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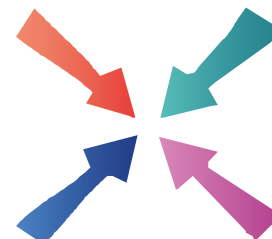
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From the Editor

As this edition of Meeting Point goes off to the printers it is starting to feel a bit like spring has arrived. The really early flowers are already in bloom; primroses, snowdrops and crocuses are always a welcome sight. Clumps of daffodils are also popping up, in gardens and on verges, just like the ones on the cover.

In plenty of time for June, Olveston Parish Council has given us an outline of its plans for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. We will include updates from them, and from Aust Parish Council, in future editions. Olveston Parish Historical Society has resumed its regular meetings and provided details of this month's fascinating presentation on some very local history. And, finally, I am so pleased that the annual Fish and Quiz returns to the Parish Hall this month.

Marelin

The cover this month is by Les Harper

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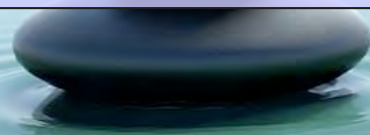
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Olveston Parish Historical Society

Parish Hall, Tockington Wed. 2nd March 2022, 2.30pm

All welcome. £2 entry. Covid precautions will be in place (including masks).

We're delighted that our speaker at the March meeting will be Eric Garrett, who has been carrying out researches into some of the properties on Church Hill and The Common in Olveston, an area of the village that's extremely interesting historically. Eric will also touch on the newer developments in Ley Lane. He has a wealth of images to share with us, including pictures of



properties undergoing refurbishment.

Eric is standing down from being the Society's Archivist, after over 41 years, and we plan to recognise his contribution at the April meeting. Here's a chance, though, to pick his brains about the history of an intriguing local area. Make the most of it!

We're meeting in a different venue from usual and at a different time. The meeting will be at The Parish Hall, at 2.30pm on Wed 2nd March.

There will be a small admission fee of £2, which includes tea/coffee and biscuits.

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Holes Help Hedgehogs

Melinda Evans

One of the best things about moving to another country is discovering the resident wildlife. I remember seeing my first ever hedgehog, and I was smitten! Like lots of wildlife, hedgehog numbers have fallen considerably, so much so they are now listed as vulnerable to extinction.

They really do need some extra help now.



There's lots we can do to help them, but in villages and towns the best thing we can do to help hedgehogs is to create hedgehog highways – holes in fences – through our gardens. Hedgehogs travel around one mile every night in

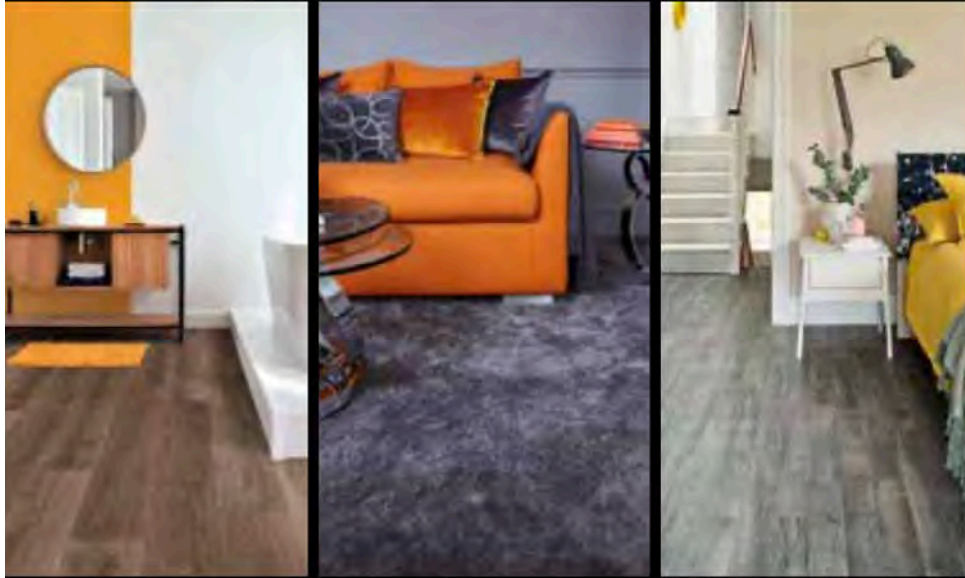
their quest to find enough food and a mate. Our enclosed gardens get in the way of their plans.

