

A MONTH OF CARE...

Sunday October 22nd 2023

Caring for Our Church

**Jesus Christ is waiting,
waiting in the streets;
no one is his neighbour,
all alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I am lonely too.
make me, friend or stranger,
fit to wait on you**

**Jesus Christ is raging,
raging in the streets,
where injustice spirals
and all hope retreats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I am angry too;
in the kingdom's causes
let me rage with you.**

**Jesus Christ is healing,
healing in the streets;
curing those who suffer,
touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I have pity too;
let my care be active,
healing just like you.**

**Jesus Christ is dancing,
dancing in the streets,
where each sign of hatred
his strong love defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I feel triumph too;
on suspicion's graveyard,
let me dance with you.**

**Jesus Christ is calling,
calling in the streets,
" Come and walk faith's tightrope,
I will guide your feet."
Listen, Lord Jesus,
let my fears be few.
walk one step before me;
I will follow you.**

The Prayer for the 20th Sunday after Trinity

God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ
and make us eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole creation
the joys of eternal life;
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.

Old Testament Reading: Leviticus 19.1-3,9-17

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. You shall each revere your mother and father, and you shall keep my sabbaths: I am the Lord your God. Do not turn to idols or make cast images for yourselves: I am the Lord your God.

When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God.

You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the Lord.

You shall not defraud your neighbour; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a labourer until morning. You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling-block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the Lord.

You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

New Testament Reading:

James 1:19-27

Hearing and Doing the Word

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

**God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name;
and in Jesus' name I come to you
to share his love as he told me to.**

***He said: 'Freely, freely you have received;
freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe
others will know that I live'***

**All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name,
in earth and heav'n in Jesus' name;
and in Jesus' name I come to you
to share his pow'r as he told me to.**

**God gives us life in Jesus' name,
he lives in us in Jesus' name;
and in Jesus' name I come to you
to share his peace as he told me to.**

Gospel Reading Luke 10:25-37

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

**From heaven you came, helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled;
not to be served but to serve,
and give your life that we might live.**

***This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.***

**There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.**

**Come see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.**

**So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone him;
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.**

**Go forth and tell!
O Church of God, awake!
God's saving news
to all the nations take:
proclaim Christ Jesus,
Saviour, Lord and King,
that all the world
his worthy praise may sing.**

**Go forth and tell!
God's love embraces all;
he will in grace
respond to all who call;
how shall they call
if they have never heard
the gracious invitation
of his word?**

**Go forth and tell!
where still the darkness lies;
in wealth or want,
the sinner surely dies:
give us, O Lord,
concerns of heart and mind,
a love like yours
which cares for all humankind.**

**Go forth and tell!
the doors are open wide:
share God's good gifts –
let no one be denied;
live out your life
as Christ your Lord shall choose,
your ransomed pow'rs
for his sole glory use.**

**Go forth and tell!
O Church of God, arise!
Go in the strength
which Christ your Lord supplies:
go till all nations
his great name adore
and serve him, Lord and King,
for evermore.**

For our prayers

Prayers for the Parish:

Upper Breach; Knapp Hill Close; New Square; Hillside; The Orchards; Mendip View; The Chapel; Nettlecombe View (South Horrington)

Prayers for our link churches in Zambia

Please pray for St Augustine's Church & St Monica's Church, Livingstone East and their priest Rev Ackson Kampala

Prayers for those who are ill:

Simon Brook; David and Audrey Parkes; Jean; Robert: Helen; Eva & family; Jenny & Geoff; Julie & Ivor Parry; Alethea; Jenny Boocock; Isaac; Peter Bowers; Marian Purnell

R.I.P. Ann Thomas; Julian Rendell; Anne Minns

Those whose year's mind occurs at this time:

Betty Rossiter	(25-10-2001)
Pam Chivers	(25-10-2004)
Doris Pack	(26-10-2018)
Roy Kingston	(27-10-2008)

A funeral service for Anne Minns will be held in St Thomas Church at 3.00pm on Monday 23 October. All are welcome.

