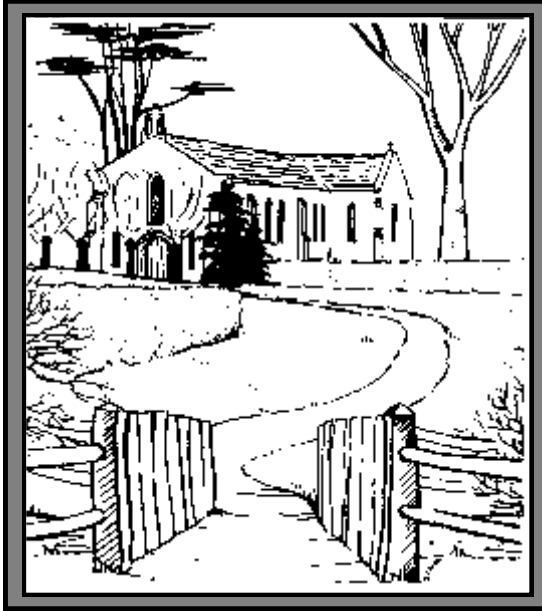



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Many congratulations to Worton Dressage rider **Anne Dunham, MBE**, who has won two individual silver medals and one team gold medal in the Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro, taking her career tally to 10 medals over five different Games.

Quizzine

Thank you once again to everyone concerned in making the Quizzine evening last month such an entertaining night. The food was delicious, the quiz challenging and the company fun. We are fortunate to enjoy such events in our local community.

Many thanks.

The Fisherman's Friends

Visit of the Bishop



The Bishop of Salisbury will be our guest at Christ Church on 9th October. He is coming to lead the service which will be the final event of our 175th anniversary celebrations.

The service will be at 9.30am as usual, and the congregation of St Mary's will come to Worton that day. Please take this as your invitation if you would like to join us.

Have you missed the “**Coffee, Cake and Chat**”, at Christ Church? Please join us on Saturday, November 26th, between 10:30am and midday. Watch out for more details in the November Bridge.

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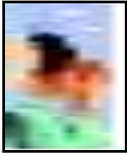
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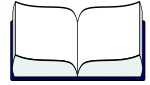


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Letter from the Vicarage



November will be the last letter I write in the parish magazines. This month I want to look back and next month look forward.

We moved here in 2004 from a large Midlands parish. Ann and I were excited about getting back to the country where we naturally belong, but we came with a reluctant thirteen year old daughter who did not want to leave her friends. It is testimony to these villages that all of us, Sarah included, so quickly felt at home.

I am often asked the question: what for a Vicar are the biggest differences between town and country ministry? I think there are two. First is the distribution of work. For example, in the city we had many more funerals and weddings and a much larger congregation. That meant a constant pressure on time, with endless appointments. However, on a Sunday there were only ever two services which was an easier load than here. Second is the way people view 'the Vicar'. In the city I was fairly anonymous; on a day off, a tee shirt and jeans meant that hardly anyone knew who I was. The Vicar in the city was like the dentist or doctor – someone you only want to see when you need his services. In the country the Vicar is at least recognised by almost everyone, and is therefore always to an extent on duty.

So what did we find when we arrived here?

Lovely villages, beautiful countryside, an amazing house and garden and, above all else, wonderful people. Countryside and houses are all well and good, but you know as well as me, it is people who make or break any neighbourhood.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege for us to be members of these villages for the past twelve years. We found here vibrant and welcoming communities. It was good to give up

the anonymity of city life and feel we were once more in a situation where people by and large knew and cared for one another. That, for me, is one of the most important memories I shall cherish. Someone at a Worton and Marston newcomers' party told me they knew more people here after six months than they did in their last village after ten years; that is a sign of a healthy and warm community.

In the Christian congregations particularly (that is after all where the Vicarage family begin their work) we were embraced with a joy and friendliness which was striking and genuine. That warmth and openness characterises the churches here. It has been remarked upon by many who have come to church for a variety of reasons; to hear banns read, for baptisms, people moving in, visitors.

