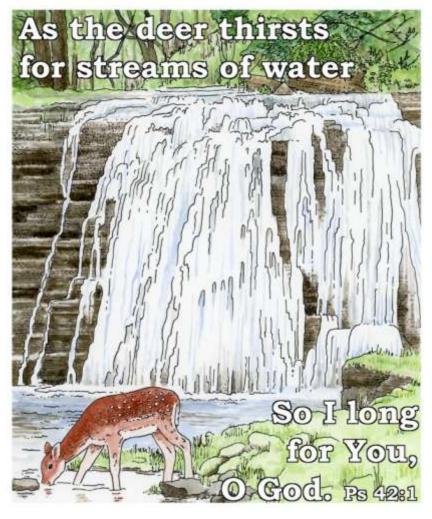
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A message from Revd Malcolm Strange

Dear Friends

I wonder if like me you were glued to the telly watching the BBC series 'Race Across the World' recently. It is a show where pairs of contestants journey across part of the world, restricted by a limited budget, no mobile phones, not allowed to fly, just using other forms of local transport that they can find, with each other and a map for company. This year they have travelled from the Great Wall of China near Beijing to Kanyakumari in Southern India, completing the journey in eight legs. The winners Caroline and Tom came out on top in what was an exhilarating and close race with many twists and turns along the way.





In leg seven they ended up in Paniji, in the smallest Indian state of Goa. Now, India has a very varied spiritual tradition which is both colourful and vibrant, but what is interesting about Goa is that it has a large Christian Community with some 25% of the population being Christians. This is reflected in the buildings, there being several Basilicas and splendid churches to explore.

While the Portuguese were responsible for the embedding of Christianity in this region, it is good old doubting Thomas who was responsible for bringing Christianity to India in the first century. His feast day is on the 3rd of July and as I watched episode Seven of Race across the world I started to think about St Thomas and his contribution to spreading the Gospel to this part of the world. He is the Patron Saint of India and the 3rd of July is celebrated as the 'Christians' Day' throughout the country.



We don't know masses about him other than he was a sceptical, questioning Galilean, a missionary to much of the East especially India and that he died a Martyr's Death in the year 72 at Chennai.



Thomas was a transformed person who, after the feast of Pentecost, felt emboldened to take the Good News of the story of Jesus to many people. He was able to let go of his past and all that held him back to be a clear ambassador for God and the Gospel of Love.

Thomas can, I believe, inspire us to face up to what has held us back in life, to let go of the baggage that weighs us down and embrace new opportunities whether we are people of faith or not. Our neighbourhoods and communities would be so blessed if people could lay aside all that divides them and embrace a fresh spirit of understanding and love for all.

So, ask yourself, are you the doubting Thomas who believes that harmony and peace in our world will never be achieved, or are you a bold Thomas who encourages the message of love which underpins all the worlds principal faiths?

Have a good summer!

Fr Malcolm - Fromeside Benefice



SUNDAY WORSHIP IN OUR CHURCHES

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

1st Sunday 4pm St Michael's Community Centre

ST MICHAEL'S PRAISE

2nd Sunday 10.30 St Michael's Church

PARISH COMMUNION

3rd Sunday 10.30 St Michael's Community Centre

CELTIC WORSHIP

4th Sunday 10.30 St Michael's Church

PARISH COMMUNION







Also in St Michael's Church 2nd Sunday at 4pm - Pause for Thought or Healing Service 1st & 3rd Sunday at 8am - Holy Communion

See page 17 for details of special events www.fromesidechurches.org.uk

Recorded services are available on 2nd & 4th Sundays on the Benefice website www.fromesidechurches.org.uk where details of all services in the Benefice can be found.

SALEM METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY SERVICES at 10.30

6th July Rev Leigh Maydew (Holy Communion)

13th July Mr Howard Wilson

20th July Local arrangements - MHA service

27th July Mr Bob Wood

Further details on the website www.salemchurch.org.uk



Butterflies

Who doesn't enjoy the sight of a butterfly fluttering its way in the garden, along a hedgerow or across a meadow? I always think of the bright yellow brimstone butterfly and the peacock butterfly (so called because of the prominent "eyes" on the upper side of the wings) as harbingers of spring. The reason these two species can be seen early in the year is that they hibernate as adults. Other species manage to survive the rigours of winter either as eggs, caterpillars or chrysalises: some species migrate too.







