touch with Chris Johnson on 01380 720580 or Jo Banks on 01380 726658 if you want to find out more.



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**Marston Parish and Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 31st May 2016**

Philip Salaman chaired the meetings attended by 15 parishioners.

Broadband update: The upgraded cabinet is now in place awaiting final connection. To access faster speeds you will need to contact your ISP.

Speed Limit: The poles are now positioned and are awaiting the signs. For everyone’s safety please adhere to the new limits.

Solar Park Funding: Requests for funding have been received from Five Lanes and Holy Trinity Schools. After we have received more detailed costings, MPC will decide whether to offer support.

ROW10: Our grass cutting contractor will be asked to strim the verges. Paul Millard will be asked to spray weeds coming through the Tarmac. The Environment Agency has agreed to look into the breach at Horse Lane.

**The next meeting of MPC will be held
at 7.30pm on the 26th July 2016 in the Chapel**

Flower Show

Saturday 3rd September

The schedules are now available from any committee member:

Sally Brooks 698969

Jeff Stocks 726845

Bill Francis 739986

Joy Stokes 698319

Ian Hailstone 698417

Heather Walker 725785

If you have any problems getting one, please give one of us a call and we will get one to you.

A reminder of photographic classes:

Adult Section:

- 1. Early Morning
- 2. Clouds
- 3. Pollinators

Under 16s (as at 31st August)

- 1. Tree bark
- 2. A spider's web
- 3. Around the pond

Heather Walker for Flower Show Committee

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Recreation grounds – draining works -

The Council are concerned that the Sandleaze play area is waterlogged, and have decided that land drains will be installed. Please be aware that the play area will be closed for up to 4 days at short notice in the next few weeks.

C20 – speedwatch and working with other councils -

The Council is concerned about speeds and safety on the C20 road from Worton to Seend, and continues to work with surrounding parishes to improve road safety. We were recently informed of an accident on this road, and it is important that other accidents are reported to us if possible please. This will then help us to build up a picture of the issues on the road. Cllr Whitehead, the Wiltshire Council portfolio holder for Highways will attend the next Worton Parish Council meeting.

Debris – falling over -

Recently a resident of Worton fell over on leaves and debris on the pavement in the village and damaged her ribs. The leaves and debris had come from overhanging vegetation from the property next to the pavement. All residents are reminded of their obligations to keep their trees and hedges under control where they overhang the public pavements, foot paths and highway, and clear up cuttings and gravel which may spread from driveways onto the public paths.

Vacancy for Parish Councillor -

Following the resignation of Cathie Simpson from the Council, there is a vacancy. The Council is grateful for Cathie for her calm strong leadership on the neighbourhood plan, and look forward to hearing from anyone interested in being a councillor. Please contact the Clerk.

Parish Council will now be meeting in the Village Hall -

The Parish Council decided at its last meeting that it will be meeting in the Village Hall from now on. Meetings start at 7.30 on the first Monday of the month except August (no meeting) and January (2nd Monday) the next meeting is Monday 4th July.

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Worton and Marston Gardening Club



Annual Barbecue

Our annual barbecue will take place on Monday 18th July from 6-30 p.m. onwards. Our hosts are Joy and Nick Stokes. We hope for a fine evening so we can enjoy their garden at 1, Sandlease Court Worton.

Please bring along a salad or a pudding. The cost is £4 per person. The event is open to all gardening club members and their guests.

There will be no meeting in August and don't forget the Flower Show will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday 3rd September, doors open at 2-30 pm.

Dot Francis
Programme Secretary
Worton & Marston Gardening Club

This year's programme is available via e mail from
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Five Lanes Women's Institute

Unfortunately, illness prevented me from attending our May meeting. The speaker was presenting the Life and Crimes of Jack the Ripper, and I am assured that it was very good.

For June, we went on a day trip (well, an afternoon visit) to Iford Manor, near Bradford on Avon. The weather did not look pleasant when we set out. However, by the time we arrived, the sun had decided to come out. It was very pleasant walking around the garden. It had many unusual features, such as Romanesque sculptures. The buildings were originally industrial but over time, alleyways were incorporated and a Georgian façade put on. After our tour, we were treated to tea and cake - the perfect way to end such a nice day.

For our July meeting, we are staying outside for our "garden meeting", hosted by one of our members. Directions will be supplied with your WI magazine. We will start at 7pm on Tuesday, July 12th, to make good use of the nice weather (hopefully!).

Jane Loveys, President

Worton & Marston Family of Churches

Annual Drive In Service on Marston Green



Sunday July 31st at 4.00 pm

We invite you all to join us for what is always a very special occasion. Like last year, this will be the final service of the Holiday Club, with some of the team taking part.

Enjoy a barbeque with us after, salads and bread provided; **please bring your own food to cook, and whatever you like to drink, and also a chair.**

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U7	Medals for each team member			
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U9	Sam L.	Oscar C.	Joseph P.	
Blacks				
U12	Charlie S.	Josh B.	Robert S.	
U13	Sammie J.	Jacob D.	Josh H.	
U15	Jack C.	James S.	Ed C.	

MORE PLAYERS WANTED: The Club are now open for new members in all age groups (Boys and Girls) to start in September, with the following age group teams to participate in the various area Leagues and contact details (*age groups = Under 6 on 31 August of 2016*):

Reception Year + Under 6:	Mark Goddard: 01380-813160
Under 7:	Mark (temporary)
Under 8:	Sharon Black: 01380-818193
Under 9:	Mark Goddard – above
Under 10: 2 teams	Dave Kiddle:07843-678781 + Pete Crozier
Under 11:	Andy Duckett (temporary): 07970-028330
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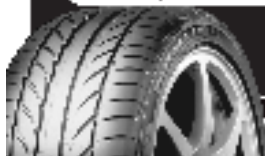
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We are delighted to report that the Open Gardens and Church Exhibition attracted several hundred visitors over the two days despite the lack of summer sunshine. As a result, we were able to raise some £3k from a combination of garden charges, refreshments, activities in Church Lane, donations in church and sponsorship. £1750 will be presented to our main charity, Dorothy House, and the remainder will go to Church Funds.

Thanks again to everybody who played a part in any way; these events are only successful if people come forward to support them.

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WORTON & MARSTON LADIES GROUP

We had a very interesting talk at our meeting in May by Yvonne Brinton who is a Community Fundraiser for Dorothy House. She was able to give us an insight into the work and help given to the community. It was also nice to see two visitors join us for the evening.

On the 8th June seven of our members went to see “Sister Act” which was performed in St Mary’s Church Devizes by the TITCO Company, a very enjoyable evening.

Unfortunately our planned meeting for lunch at Trowbridge College on Wednesday 29th June has been cancelled due to student’s exams. We will now meet in the Village Hall at 8pm when our speaker will be from the Alzheimer Society.

Our July meeting on Wednesday 27th will be a talk by Alan Truscott a collector of Blue China, all to meet 8pm Village Hall.

Hostesses for July: Joy Stokes & Pat Barton

Pam Woods

This year’s **Edington Music Festival** takes place in Edington Priory Church from **Sunday 21st** through to **Sunday 28th August**. Its theme is “**The Seven Ages of Man**”, as described by William Shakespeare in “As You Like It”, a link to the Bard’s 400th Anniversary.

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The Wednesday Choral Evensong will be broadcast live by BBC Radio 3 as usual (at 3.30pm), and the Festival Musical Supper is on Wednesday 24th August.

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(sent in by MK)

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Regular Meetings

In the Village Hall

- **Gardening Club**
3rd Monday 8.00pm (not Aug /Dec)
- **Ladies Group**
Last Wednesday (not Aug/Dec)
- **Women's Institute**
2nd Tuesday 7.45pm
- **Worton Toddler Group**
Wednesday 10.00 am—Noon
- **1st Worton & Marston Brownies**
Every Tuesday
- **Potterne Rainbows** (term time)
Tuesday 4.45-5.45pm
- **Worton Parish Council Meeting**
1st Monday (not Aug) or as shown on
notice boards

In the Chapel at Marston

- **Marston Parish Council Meeting**
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Various Venues

Announced Monthly

- **Book Swap**
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- 16th Loo 'Lympics
- 18th Gardening Club
- 27th Ladies Group meeting

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