A basic human need is to be in a place where we belong and are valued. Jesus drew a community around him and showed them by word and action how much God loved and cared for each of them. At the last meal they shared together Jesus gave His disciples a simple command – 'love one another; as I have loved you so you must love each other'.

That has to be at the heart of all Christian communities and we give thanks that in our village churches that love is very much to the fore. Why not come and discover it for yourself, you will find a warm welcome.

David Howard 01380 723189
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SERVICE CALENDAR

October

Sun 2nd TRINITY 19
 8.00am CHRIST CHURCH
 Holy Communion
 9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
 Family Service
 6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Rev Gary Gotham
Harvest Festival

Sun 9th TRINITY 20
 9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
 Parish Communion
 The Bishop of Salisbury will officiate
 at the closing Service of the
 Christ Church 175th Anniversary
 programme. This will be a joint
 Service with St Mary's, Potterne.
 6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Local Arrangement

Sun 16th TRINITY 21
 9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
 Matins
 6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Rev Simon Edwards

October

Sun 23rd BIBLE SUNDAY
 9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
 Parish Communion
 6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Rev Gary Gotham
Holy Communion

Sun 30th 4 BEFORE ADVENT
 9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
 No Service at Christ Church today.
 We join with St Mary's at Potterne
 for the final joint Service before
 David's retirement, commencing
 at 10.00am
 6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Local Arrangement

November

Sun 6th 3 BEFORE ADVENT
 8.00am CHRIST CHURCH
 Holy Communion
 9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
 Family Service
 6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
No Service. The Area Service is at
St Andrew's Devizes at 10.30am

There were two weddings at Christ Church during the month of August; Graham
 Stickley married Kirsty House and Simon Drewitt married Alison Roberts.

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

CHURCH ROTAS

Sidesmen – October 2016

Sun 2 nd	8.00am	Mr R Shercliff	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Mrs M Boyns, Mr T Harwood	Family Service
Sun 9 th	9.30am	Mrs S Courth, Mr L Courth	Parish Communion
Sun 16 th	9.30am	Mrs J Mason, Mrs A Pratt	Matins
Sun 23 rd	9.30am	Mrs J Buckley, Mr M Lewis	Parish Communion
Sun 30 th		No Service at Christ Church Joint Service is at St Mary's Potterne at 10.00am	

Sidesmen – November 2016

Sun 6 th	8.00am	Mr R Shercliff	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Mrs S Nixon, Mr T Walker	Family Service

	Altar Flowers	Brass Cleaning	Church Flowers
October 2 nd	Mrs Francis	Mrs Collins	Mrs J Mason
October 9 th	Mrs Brewer	Mrs Lane	Mrs L Phillips
October 16 th	Mrs Walker	Mrs J Wright	Mrs P Woods
October 23 rd	Mrs Smith	Mrs Mason	Mrs P Wright
October 30 th	Mrs Puckle Hobbs	Mr Collins	Mrs M Brewer

Church Cleaning

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Christ Church PCC Meeting

The Parochial Church Council of Christ Church met on Thursday 1st September and discussed the following:

1. The exhibition in Christ Church to celebrate the 175th Anniversary of its consecration had been a great success and profound thanks were expressed to Joy Stokes who had organised it all.
2. Thanks were also expressed to Eddie Pennell, who does such a superb job in keeping the churchyard tidy. It is admired by so many visitors and comments are often made in the Visitors Book about it.
3. There has been a good response to the appeal to renew the funding of Steve Dewar's youth work. This has depended up to now on the original large donations and, whilst further generous sums have recently been pledged, the on-going work requires the certainty of regular income. Many people have signed up to donate a regular amount each month and forms are in church for anyone else who wants to contribute. No matter how small the amount, it all helps to enable this important work, which is so appreciated by the young people who benefit from it, to continue.
4. Steps are in hand to ensure the continuing publication of this parish magazine. It has relied for years on the dedicated support of many people, not all of them churchgoers, and seems to be appreciated by most people in the villages. The PCC is committed to providing the resources to enable it to continue.
5. Work is progressing on the job application for the new vicar. This gives us the exciting opportunity to plan for the future growth of Church of England worship in this community, following on from the good work of David and Ann. There is a clear need for adding a spiritual dimension to the sterile materialism of this consumer age and the CofE needs to play its part in providing this. We intend to recruit someone who will continue to do this!
6. The arrangements for providing our usual service pattern each month are in hand and most, if not all, will continue as before, during the interregnum.

