Church Diary for March

Vision4Life Larks bible study

Tuesday 3rd March 10:15am

Elders' meeting

Thursday 5th March 1.30pm

Women's World Day of Prayer service

Friday 6th March 2pm Our church

Friday 6th March

Music Group in Church 7pm

Badminton in the Church Hall 7.45pm

Local Mission and Ministry Review Revd Heather Whyte visiting to lead meeting of pastorate Elders Saturday 7th March 10.00-11.30

Annual Church Meeting

Thursday 12th March 7.30pm

Friday 13th March

Music Group in Church 7pm

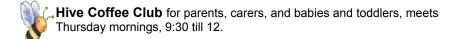
Vision4Life Owls bible study

Tuesday 17th March 10:15am

Church Walk at Lydiard Park

Friday 20th Meet 10am at car park

Sunday 22nd items for next newsletter to Jenny, please



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Services

Sunday services begin at 10:30am

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1 st	Revd Andrew Francis
	including Holy Communion
8 th	Revd Adrian Heath
15 th	Madge Sutton
22 nd	Bernard Crabb
29 th	Revd Sarah Simpson



Women's World Day of Prayer Friday 6th March 2pm

The service this year will be at our church and is written by the women of The Bahamas. The theme is "Do you know what I have done to you?".The speaker is Revd Sarah Simpson. The service will commence at 2pm, followed by light refreshments.

A warm welcome is extended to everybody to attend.

We are pleased to welcome Wootton Bassett Community Church who will begin to hold their Worship on Sunday afternoons in our church from late March.

We look forward to a a very positive relationship between our communities as we all use our well loved spiritual space.



Bible Society Coffee Morning

at the Church Croft last month raised £176.91

Churches Together - Lent Programme 2015

Again this year we are sharing acts of worship in each of our churches. Each service will be led by the host church and the address will be given by one of the other ministers in the town. All services will start at 7.30pm. The venues, and preacher are as follows:-

Tuesday 3rd Wednesday 11th Thursday 19th

Methodist Church St Bartholomew's

Revd Jemma Sander-Heys Father Anthony

Sacred Heart Church Revd Sarah Simpson

Friday 27th Sacred Heart Church Stations of the Cross, followed by

bring and share supper

And in Easter Week

Palm Sunday, 29th March – 10am Blessing of Palms at Town Hall

Good Friday 3rd April - 10am Walk of Witness from Sacred Heart to Town Hall, followed by hot cross buns in our church hall.

Easter Day 5th April as well as our morning service there will be a Pastorate

Happy Birthday this month to Tom Stratton and Peter Butler

Rotas for March

	Church Flowers	Welcome	Vestry	Readings	Junior Church	Crèche	Tea
1 st	Angela	Jack	Bob	Nicky, Andrew	Angela	Eileen	Joy, Eileen
8 th	Doreen	Bob	Jenny	Joy, Tom	Jenny	Nicky	Margaret, Ron
15 st	Margaret	Elizabeth	Fiona	Margaret, Ron	Jenny	Fiona	Brian, Andrew
22 nd	Barbara	Sheila	Elizabeth	Elizabeth, Jack	Jenny	Isobel	Fiona, Elizabeth
29 th	Elizabeth	Richard	Bob	Sheila, Brian	Jenny	Elizabeth	Jack, Isobel

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Murmurings from the Manse

I have a nose for sniffing out strange stories and this week I found one that ranks amongst the strangest. An Indian Bride married one of the quests instead of her intended husband. After I got past the intriguing headline I found out that the groom collapsed at the wedding, he suffered from some illness which he had not disclosed and so the bride decided she wasn't going to marry him and married one of the guests instead. She argued that he had lied by omission and her culture stated that their marriage 'contract' could thus be broken, so she did!

Had he lied, as we understand a lie or had he simply withheld a piece of information?

It is a grey area and it is one humanity has struggled with ever since we learnt the difference between right and wrong. Along with free will God has given His people the responsibility to make up their own minds and to live by their decisions, and that is not always easy.

We are accountable for our actions and we have to be able to justify them if challenged to do so.

We are now in Lent, with our eyes beginning to look toward Jerusalem and the cross; a time when the actions of some are highlighted and judged; but we were not there and we do not know, only at second or even third hand, but still we express our opinion, and often it is based on emotion not fact – always a dangerous reaction.

This year I would offer this suggestion for Lent, instead of giving up or taking up, pause for Lent. Pause to reflect and consider, pause to read the narrative once again and do so with fresh eyes, pause and ask yourselves what it must have been like to live through that time; and see if this Lent is then different to any other.

Yours in Christ

Sarah

Date for your April diary

A Musical Evening

Varied pieces played by members and friends of the Church, on strings, piano, trumpet and sax. Tickets £5 adults £1 children, proceeds to RWB Allsorts Pre-school and to church funds. Saturday 25th April 7pm