Sadly, our butterflies are facing an emergency. Eighty per cent of species have declined in the UK since the 1970s, moth numbers have fallen by a third in the same time and Butterfly Conservation's annual citizen science survey – the Big Butterfly Count 2024 – saw the lowest numbers in the count's history. In a previous article I wrote about the disappearance of the "moth blizzard", the clouds of flying insects one used to see when driving at night, as another

sign of the dramatic reduction in the numbers of flying insects.

This isn't just a problem for those who love to see butterflies and moths – it is a

problem for our environment. Like every living thing, they play a crucial role in the intricate food web that all of nature, including ourselves, depends on. They are also important pollinators. As highly sensitive indicators of the health of the environment they point up problems in the wider world. The spread of species into new areas signals climate change, which can have wide reaching implications.



There are things you can do to help. Plant plenty of nectar rich flowers, whether it be in a window box or in the garden: lavenders, scabious and the herbs rosemary and marjoram are particular favourites. Letting the grass grow long helps too.



You can also help understand what is happening to butterfly numbers by taking part in this year's Big Butterfly Count 2025 (18^{th} July to 10^{th} August). Simply





count the number and type of species you see in a 15 minute period. Identification guides and simple recording forms are available on the Butterfly Conservation website – butterfly-conservation.org. And if this makes you more enthusiastic about these beautiful creatures, you might be

inspired to join a local group and help protect a little bit of God's creation.

Chris Greef

PRAYER WALK



Each year, our Rector leads a Prayer Walk visiting all the churches in the area. All are welcome to join him, especially the Benefice Dogs who are allowed to bring their owners with them! Come for the whole walk, part of the walk or just to pray at a particular Church....

Timetable:

9.30 St Michaels, Church Lane, Winterbourne

10.20 Bethesda and All Saints, Winterbourne Down

11.25 Salem, Factory Road, Winterbourne

12.10 St Peters, Frampton Cotterell

12.45 Informal Eucharist at St Saviours, Coalpit Heath

13.10 Lunch at St Saviours

(numbers needed for catering purposes - contact the Benefice Office)

14.00 Zion, Woodend Road, Frampton Cotterell

15.00 St James, Iron Acton

15.15 The Lamb, Iron Acton (Concluding Refreshment!)







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A short story from the Bible

Jesus warned his disciples to be always ready for his return at the end of time by telling the story of two servants











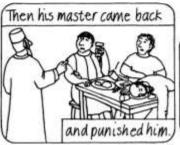


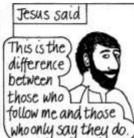












Some thoughts from our friend David Carter....

A very good immigrant

Almost every day, one hears, in some element of the popular press, a rant against excessive immigration. Recently, I was fascinated to meet a Somali immigrant who is obviously enjoying British life and making a valuable contribution to it in several ways.

I was in a small coffee shop and sat near to a lady who smiled at me, to which I responded, asking her if she was a student. She told me she had just finished a master's degree course in public health and was about to take up a job under the NHS with a specialist body that advises the government on infections that might possibly have serious widespread effect a bit like the Covid crisis of 2020 plus which we all remember.

She turned out to be a most engaging conversation partner, telling me of her origins in what had, till 1960, been British Somaliland and now is a state separate from the rest of Somaliland, which has suffered so much from Muslim jihadist groups.

My acquaintance told me that her family had first gone to Holland, to be precise to Friesland in the extreme north-east, on the German border. She had been at a bilingual school, the other language than Dutch being Friesian, the closest relative of the English language. I asked her about its similarity to both Dutch and English and she offered me a short comparison by saying 'I baked a cake' in both languages. The Dutch I could not recognise but I quite clearly heard the words bake and 'cake' which are very similar in both English and Friesian.