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A reminder that there will be a **farewell party** for **David and Ann Howard** in the Village Hall on **Friday 14th October at 7pm.**

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Many thanks,

Margaret Armand-Smith: 01380 - 729248

Jean Lane: 01380 - 722069

Heather Walker: 01380 - 725785

What's happening on the Farm!

After a very busy summer I am writing and submitting my article on time for once! Since I last wrote, silage making has been done, and haymaking is completed, as is harvest. The straw this year was not rained on so we have both golden barley and wheat straw. It's a massive improvement on last year's black and dusty wheat straw. It's only used for bedding the cattle down with during the winter months but it is nice to look in the barns and to see the cattle on nice golden straw.

We have been as busy as ever calving in the dairy heifers over the past three months. Father estimates that 75 per cent of the heifers that have calved, have calved during the night. We calve our dairy heifers all year round not just during the spring and summer months as was traditionally the case many years ago. Most of our customers supply various supermarkets with milk, which means they are on a level milk profile; in English this means they have to supply the same amount of milk each month because each supermarket knows how much milk they will need. If our customers fall behind on their milk production they are penalised (money deducted from their pence per litre), therefore they come to us to buy more dairy cattle to keep to their level milk profile. They may fall behind because of various reasons the main ones being losses due to bTB, extended wet and dry periods or they may wish to increase their profile if the supermarket requires more milk.

As we prepare for the winter months, I have been cleaning out some of the sheds and spreading the manure on the grass fields. This will rot down into the soil over the winter and the benefits will be seen next spring and summer.

When out for a walk this week you will know autumn is here as the Horse Chestnut trees are starting to yield their annual fruit, the conker! This brought back a memory to me. Whilst I was at school father had a prize conker that he won the local pub competition with. I gleefully took it to school to boast to my friends, where we decided to have a competition. The first hit, it shattered! Was I going to tell dad? I didn't, I just put it back where I found it. I think he figured it out! Happy conkering.

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Flower	Ethel Harper Shield	A & H Walker	40	D & B Francis	10	Joy Stokes	9
Best in Show Rose	Harris Shield	A & H Walker					
Fruit	Lindis Shield	D & B Francis	12	R Gwilliam	5	S Cox & G Bowyer	4
Home Produce	R. G. Smith Shield	J & G Mason	21	D & B Francis	19	Gerald Barnes	19
Men's	John Vint Cup	Giles Collins	7	D & B Francis	7	Gerald Barnes	6
Biggest	H. M. Howard Shield	S Cox & G Bowyer	19	Dermot Hall	10	D & B Francis	9
Photography - Adults	Lewis-Walker Cup	Morse Family	6	Lambert Courth / A & H Walker	5	Gerald Barnes	1
Photography - Under 16s	Bodmans Coaches Shield	Georgina Morse	9				
Children's		No entries this year					
Club Exhibit	Marshall Shield	No entries this year					
Club Champion	E. J. Chivers Cup	A & H Walker	52	D & B Francis	35	J & G Mason	10
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This month we will be following an autumnal theme, hopefully with some interesting artwork to go on the wall.

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WORTON & MARSTON LADIES GROUP

I haven't anything to report this month due to not meeting in August, members will gather again on the 28th September for 'Jewellery by Sabrina' at 8pm Village Hall.

Reminder our meeting on the 26th October will be an evening on Floral Art by Pam Lewis at 8pm in the Village Hall when we will entertain the Poulshot Ladies. Hope to see as many members as possible and anyone else who would like to join us would be most welcome.

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Half an allotment available

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Village clean up

The Parish Council are looking for volunteers to undertake clearing of the pavements about three times a year, probably for about two hours. This will help to keep the pavements safe for all through the winter. Please contact the Clerk.