Nowadays, fence panels can be purchased with gaps already in place, like this one (above). If you are replacing your fences anytime soon, see if you can incorporate one or two of these panels in your new fence. Or you can DIY your own hole. Using a drill, cut a hole of around 13cm x 13cm (the size of a CD). This will be too small for nearly all pets.



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If you do create a hedgehog highway, you can log it on Hedgehog Street's Big Hedgehog Map, here: <https://bighedgehogmap.org/>.

Photo credits: Hedgehog Street website & Jackson's Fencing.



Making Space for Wildlife is part of the Olveston Parish Council Biodiversity backed and funded initiative.

Olveston and Tockington W.I.

Angela Green

This month at the WI we're having a talk from Reg King with the intriguing title 'Keeping Warm in Bed'. What could there be to say about that we wonder? It should be fun.

Tuesday, March 8th at 7.30 in the Parish Hall.

Our WI has grown since lockdown, with quite a number of new members who seem to be enjoying themselves so far as they've kept coming! We have varied speakers, different interest groups and a social time every month. If you would like to join us, you will be very welcome.

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Friday 3rd June

11.00am Meet at Olveston War Memorial

- Stalls and activities
- Refreshments

12.00pm **Platinum Jubilee Parade.** Leaves Olveston War Memorial

- Classic Cars
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- Parish Residents
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12.30pm **Platinum Jubilee Parade.** Arrives at Olveston Parish Hall, Tockington

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7.00pm **Barn Dance.** Olveston Parish Hall, Tockington (More details to follow)

Sunday 5th June

11.00am **Special Service** at St Mary's Church, Olveston

A special service to celebrate the Queen's Coronation in 1953, incorporating the choir, organ, trumpets and timpani. Everyone is welcome.

Sew Almondsbury



Sew Almondsbury restarted in October and, with growing number of members, we have plans to do more sewing and soft craft related group projects, creating items for charitable causes.

Last year we made 'Joey pouches' to send to the Australian bush fire crisis. In October we made quilts for the special care baby unit at Southmead Hospital and in November, we made Christmas decorations for Glebe House care home. In January we invited a sewing machine engineer and sewing retailer to teach us how to care for our sewing machines and to offer us a discount on his range of fabrics, threads and accessories. In February's session we made items for palliative care patients at Southmead Hospital.

If you'd like to join Sew Almondsbury, all abilities, all genders, all ages are welcome. We meet monthly at The Old School Hall, Almondsbury, and we'd love to meet you and share skills, tips and ideas.

If you have anything you wish to donate to the group to support their charitable projects, please get in touch. If you are a professional and able to deliver a workshop, please get in touch.

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Olveston Parish Hall

Annual Fish and Quiz

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Annual General Meeting

The Parish Hall will be holding its AGM on Thursday 7th April at 7:45pm at the Parish Hall. If you are interested in joining the committee, or simply want to find out what's been going on this year, then pop along. Wine will follow a short presentation. If you want to find out more about the committee and how you can help call: 07780 515317.



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The theme 'I know the plans I have for you' reflects on many issues that we face in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, and in many countries throughout the world.

As parking is limited, please check if someone you would normally see at this service would like a lift to the event. It would be good to keep our carbon footprint down.

If you can't join us at 10am, perhaps come along to the service at 7pm at St Helen's Church, Alveston or join their Zoom at RevsRural (Meeting ID: 484 794 9535 Passcode: 700999) Or see www.wwdp.com for other local services.

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Our Groups mainly meet during the day and interests range from Archaeology to Walking. Some meet weekly, others less often and they include physical activities, wine tasting, lunches out, crafts, board and card games, language lessons, organised visits to gardens and churches, concerts and theatre as well as purely 'educational' topics. Details of all our groups can be found on our website: www.thornburyu3a.org.uk. For further information visit our website or phone our Membership Secretary, Jackie Gitsham on 858438 or our Chairman, Norman Taylor on 418396.

Souper Natter

A newly formed community group, Souper Natter, provides social events, currently at The Swan in Thornbury, for those over 50 years of age, such as carers, people newly moved to the area etc. It aims to tackle loneliness and social isolation in and out of Thornbury area.