My acquaintance came to England in her late teens and subsequently trained as a teacher, later teaching in a school with many Somali children where, I am sure, she was very helpful to the other teachers in explaining the difficulties that the Somali children had both with English and adjusting in other ways to our life. Later on she became a nurse and decided on the specialist work she is about to take up.

Beyond work and looking after three children, my friend is involved in voluntary work, particularly in an inter-religious dialogue group connected with Bristol Cathedral. She herself is a muslim sufi. I should explain that the Muslim sect of sufis renounce all use of violence and are often persecuted by jihadis and other extremist Islamic groups who regard the sufis as heretical. She asked me about a Quaker meeting that she had attained and I told her the Quakers had a similar

peace witness to the Sufis in Islam. She had also been puzzled by the lack of any liturgy or structured service at the meeting and I explained that the Quakers have no clergy or even lay preachers. Anyone, if they feel they feel they are being led by the Spirit, can get up, offer a prayer or give their witness to the congregation which, otherwise, just sits quietly for an hour before either dispersing or going into another room in the meeting house to greet each other.

Rarely have I ever been quite as impressed by a previously complete stranger in the past. She is the best possible of immigrants, willing to train and do demanding work, but also willing, in her own spare time, to contribute to the quality of mutual knowledge and understanding in the diverse nature of her adopted country. I enjoyed a conversation that may for ever remain in my memory. A precious memory. I thank God for it.

David.

Can you help our local church school?

St Michael's CEVC Primary School needs a new Foundation Governor to replace one retiring.

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The time commitment required is not large and both current and previous Governors have found it interesting, rewarding – and even fun! The whole "school family" will make you feel very welcome.

If you are interested or would like to find out more, please speak to one of the Churchwardens (stmichaelswardens@fromesidechurches.org.uk), or alternatively to the Rector, Revd Malcolm Strange (m.strange@fromesidechurches.org.uk), in the first instance.

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Editor: The school's page moves this month so that we can include colour images of some amazing artwork. We hope you enjoy it



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If there are any local artists in the community who would like to visit our school and talk to the children about their artwork, we would greatly appreciate your time.

See pages 20 & 32 for more examples



Year 1: Abstract painting in the style of Anthony Frost by Bella

Early Years Pineapple observation by Erin





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Across

1 Paul said the wrath of God 'is being revealed from heaven' against this (Romans 1:18) (11)

9 Go smite (anag.) (7) 10 'But — I have risen, I will go ahead of you into

Galilee' (Matthew 26:32) (5)

11 'Take and —; this is my body' (Matt 26:26) (3) 13 Type (2 Thess 2:10) (4)

16 'Woe to those who — iniquity' (Micah 2:1) (4)

17 'How shall we — if we ignore such a great salvation?' (Hebrews 2:3) (6)

18 Opposite of evens (4)

20 Previously cited (Latin) (4)

21 'There is surely — — of God in this place, and they will kill me because of my wife' (Genesis 20:11) (2,4)

22 The Thessalonians were warned to keep away from every brother who was this (2

Thessalonians 3:6) (4)

23 Beat (anag.) (4)

25 To trouble or afflict (Job 16:3) (3)

28 Part of a roof (1 Kings 7:9) (5)

Answers on page 25

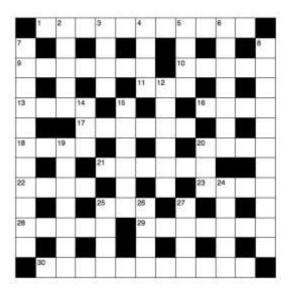
29 Attain (Job 5:12) (7)