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

The Parish Council are looking to fill a vacancy for Parish Councillor through co-option. If you would like to be more involved in the life of the village, have some time and energy to spare please consider finding out more. The Council meets on the first Monday of most months, at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

Next Meeting

Next Meeting of the Parish Council is on the 3rd of October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Liz Read

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Saturday 26th November in Bratton and Edington

Gallery Carols workshop (2.30pm Bratton Church Institute) and **Christmas in Mellstock** concert (7.30pm in the Priory Church Edington) with the Mellstock Band. Cathedral music it is not, but a fascinating window on rural church music of the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries complete with serpent, fiddles, concertina, dialect and a Mummer’s Play.

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A Message from Richard Gamble

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

You may agree that 2016 has been a year of surprises. Anyone looking forward at the beginning of the year could be forgiven for not predicting some of the events that have transpired, and we still have three months to go.

Some of the news has been good. Leicester City (my birthplace) was not expected to come top of the Premier Division - the spirits of my ancestors must be tickled pink. Nor did we expect Team GB in Rio to beat the number of medals won at the London Olympics four years ago. At the time of writing, we look likely to do just as well in the Paralympics. And it's nice to know that Giant Pandas are no longer on the list of endangered species.

Some news was not so good. The massacre in France on Bastille Day was a shock and a tragedy. The selection of candidates for the US Presidential elections might also come into this category.

Famously, the pollsters failed to predict the vote for Brexit. Who, in January, would have foretold that, by July, David Cameron and George Osborne would have retired to the back benches and that Teresa May would be PM?

The latest item to catch me by surprise is the debate about grammar schools.

Whatever the arguments for or against selective education, the fact is that the schools in this county are already doing pretty well by national standards. About 96% of our children are in schools classified by Ofsted as Good or Outstanding, which puts Wiltshire very nearly at the top of the list.

Provisionally, it looks as if our A level results are up to or above national standards. Our GCSE results look good too and, on very tentative data, may be as much as 4% better than last year.

Locally, the results for Lavington School have been assessed by The Independent to be the 82nd best in the country, which puts it in the top 3% of secondary schools. Congratulations are due to the pupils, the staff and the leadership team for this achievement.

Not to be outdone, Dauntsey's School is reporting its best GCSE results ever, putting it in the top quartile of independent schools in the country. Well done to them too!

I have no idea what other surprises may be in store for us but it's good to know that our schools are giving our young people the best possible start on the roller coaster of life.

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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1st Worton and Marston Brownies

The Summer Holidays are over and that means work and school starts all over again, and so does Brownies. Before the summer holidays we spent time celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday completing a multitude of challenges, crafts and games all accumulating in a themed tea party, to celebrate the day. There is no better excuse than a Birthday to have cake, the Brownies really enjoyed decorating and eating their own cakes and the leaders definitely enjoyed eating the leftovers!

It was a busy school year with lots of fun filled activities for the girls: learning new skills, doing lots of crafts and even having our own Harry Potter themed camp with a visit from some real live owls during Easter. We are greatly looking forward to the next year ahead of us!

If you have daughters aged 7-11 who are interested in learning new skills and meeting lots of other friendly girls their age contact: Vicky Earley 01380 720928

As a Brownie volunteer I have learnt many new skills including confidence and organisation but most importantly I have learnt that to be a volunteer you must be willing for brownies to guess your age (not very well), tell you multiple times that they are nearly as tall as you while being a foot below your height, and telling you that you are not wearing suitable footwear for the activity. But none of that takes away from it being one of the most rewarding things I have ever done.

If you are interested in volunteering, use the same contact as above or visit:

<http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested>

Rachael Middleton-Jones
Brownie Leader-in-training

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

The September issue of The Bridge included an outline plan showing the high level stages that your steering group will follow in order to achieve a Neighbourhood Plan that is to be agreed by the village in a future referendum. We have completed the first two stages, Terms of Reference and Designation of Neighbourhood Area and are now working on the most important part, identifying issues and aims so that we can then go on to develop policies and proposals.