The next event is a 'Tea and Cake Sale' on Thursday 10th March. (Venue and timings yet to be confirmed, please use the contact details given below to find out more.)

Volunteers needed!

Would you be also willing to give a few hours a month to help grow this newly formed community group? We need help in the areas listed below:

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Fungi: The 5th Living Kingdom - Part 2

Paul Godwin

Part 1 of this article appeared in last month's magazine.

Back in September 2021 I became interested in fungi, having seen so many different examples when I was out walking. Since then, I have photographed several different species. To help with identification I have used the Collins Fungi Guide and the NHBS, First Nature and Woodland Trust websites.

The photograph below is of Oyster Mushroom (*Pleurotus ostratus*) and was taken in December 2021, just north of Chepstow in Piercefield Woodland Nature Reserve. The cups grow between 4cm and 20cm and it lives on dead



wood. It is said to be widespread and common, but this is the best display I have seen. There were larger but broken specimens nearby. It is saprobic, gaining its nutrients from the dead wood. At the beginning of February I photographed some smaller specimens on a fallen tree on The Common at Olveston.

The next photograph, over the page, is of Turkey Tail (*Trametes versicolour*) and was photographed in December near Oldbury on Severn. Versicolour translates as 'of many colours' and you may have seen these fungi in other shades such as black, green and yellow.


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It is a bracket fungus and grows both on live and dead wood and it is very common. It can be seen throughout the year. It is a very beneficial fungus and is a powerful antioxidant and can be used in medication to fight certain cancers and improve gut bacteria. They used to be used as table decorations, which may explain a bit of a mystery - a friend identified an impressive group of black Turkey Tails on a log on the roadside near Tockington. I went to photograph them the very next morning and they were gone, log and all! So maybe they are now sitting on somebody's table.



The Scarlet Elfcup (*Sarcoscypha austriaca*) is a winter fungus. Although its distribution is said to be widespread, it is not very common, so I was very excited when we came across it in January in Piercefield Woodland Nature Reserve. Whilst being very small, it looked exceptionally beautiful against the green of the moss. They can grow between 1cm and 5 cms. (The one in the photograph is approx. 1.5 cms) They are found in damp woodland areas on decaying branches or twigs and are often -as in the photograph - buried in moss. On

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releasing their spores, they apparently release a 'puffing' sound, but I would imagine you would need exceptional hearing for this. European folklore states that wood elves drank the morning dew from the cup and Native Americans used the fungi to stop bleeding and placed them on the naval of newborns to promote healing. Also, in past times these, like the Turkey Tail, were used in the UK as table decorations. Just in case there are any experts reading, there is another species, Ruby Elfcup (*Sarcoscypha coccinea*), which is very similar.

In early February I found this fantastic specimen of Artists Bracket Fungi (*Ganoderma applanatum*) in woodland near Awkley. It was an amazing sight, at approximately 50 cm diameter.



It is a common perennial fungus and is mainly found on fallen beech trees. It is a saprobic fungus and can live for many years. Each year's growth is marked by a ridge, which can be seen in the photograph. This one I believe had stopped growing as there was no white rim on its edges. There were younger specimens on the same tree much more lightly coloured. It is called Artist Fungi because on younger specimens if the surface is scratched its colour will change from light to dark meaning you can etch lines on its surface. When they release spores, they do so in their billions and a brown dust on surrounding vegetation can be seen when this occurs. Other common names are Artists Conk, Shelf Fungus or Bears Bread and it is said to contain powerful immune tonics to create balance in the body's immune response.

I hope this article encourages you to take some time, when you are out on your walks, to look again at the variety of fungi that we have in our area. They really are fascinating once you start looking!

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News from St. Mary's

Debbie Harries

Advent Windows

Thank you to all who designed and lit up an Advent Window in December. They were all so beautiful. They were appreciated by so many people. Here's to next Christmas! (This item should have been in last month's magazine. My mistake. Editor)

Ash Wednesday, 2nd March, will mark the beginning of the 40 days preparation to celebrate Easter and the Resurrection with a Severnside Communion in St. Mary's at 10am.

Thy Will be Done by Stephen Cherry is our Lent Book (ISBN 978-1-4729-7825-7 & also as an e-Book). Published in 2021, it invites us to 'immerse ourselves in the familiar prayer which Jesus taught his disciples'.