30 Insect noted for its gymnastic ability (Psalm 78:46) (11)

Down

- 2 Smell (John 11:39) (5)
- 3 Lion's home (Jeremiah 25:38) (4)
- 4 $\,$ 'Jesus Christ is the yesterday and today and for ever' (Hebrews 13:8) (4)
- 5 Tidy (4)
- 6 Made their home (Genesis 47:27) (7)
- 7 Their task was to carry the curtains of the tabernacle (Numbers 4:25–26) (11)
- 8 Timothy's was called Lois (2 Timothy 1:5) (11)
- 12 The Lover likened the fragrance of the Beloved's breath to these (Song of Songs 7:8) (6)
- 14 Times Educational Supplement (1,1,1)
- 15 Eight-tentacled sea creatures (6)
- 19 'And lead us not into temptation, but us from the evil one' (Matthew 6:13) (7)
- **20** D.L. Moody's legendary song leader, D. Sankey (3)
- 24 Rarely used musical note (5)
- 25 'Your will be done on earth it in heaven' (Matthew 6:10) (2,2)
- **26 and 27 'The Lord Almighty will** them with a , as when he struck down Midian at the rock of Oreb' (Isaiah 10:26) (4,4)

27 See 26 Down



SALEM PAGE FOR JULY

The days of summer are a time for warmth, rest and relaxation when we are reminded of God's creativity and care. The leaves on the trees are green , the flowers colourful and the sunshine lifts our spirits. It is good to enjoy the longer days , either in the garden or just relaxing at home. It is a time to be grateful as we enjoy God's gifts at this time of year. Let us give thanks to our bountiful God and seek renewal through prayer and meditation in quiet moments during the coming months

Whilst many activities are curtailed during the summer months, we will continue with our coffee mornings on Wednesdays

This month it will be July 2nd at 10 a.m.





Why not join us for a bacon Butty or a toasted teacake on the 3rd Saturday of the month i.e. July 19th at 10 a.m.





The ladies of the Women's Fellowship will continue to meet during the summer
On July 22nd we will be going out for an afternoon tea

The Methodist Conference takes place from June 26th to July 2nd in Telford. The Opening of Conference, on Saturday June 28th, and the Sunday service on 29th can be seen on the Methodist Church YouTube channel.

The Methodist Women in Britain fringe meeting on 27th will be available on the MWiB website. The speaker will be Kathy Galoway from the Iona Community.

Special events in & around St Michael's



Sunday 6th July at 4pm ST MICHAEL'S PRAISE in St Michael's Community Centre with activities for children see page 4

Saturday 12th July PRAYER WALK around the Benefice see page 7





Sunday 13th July at 4pm HEALING SERVICE in St Michael's Church

Saturday 19th July from 3-30-5.15 MESSY CHURCH in St Saviour's Church Hall

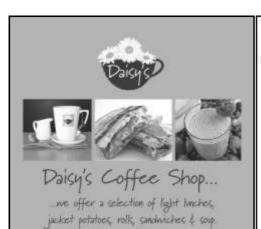




Sunday 20th July at 10.30 CELTIC WORSHIP in St Michael's Community Centre

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Reflecting Faith: where to hold a Baptism

Last Month, we started thinking about baptism, its place within church life and what it means to each of us.

This month, let's look at the actual font where baptisms usually take place. Over the years Christians have used a wide variety of 'fonts': the sea accessed from the beach, a



swimming pool (hired for the occasion), an especially built permanent baptistry, many varied stone fonts, a stainless steel portable font and even the beach in Philippi, Greece where Paul is said to have baptised Lydia and her household. Imagine the sunshine, warmth, flowing clean water and a gathering of your family and friends from your local church who have all travelled there together to celebrate this special moment, and themselves renewed their baptismal vows!



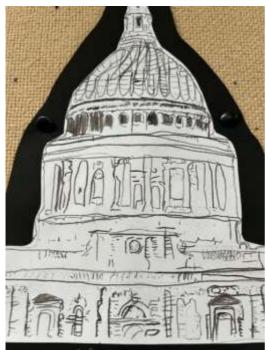
Baptism is not only a personal acceptance of Christ, but a huge celebration for Christian family and friends. Think back to a time of success in your life such as passing an exam or getting a new job. **Didn't everyone around you also celebrate?** So it is when a new person wants to follow Jesus.

Baptism for older children and adults have always followed a period of instruction. People as far back as the 3rd century weren't just grabbed off the street and immediately baptised and able to join in all the services. Rather, they were carefully taught about Jesus and what being a Christian means.

They were allowed to take part in the Sunday service up to the 'Peace' and then they had to leave and went to a separate building for teaching. In other words, they couldn't even watch the Holy Communion part of the service until they had been baptised.