To do this we would like your help and will be delivering a leaflet through your door in October which will include our draft vision as agreed by the Parish Council. There will then be a period of consultation where we would welcome your views on that vision and your thoughts on what you would like from the Neighbourhood Plan. More details about how to respond will be included in the leaflet.

Malcolm Powell
Vice Chairman



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| 11.30-11.45 | Children's costume competition (ages 5-7, 8-12 and 13-16) |
| 12.00-12.45 | How to create book cover artwork with Ian Ambrose (ages 7+) |
| 13.00-13.45 | How to turn a book into a film story by Luke Palmer & David Johnson (ages 7+) |

Sat 29 October 2016 10am-2pm

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| 10.00-10.30 | Event opening, children's writing competition results and prize giving |
| 10.40-11.30 | Local children's author Stewart Foster |
| 11.50-12.45 | Local children's author Nicky Dee |
| 13.00-14.00 | Have your questions answered! A panel of writers and book sellers will be there to help you in your quest to succeed with your own writing projects. |



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Happenings in Seend.....

Seend's Macmillan Coffee Morning

Seend Community Centre in Rusty Lane, Seend, SN12 6NS, is again playing host to its bit of 'The World's Biggest Coffee Morning' in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support on Friday 30th September from 10am until midday. There will be coffee and cake of course, plus games, a raffle, bring and buy and lots of socialising. Entry by donation. Anyone who can offer a cake or a raffle prize for the event, please call 01380 828638. Last year the Seend event raised over £460 and hopes to equal or beat that figure this year.

WEA Day School on Edward Hopper

Paul Chapman, who gave us an excellent Day School on Gustav Klimt and the Vienna Secession last year, is returning to Seend Community Centre, Rusty Lane, Seend SN12 6NS, on Saturday 1st October to talk about the great American painter Edward Hopper. The course lasts from 10am until 4pm in the upstairs Village Room and the course fee is £30. Tea and coffee will be available but please bring a packed lunch. Places should be booked in advance by calling 0845 458 2758 and quoting course number C3527635.

New monthly coffee mornings in Seend Community Centre

The first regular coffee morning in the Lounge Bar at Seend Community Centre will take place at 10.30am on Friday 7th October. If this is successful, there will be coffee mornings on the first Friday of every month.

Tessa Doe



Five Lanes Women's Institute

For our September meeting, we had a change of pace. We spent a nice, relaxing evening playing board games. While we were all engrossed playing Kerplunk! or exercising our brain cells trying to name 3 things on a certain subject in 5 seconds (not as easy as it sounds!), we still managed to have a good chat amongst ourselves. We also enjoyed some nice finger food and wine. It was a lovely evening!

Next month, our meeting is on Tuesday October 11th at 8pm in Worton village hall. Our speaker is Maura Rossini, who will be talking on the subject of "A walk in the World of Italian Style". So hopefully I will be able to learn my Gucci from my Prada, and get to know about Versace! Please come along and join us.

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"When I say, 'I am a Christian,' I'm not shouting, 'I've been saved!'
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When I say 'I am a Christian,' I don't speak with human pride.
I'm confessing that I stumble – needing God to be my guide.

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I'm professing that I'm weak and pray for strength to carry on.

When I say 'I am a Christian,' I'm not bragging of success.
I'm admitting that I've failed and cannot ever pay the debt.

When I say, 'I am a Christian,' I don't think I know it all.
I submit to my confusion asking humbly to be taught.

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When I say, 'I am a Christian,' I still feel the sting of pain.
I have my share of heartache, which is why I seek His name.

When I say, 'I am a Christian,' I do not wish to judge.
I have no authority – I only know I'm loved."

(sent in by mk)

VILLAGE DIARY

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**
Last Tuesday (every odd month)

Various Venues

Announced Monthly

- **Book Swap**
2nd Saturday 10.00 - Noon

Mobile Library

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Next Dates

- Monday October 17th

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Forthcoming Events

- 3rd Potterne Curry Night
- 9th Visit of the Bishop
- 8th Book Swap
- 11th W.I.
- 14th David & Ann's Farewell
- 26th Ladies Group
- 29th Monster Trail

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Next: Saturday 1st October

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