Opportunity to discuss the Lent Book will be held across the benefice: at St Helen's at 10.45 on Tuesdays and at St Mary's at 10.45 on Wednesdays, starting on 8th March, and in other groups of which information will be available in church.



Our Lent Good Cause is Nebbi Diocese, Girlchild Project. This is the response of the local church in Uganda to a huge increase in teenage pregnancies where there has been no schooling for two years because of Covid, and increased job losses. Locally administered the funds raised will meet real need. Please make donations to St Mary's indicating that they are 'for Nebbi'.

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Did you know.....that our logo reminds us that 'care of mother nature' is our prime concern? That is why we registered as an Eco Church with A Rocha UK, one of over 4,300 in England and Wales. Their award system helps us be aware of the many aspects of 'care of mother nature'.

We are encouraged that the Church Council has adopted the target set by Bristol Diocese to become 'Carbon Neutral' by 2030. Much has been achieved, but reduction of the carbon footprint of heating the church with a gas boiler remains a significant problem. At present the church consumes enough gas to heat about twelve homes, so routes must be found to reduce heat loss and seek alternative heat sources. While the Church Council seek to address its problem, please continue your individual efforts to reduce your household's carbon footprint.

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A Happy End to 2021 for FOMS

2021 finished on a happy and festive note for The Friends of Marlwood School. First up were some festivities and treating the wonderful staff to a Christmas Brunch, which transformed the last Monday of term with a colourful and delicious feast. Then, Christmas arrived early as we received the great news that FOMS had been successful with not one but two grant applications.

First was Olveston Parish Council, who generously awarded FOMS nearly £1400 for much-needed equipment for the school. The new equipment includes a new outdoor table tennis table for the pupils, which will be available for use in break times. For the design and art department FOMS will now be able to purchase a desktop spray booth, which is a specialised spray-painting unit with an inbuilt extraction system and filters to remove fumes from the air. A new bass guitar and bass amplifier will also be purchased for music classes with the funds. Mrs Jenkins-Pick, Faculty Leader for Design and Art (DART) said: *The DART faculty was delighted to receive the grant for the spray booth and are looking forward to getting it up and running as soon as possible. It really will make a huge difference to the quality of student outcomes, and this will be especially helpful as the students will be able to achieve professional quality standards.*

The news of another grant followed swiftly, and FOMS was delighted to hear it had been awarded funds by Alveston Parish Council to purchase new food processors for food and technology classes. Louise Berington, Food Technology teacher said: *I would like to say a huge thank you for the grant to buy food processors for Marlwood School. This will provide greater opportunities to our students, allowing them to experience a wider range of food preparation equipment and techniques.*

FOMS wishes to say enormous thanks to both Olveston Parish Council and Alveston Parish Council for making these purchases possible. Your ongoing support is appreciated by all at Marlwood School. More information about FOMS is on our Facebook page: @Friends of Marlwood School or please email marlwoodfriends@gmail.com.

STOP PRESS! Marlwood's Got Talent returns for 2022! 7pm Friday 11th March. This is a great all-round, feel-good, red carpet family event. Tickets for the event are priced at £5 per adult and £2.50 per child, please contact lucyshrimpton@talktalk.net to get your tickets.



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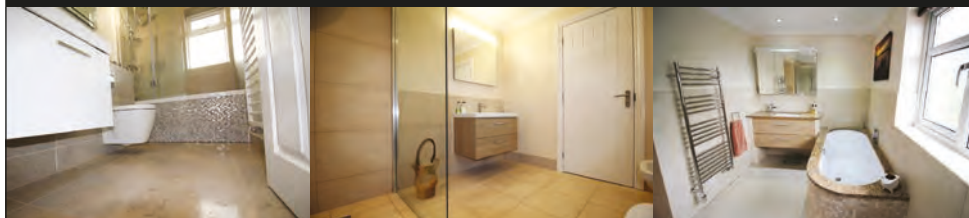
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Monday 21st March Another film* based on true story. This one follows the life of an ordinary American woman who eventually rises to become a Supreme Court judge. It's a story of gender discrimination, female emancipation and the struggle to break through the 'glass ceiling' in a man's world. You would certainly want this woman on your side if ever becoming embroiled in a legal battle.

St Mary's Church doors open at 7pm and the films start at 7:30pm. Everyone welcome, free admission, licensed bar, tea and coffee. Donations towards expenses gratefully received.

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This year's theme is taking action on isolation. Young carers carry a heavy responsibility, caring for sick and disabled family members. They are often isolated and lonely, they miss out on opportunities and are bullied. Carers Support Centre's annual survey found 75% of local young carers feel isolated and 25% said that they have felt more isolated in the last year because of Covid.

Carers Support Centre's specialised young carers service tackles isolation head on. Regular carers groups, trips and activities bring local young carers together to take a break and have some much-needed fun. The need for young carers to connect with others, get support and feel able to reach out is so important. *"I used to keep feelings and thoughts to myself, but now I am really open and honest about how I feel."* Georgia

To mark the day, the charity is working in partnership with South Gloucestershire Youth Network and local secondary schools to run an interactive fair. This will feature workshops by organisations that tackle social isolation. Young carers will have the opportunity to take a break from their caring role, have fun together, and connect with local support services too.



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From Olveston Parish Magazine June 1887

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"The celebration of Her Majesty's Jubilee on Wednesday June 22nd began with the firing of cannon and imitation canon, and a joyful peal from the bells, at an early hour. We were favoured with a bright, sunny day, not oppressively hot. At 11 am the Thanksgiving Service (was held, and)..there was a good congregation. After the service the children, headed by the Tockington Band, and accompanied by many of the parishioners marched with flags flying, through Tockington to Old Down. The large 'Flower Show' tent had been fetched from Frenchay the night beforeand set up early in the morning. The Infant classroom had been capitally arranged for the Tea and (the big tent) for the dinner, to which the first company of about 250 sat down at one o'clock, the Vicar saying grace. There was plenty of excellent beef (roast and boiled), ham, and veal, and cold plum pudding, and a pint of beer for each guest, or mineral water if preferred...Company after company sat down till some 700 or 800 had dined, and a good dinner was sent to all aged and infirm people who were unable to be present. At the infant classroom some 500 children and women had an excellent tea. The sports began at 4pm...great amusement was caused by the Obstacle Race, Jumping in Sacks, Donkey Race and two races by women after pigs. There was no lack of amusement, steam roundabout, swing-boats, cocoa nut throwing, rifle gallery, were all more or less patronised. Then came the Fireworks, a good display, contributed by the ladies of the Parish, and a grand Bonfire of some 650 faggots. Dancing was kept up till about 1 or 2 am. Everyone was there who could be there, and all appeared thoroughly to enjoy themselves, while there was no quarrelling or drunkenness to mar the pleasure of the day. Our hearty thanks are due to those who found the money, and to the committee who arranged such a capital programme.....May the



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Big Changes for the League of Friends

The League of Friends in Thornbury has a long history of supporting health needs at Thornbury Hospital. But, back in 2018, the Hospital closed its doors and a rethink was necessary. Part of the old hospital (Henderson Rehabilitation Ward) was moved to Grace Care Home on Midland Way and continues to be run by Sirona Health Care. However, it was decided that the League needed to broaden its scope and develop a new constitution. So, in March 2020, the new Thornbury & District League of Friends (TADLOF) was launched as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). In addition, after 25 years, the estate of a former patient of Thornbury Hospital was finally settled and the Trust received a significant legacy. This gave TADLOF financial security and the springboard to establish itself and focus on reaching out to support the health and wellbeing needs within the wider community.

The Trustees held an event in October launching their new annual grant-giving programme. Several local charities were invited along to hear about TADLOF's exciting plans to help support local health and wellbeing projects. They received six grant applications and the Trust is delighted to announce that all those applying have been awarded much-needed funding. These organisations vary widely from those supporting the mental health of our young people, to those assisting sufferers from dementia and their carers. These beneficiaries, known to many of you no doubt, are as follows:

- Jigsaw
- Krunch
- Phase
- Haven Memory Café
- Made a Mark
- New Siblands Junior School.

TADLOF's Trustees now look forward to continuing this support of health and wellbeing needs within Thornbury and District over the coming years and sincerely hope that they can make a difference in improving the lives of local people long into the future.

If any organisation would like to apply for funding, please do let TADLOF know, and they will consider any applications for grants in the next grant-giving round in late 2022. Anyone interested in becoming a member or trustee please contact: Andrea Bates: abates1101@msn.com or 5, Castle Street, Thornbury, BS351HA.