Thank you to everyone for their prayers and support for Julian and I over the last weeks. They were a great comfort and help to us as a family. We have organised the funeral for Tuesday 31st October at 1.30pm at Mendip Crematorium, and are going afterwards to The Swan. *Lynn*

Trio Paradis Café Concert in church 11am Monday 6th November
November's music is inspired by the Sun and moon, and includes Romantic Nocturnes, jazz standards and songs from the shows (I Got the Sun in the Morning, The Sun & I)... and a few stars may make an appearance.

This week:

- Mon 3pm **Funeral Service for Anne Minns in church**
- Tue 10am-12 **Coffee Stop**
- Wed 9.30-11am **ABC2 parents/carers & tots in the church hall**
11am **Eucharist – a quiet said communion service**
- Thurs 10-11am **Keep Fit in the church**
2– 4pm **Snack & Chat in the community room**
- Sunday 10am Parish Eucharist (note CLOCKS CHANGE!)**

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**A LIGHT PARTY on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

Light bites/nibbles inc. plates of sandwiches, welcomed from members of the congregation.

*Please sign up on the list at the back of church.*

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WE'RE MOVING

After over forty years, we will be moving out of the Old Vicarage on Friday 27th October. We will eventually be moving to 10, Lewmond Avenue (still in the parish, of course) but while building work is being done we'll be staying with our daughter, Frances, in Frome. That means that we won't be around at St Thomas's for a while but we will be back some time in the new year.

We now think the builders won't be finished until early March, so we're looking for somewhere to rent after Christmas. ***If anyone has, or knows anyone who has, anywhere we could rent for Jan and Feb, please let us know.***

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Alan and Christina

DON'T FORGET.....

Clean Up Day on Saturday 4th November 10.30am – 12noon
Please come along to help tidy the church and churchyard



Also: we will continue working on our Bug Hotel – please bring along more stuffing at any time. For example – pinecones, teasels, hollow bamboo canes, old roof tiles/guttering, pebbles, bricks (especially with holes), straw, terracotta pots, wood, bark etc.

Cake & Coffee will be provided. Everyone is welcome
Churchwardens

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**A Time to Remember 6.30pm on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

A service of prayers and readings to remember and give thanks for the lives of loved ones

***We will light a candle for each person we remember by name.***



To have someone remembered by name (even if you're unable to come to the service) please put their name/s in the box at the back of church. Or you may contact

**The Parish Office on 672335 or [office@stthomaswells.co.uk](mailto:office@stthomaswells.co.uk)**

**The Revd. Claire Towns on 939467 or [vicar@stthomaswells.co.uk](mailto:vicar@stthomaswells.co.uk)**

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Wells Cathedral 17th – 27th October

THREADS THROUGH CREATION spectacular scenes in silk

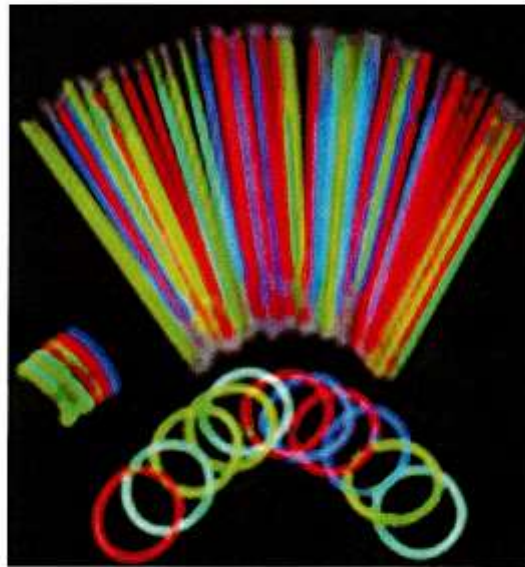
Half term Holiday Activities at Wells Cathedral

Creative workshops for children inspired by the 'Threads through Creation' exhibition

See posters for full details

Light Party

An alternative Halloween Party
for families with toddlers and primary aged
children – in the church hall



Tuesday 31st October 2023

5 - 6.30pm

Come dressed as a superhero!

Prizes for the best costumes

ALL WELCOME.....WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU