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# THE BRIDGE

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## Magazine Printing

The Bridge is produced each month on the machine in the Potterne vestry. The current printer, who has been at it for the last fifteen years, retires in December. We need a volunteer to take over in order to keep the magazine going. Please contact the editor if you are willing to assume this modest task for the good of the village (amounting to an hour and a half once a month).



## Worton & Marston Family of Churches

### Family Service and barbeque 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 meat to cook and whatever you like to drink, also a chair or rug.



Please note: apart from an 8 a.m. Communion at St Mary's this is the only Service this week.

Look forward to seeing you there.

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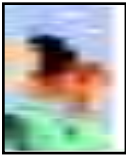
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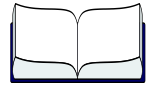


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## Letter from the Vicarage



Summer; and several things are floating round my mind. To take just three: an unprecedented number of baptisms, the end of the school year and holiday club. The common theme seems to be children. Children loved to be with Jesus, maybe because he valued them in a way that most adults in his time did not. He once used a child as an example and said to the gathered crowd: ‘unless you become like a little child you cannot enter the Kingdom of God’. So what did Jesus mean? Here’s an example of what I think he was saying.

Some months ago I took a school assembly on the theme of creation. We looked at some ash tree seeds, a sapling and a photo of the full grown tree from which the seeds had come. The children were particularly taken with the ‘wing’ on the seeds which enable them to glide to a new spot.

Some days later I went to Potterne village shop. On the seat outside were a couple of the school children. They wanted to ask me about the tree under which they were sitting. “Is it an ash?” they said, “The seeds have got wings.” I explained it was a sycamore, as ash seeds are not the only ones with wings. One of the children then said: “God must be really awesome to have such brilliant ideas.” Fantastic!

What a shame it is that as we get older we lose the ability a child has to wonder, and see how things around us can point to the creator of the universe. We get cynical and sceptical and want to analyse everything.

Now, I certainly think we should try and understand the world around us. I trained years ago to be a scientist. Science is about explaining the world, and it has brought untold benefits to humanity. I believe God has given us minds and inquisitive natures so we can discover new things for the good of all. But if on the way we lose a sense of wonder, and of being creatures given a special role in creation by God himself, we have lost something important.

Psalms 8, one of the great songs of the Old Testament, encourages us to look at creation and think about God the creator, and our role in what He has made. As the writer looks to the stars and the sky, humanity seems so small. And yet he remembers that we are made ‘just a little lower than the angels’, in fact the pinnacle of all creation.

This summer give yourself a break and take some time to really look at things around you. The scales on a butterfly’s wing, the petals of a wild flower, the swifts screaming overhead in the village. Look at them through the eyes of a child and give thanks to God for the wonder of His creation.

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**SERVICE CALENDAR**

**August**

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

**Sun 28<sup>th</sup> TRINITY 14**  
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH  
Parish Communion  
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*  
*Rev Gary Gotham*

**September**

**Sun 14<sup>th</sup> TRINITY 12**  
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH  
Parish Communion  
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*  
*Rev Gary Gotham*  
*Holy Communion*

**Sun 4<sup>th</sup> TRINITY 15**  
8.00am CHRIST CHURCH  
Holy Communion  
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH  
Family Service  
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*  
*TBA*

**Sun 21<sup>st</sup> TRINITY 13**  
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH  
Morning Worship  
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*  
*Rev Wendy Tucker*



There were no Weddings, Funerals or Baptisms at Christ Church during June 2016.

Visit the church website: [www.christchurchworton.org.uk](http://www.christchurchworton.org.uk)

**CHURCH ROTAS**

**Sidesmen – August 2016**

Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Mrs J Buckley	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Mrs S Courth, Mr L Courth	Family Service
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mrs A Pratt, Mr T Harwood	Parish Communion
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Mr T Walker, Mr M Lewis	Morning Worship
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mrs J Mason, Mrs M Armand-Smith	Parish Communion

**Sidesmen – September 2016**

Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Mr R Shercliff	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Mrs S Nixon, Mr T Brewer	Family Service

**Altar  
Flowers**

**Brass  
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**Church  
Flowers**

August 7 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Brierley	Mrs Brierley	Mrs D Harwood
August 14 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Brewer	Mrs Hailstone	Mrs J Mason
August 21 <sup>st</sup>	Mrs Francis	Mrs J Wright	Mrs P Woods
August 28 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Puckle Hobbs	Mrs Lane	Mrs P Wright

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**Advance notice:**  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September  
at 36 Mill Road, Worton  
(hosted by Jill Duckworth)

## Loo 'Lympics

Thank you to everyone who took part, cheered on and helped out with the Village Hall 'Loo Lympics' on 16<sup>th</sup> July. You all helped to raise £175 to kick start the Spend a Penny fundraising campaign going towards re-modelling the loos in the hall.

Chris & I would like to particularly thank the following for their support:

- Jackie & John at the Rose & Crown for allowing us to hold the event there
- Bill Francis & Gerry Barnes for their fab food, appropriately themed of course!
- Pauline Crisp, Douglas Crisp, Veronica Franklin, David Johnson, Jeff Stocks, Pam Woods & Prim Wright for helping to run the games.
- Keith Wright for MC-ing the event & Paul Sperring for lending us his PA equipment.
- Mark Fisher for being the official event photographer - he's the man to bribe if you want the evidence of your participation destroyed!

But above all, we'd like to thank the event participants who gamely put their dignity to one side to take part! I fear some of you may never be able to look a malteser in the eye again! My particular favourites were the couple from Kent staying in Prince Hill that Chris managed to rope in - they just came to the pub for a quiet drink!

And lastly, apologies to Dot Francis for traumatising your grand-children with pea juice! We hope the effects aren't permanent!

Remember, it was all in the best possible taste!

Chris Johnson & Jo Banks

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## QUIZZINE



For Christ Church 175th Anniversary Fund.

Worton and Marston Village Hall on **Friday September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**  
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**Strictly teams of 8**, maximum of 80 people, so first come first served.

Raffle in aid of Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

For booking your table phone **Ali Pratt on 726868.**

**A good fun quiz and you eat well too!**

### **Flower Show - 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

A final reminder of the photographic classes for the Flower Show:

Adult section:

1. Early Morning
2. Clouds
3. Pollinators

Under16s (as at 31<sup>st</sup> August)

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

Will all trophy holders return them to a committee member before the Show please.

Also, we would be very pleased to receive any prizes for the raffle.

Thank you, Heather Walker for Flower Show Committee.

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The Talmud

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### Community Fund

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### Recreation grounds – draining works

Please be aware that the play area at Sandlease has now been land drained and the soil will be allowed to settle down naturally before it is levelled. This means that the area is unsightly but it should mean that the play equipment can be used for more of the year.

### 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 including controlling speeds and reducing inappropriate overtaking. Cllr Whitehead, portfolio holder for Highways at Wiltshire Council, attended our recent meeting and explained the difficulty with implementing changes on this road.

### Bins, overgrown hedges and parked cars

Please do not park your cars on the pavements - it forces pedestrians to step into our busy High Street and it is illegal. Please also cut back any vegetation which comes from your property and obstructs a road or pavement. Please place your wheely bin at the edge of your property for collection such that it provides the minimum possible obstruction to the pavement.

### Vacancy for Parish Councillor

There is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. We look forward to hearing from anyone interested in being a councillor. Please contact the Clerk Liz Read on the email or number below for more information.

### The next meeting of the Parish Council

The Parish Council do not meet in August so their next meeting will be Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September at the Village Hall in Worton at 7.30pm.

[www.worton.org.uk](http://www.worton.org.uk)

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Please support Worton & Marston Village Hall Spend a Penny campaign, raising funds for new loos - sign up to:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wortonmarstonvh/> and raise funds every time you shop online.

It won't cost you a penny! Thank you!

Jo Banks

The return of .....

# The Monster Trail



29<sup>th</sup> October 2016

The Monster Trail is back! Bigger, better & more scary than before (we hope). The theme this year is:

## **Fictional Baddies from Stage, Screen or Page**



We had 27 monsters for the trail last year, let's see how many we can get this year!

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

All proceeds from the event will go towards the Village Hall & Five Lanes School.



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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	<u>Lunch</u>	<u>Evening</u>
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Friday Coffee Morning	10.30 - 2.30	6pm -11.30pm
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Sunday	12.00 - 2.30	7pm -11.00pm

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As it was recently "Diabetic awareness week", we felt that this was a good time to share our story about an amazing and brave 12 year old, who over the past four months has been on quite a journey!

On 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016, our daughter was rushed in to Salisbury hospital A&E where the resuscitation team were waiting to revive a child whose veins had collapsed. This was causing every feasible alarm on the monitor to which she was hooked up to bleep and flag up danger after danger as her body started to shut down.

She was diagnosed with "Ketoacidosis" which is a dangerous and life threatening stage of Type 1 diabetes. Fifteen hours later we were thankfully told that she was finally out of danger.

With a crash course on what this all means for now and in the future, the three of us were taught how to inject the insulin, and she was finally discharged on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

She was so weak when we left the hospital that we had to take her out in a wheelchair to the car. As we reached the main entrance, she noticed a sign advertising "Walk for Wards", a sponsored walk being held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2016. "I'm going to do that" she said, *and guess what? SHE DID!!!*

This is why we wanted to share this story, because we are so incredibly proud of the fact that not only did Becky not feel sorry for herself, but decided to channel her frustration and energy into raising money for others, as her way of saying thank you to the wonderful hospital staff that helped to save her life and who looked after her so well.

We wanted to say a heartfelt thank you to all our friends in the village for their support and contributions towards Becky's 10k Sponsored walk. As well as donations received on her "Just Giving" page, to date, Becky has raised £900.00 which she has chosen to donate to the Sarum Children's ward/Children's diabetic clinic. We also wanted to commend Lavington School for their important part towards Becky's rehabilitation and adjusting to life as a diabetic. Their help and care has been outstanding and most appreciated.

*Thank you for taking the time to read our story.*

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## Seend Flower Show

Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup> 2016

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It has all the usual sections of vegetables (*how do they do that?*), fruit (*yummy*), flowers (*terrific*), pot plants (*lovely*), floral art (*wow*), home produce (*even more yummy*), and crafts (*labours of love*) with a total of 174 classes. Two separate age-defined sections are for children only, and there are art displays from local schools. Certificates and prestigious trophies are there to be won in addition to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd winners in each class; presentations at 4.30pm. The show is open to spectators from 1 to 5pm.

See more information, schedule and entry form at [www.seendflowershow.org.uk](http://www.seendflowershow.org.uk). The show is twinned with Seend Fete which is held at the same time in an adjoining recreation field, The Lye Field, so both are at Rusty Lane Seend SN12 6NS and you can enjoy two terrific events for the one outing – now that does make sense!

Entry to the fete is free, spectator entry to the flower show is £1, 14 & under free.

Make the show even better by being an exhibitor: £2 for any number of entries and FREE for child 16 years and under. (Note cut-off time, Aug 12<sup>th</sup>, for latest entry form receipt) with details on the website.



## Five Lanes Women's Institute

Our meeting this month was our annual outdoor get-together. Luckily, the weather was nice and dry for our gathering in Cheryl's beautiful garden. Wine and nibbles were on hand as we all got together for a convivial evening of chat. As a group, we all get on so well together, we are a cheerful and friendly bunch. Many thanks to Cheryl and her husband, Ian, for hosting us.

Next month we are back in the village hall. Our speaker is Anne King who will be telling us all about Avebury Manor. Please do come along and join us. We meet at 8pm on Tuesday August 9th.

By the way, many of us got to the Friday coffee morning in the Rose and Crown.

Why not give it a go - Jackie makes lovely cakes!!

Jane Loveys

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# The 'Badgers'

**Steve Dagnall**  
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This coming season, the Badgers will be participating in the Mid Wilts and Minor Leagues, as organised by the FA.

This Club participates in most age groups, and attracts children from all the Village areas from Keevil to Urchfont, and welcomes new members.

Training for most age groups starts the first weekend after the Schools return, but please contact the relevant coach below for details on location and times.

### **MORE PLAYERS WANTED in all age groups:**

*(Age groups example = Under 6 on 31 August of 2016):*

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Under 9: Mark Goddard: above

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Under 11: Andy Duckett (temporary): 07970-028330

Under 13: Stewart Swan: 07756-540864

Under 14: Jake Davis: 07741-306303

Under 16: Neil Black: 01380-818193

Steve Dagnall

## WORTON & MARSTON LADIES GROUP

Due to members other commitments only a small group of 6 attended our meeting in June when we had a talk from the Alzheimer's Society. I think we all went away with a much better understanding of this terrible condition and are better informed as to how we can help and communicate with our loved ones.

The next meeting will be Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July in the Village Hall at 8pm when our speaker will be Alan Truscott - Collector of Blue China. Just to remind you all, there will be no meeting in August due to summer holidays.

Any members who haven't heard, Sheila Hale is now in Avonmead Nursing Home Devizes, if anyone has time I'm sure she would be pleased to see you.

Hostesses for July: Joy Stokes & Pat Barton

Wishing you all a happy summer break, let's hope we see some sun!

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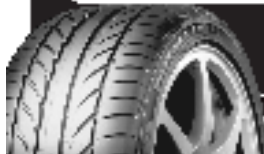
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### Regular Meetings

#### In the Village Hall

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- **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

**Location:** The School, 1.10 - 2.00pm

#### Next Dates

- Monday August 22<sup>nd</sup>

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on **01225 713727** for information

### Forthcoming Events

- 9<sup>th</sup> WI meeting
- 13<sup>th</sup> Book Swap

#### Devizes Farmers' Market

Next: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August

#### The Shambles Antiques Market

Every Tuesday

#### Kerbside Collections

Black box and Plastic bottle  
and card recycling:  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> August

Household waste:  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> August

Garden waste:  
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