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From the Registers of St. Mary's, Olveston

30th December

Funeral of Sheila Helen Jane Cockerton

From the Registers of St. John the Evangelist, Elberton

13th January

Funeral of Barbara June Kozickyj

Yours Faithfully

*Judith Heybyrne,
Focal Minister St John's, Elberton*

In the beauty of March, in the sunshine after the rain, in the snowdrops, daffodils and emerging new buds of growth, we will notice the gifts of God all around us. After a grey winter we are offered moments of light, colour, joy and peace to uplift our lives.

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As we come to the season of Lent, we have the opportunity to take time to personally reflect on God and creation. There are many dark areas in the world in which we live, places, people and situations in need of God's light. Let us endeavour to shine that light of joy, hope and peace on all we meet this March.



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Church News

ST MARY the VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Mar 6	9.30am 6pm	Holy Communion Evensong	Revs Lloyd and Bone Rev David Moss
Mar 13	9.30am 6pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Rev Ann Lloyd Rev David Moss
Mar 20	9.30am 6pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Janet McBride Rev David Moss
Mar 27	9.30am 6pm	Mothering Sunday Service Evening Prayer	Paul Harrod

Additional Services:

March 2, 10am, Benefice Service for Ash Wednesday. Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes.

March 4, 10am, World Day of Prayer at Olveston Methodist Church. Every Wednesday at 10am, Holy Communion usually with Rev Ann Lloyd.

Contact: Rev David Moss, 01454 415190; email: mossds@gmail.com

CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Mar 13	10am	Morning Prayer	Trevor Cook
Mar 27	10am	Mothering Sunday, Holy Communion	Trevor Cook

Contact: Trevor Cook, 01454 618442

Church Wardens: Jenn Dickens 632312 & Clive Roberts 632238

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Mar 13	9am	Morning Prayer	Tracey Black
Mar 27	9am	Mothering Sunday, Holy Communion	Rev David Moss

Contacts: Tracey Black 417660 & Tim Pyper 416422 /07802 419451

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Mar 13	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Moss
Mar 27	9am	Mothering Sunday, Morning Prayer	Judith Heybyrne

Contacts: Judith Heybyrne 616725 and John Gunnery 413225

OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Mar 6	10am	Tock Ch	Morning Worship led by Pauline Culshaw
Mar 13	10am	Olv Ch	Morning Worship led by Rosalie Doyle
Mar 20	10am	Tock Ch	Morning Worship led by Chris Sledge
Mar 27	10am	Olv Ch	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Dr Simon Edwards

Additional Services:

March 4, 10am, Olv Ch, World Day of Prayer.

Contact: Rev Simon Edwards 418176, simon.edwards@methodist.org.uk

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EVENTS IN MARCH.

Monday 7 March, **Monday Movies at St Mary's**, 7.30pm

1st and 3rd Thursday 9.00-1.30, **Thornbury Farmers' Market**.

Tuesday 8 March 7.30pm **W.I. meeting in Parish Hall**. Reg King on 'Keeping Warm in Bed'. **Contact:** Angela on 615222

Monday 14 March 2pm, **Severn Vale Flower Club**, Lesley Hunt 'Beside the Seaside' competition - A Basket Arrangement.

Wednesday 16 March, **Young Carers Action Day**

Monday 21 March 2pm, **Monday Movies at St Mary's**, 7.30pm

Wednesday 23 March, **Alveston Historical Society** - The History of Bristol's Council Housing, by Mike Hooper.

Monday 28 March 2pm, **Severn Vale Flower Club**, Practice Class - Handtied Bouquets.

Coffee Morning every Tuesday at 10.30 at Daldry Gardens lounge

Coffee Shop every Thursday at St Mary's Church Olveston, 9-12 in Term Time and 10-12 in school holidays.

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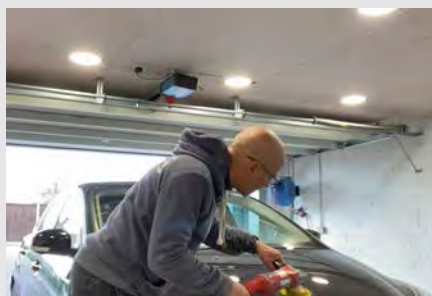


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