Baptism symbolised their public acceptance of the Christian faith, and it was quite literally their first step in their life as a member of the church, as the actual baptism was carried out in a special building, outside but attached to the main church building. Baptisms were done by the Bishop on a certain day or days each year.

This month: Where were you baptised? Do you have any photos of that day? This month have a look at the fonts in some local churches and see what shapes they are and any decoration they may have.



Year 2: St.Paul's Cathedral drawing by Harry



Year 4: Rangoli Pattern



Year 3: Sunflower, oil pastel drawing

See pages 13 & back page for more examples



July-August at Winterbourne Medieval Barn

Winterbourne Medieval Barn is an extraordinary survivor from our medieval past. It was built in 1342 for Sir Thomas de Bradeston, who was Lord of the Manor of Winterbourne from 1328 until 1360. You can find out more about the man, the Barn, and his links with the church at an illustrated talk. The Story of Our Barn on 10th July at 7pm, and enjoy a summer evening looking round both the barn and church with volunteer guides on hand to answer questions.

Friday 18th July at 7.30pm Summer Barn Dance (picnics from 6pm).

Summer Dramas

Thursday 24th July - *Sense and Sensibility* - a comic dramatization from The Pantaloons.

Thursday 14th August- *As You Like It* with all its cross-dressing chaos and confusion - from The Festival Players.

Sunday 17 August - *Cinderella* - magic, madness and plenty of silliness from IKP's unmistakable brand of "delightfully daft" family-friendly theatre.

Crafts

Monday 18 August - Mosaics morning for adults and children (age 5-16) to take part in together

Nature Walks.

Thursday 7 August Steve England leads a Walk on the Wild Side at 10.30am, for adults and children together. This 2 hour guided walk around the nature reserve looks at habitats, plants and trees, with fascinating facts and practical uses of them for food, medicine, bushcraft, and fire! On Thursday 21 August there is a Bat Walk at 8pm followed by a drink and nibbles in the Barn. This bat walk is just for adults or teens.

Free parking at the Barn for all events. The Medieval Barn is fully accessible for wheelchairs. More information and booking details on the Barn website

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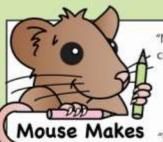
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"Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray..."

And He said to them, "When you pray, say...."

Our _____ hallowed be your ____, your ____ come, your ____ be done, on _____ as it is in Give us today our daily ____us our S as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into but ______ us from ____. For the kingdom, the _____ and the are yours now and forever. Amen

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Fairtrade Foundation calls for tea-drinkers to 'brew it fair'

Tea-drinkers in the UK are being asked to help change the "woefully inadequate" wages and working conditions of the estate workers on tea plantations around the world.

The Fairtrade Foundation's new 'Brew It Fair' campaign is based on the findings of a report which sets out just how many workers on tea plantations live in "chronic poverty".





Much of the world's tea is auctioned, which means that a few very large buyers end up able to dictate the prices of how much they will pay for it. This has a brutal impact on the workers: a recent survey of 260 tea-growers and pickers in Kenya found that only one in five earn enough to feed and support their families and then also send their children to school

The report says: "As tea drinkers, we are now used to paying very little for, and putting little value on, our cup of tea." But for the growers and pickers of tea, the "high levels of unstable work, low incomes and wages, gender discrimination and unsafe working conditions" continue.

Fairtrade calls on the UK Government to introduce a new law on human rights and environmental due diligence (HREDD). This should be "centred on the needs of farmers and workers, with a focus on supporting living incomes and living wages..."

The report also urges UK tea-drinkers to buy Fairtrade tea, highlighting the Co-op, Marks & Spencer, Sainsbury's, and Waitrose as key supporters. The UK accounts for 61 per cent of all the Fairtrade tea sold in the world.



Regular events in St Michael's Community Centre



Thursdays from 6.30-7.30



Mondays from 7pm-8pm



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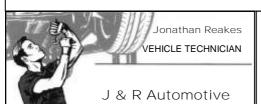
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Year 5: Self portrait by Sofia

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