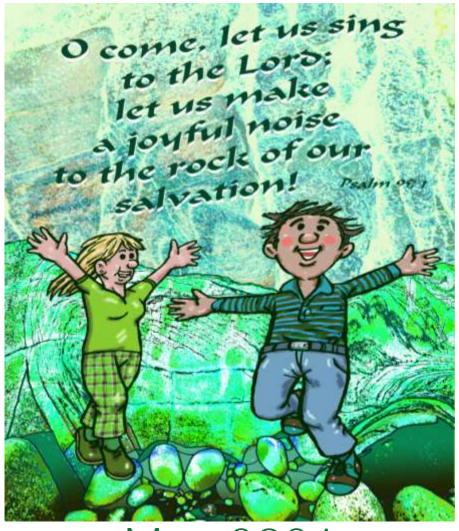
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## A message from Val Slade

### REMEMBER THE DATE!

Springtime in our house sees the mantelpiece groaning with cards celebrating special occasions; including a wedding anniversary and several family birthdays. The birthday celebrations continue with dedicated meals when the extended family gathers together for a themed tea, such as pizza night and of course the obligatory fancy cake.



May is the month of another important event when the beginning of the Christian Church is celebrated and is known as Pentecost. This festival always



takes place 50 days after Easter Sunday on Whit Sunday. After the death of Jesus, his friends including the disciples, were afraid for their safety and had gathered together in a house in Jerusalem. It was the time of an early harvest festival for the first seasonal grains of the crops. All the houses would have been decorated with flowers and looked bright and cheerful. The festival attracted many visitors to Jerusalem who had come to give thanks and enjoy the atmosphere and entertainments. As the disciples and other

friends of Jesus were keeping a low profile something very special happened; the Holy Spirit descended on them.

In the New Testament, Acts Chapter 2 describes this event as a sudden sound of the wind that blew around the room where the friends of Jesus were sitting. It was so noisy that it made the house shake and people outside took notice and wondered what was going on. Bright lights, like flames, were visible and appeared above the heads of those gathered in the room. Each person felt the power of God's Holy Spirit fill up inside them. It enabled them to do many things, including talk to people from different cultures in their own language.



These visitors to Jerusalem were amazed and the disciples were accused of being drunk. Peter said it was only 9 o'clock in the morning and they had not had wine for breakfast but what everyone had just witnessed fulfilled a promise from Jesus. He had said he would not leave them alone, but the Holy Spirit would be sent to give them understanding and direction for their lives (John 14:23-29).

It will be no surprise to learn that symbols associated with Pentecost and the Holy Spirit include wind and fire but also a dove. It is a biblical representation of the Holy Spirit that descended upon Jesus at his baptism.

After receiving the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit, the disciples immediately went out and preached Jesus' message to everyone. The early Church was made up of a group of believers sharing the teachings of Jesus. Peter said, "Follow God's way and be baptised into a new way of life and you too will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38).



Today, Pentecost is celebrated in different ways including special group pilgrimages to holy locations; and it is a popular time for baptisms. I am sure that at a church service near you celebrating Pentecost there will be cake;

Remember the date Sunday 19 May.

Licensed Lay Minister – Val Slade



### SUNDAY WORSHIP IN OUR CHURCHES

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH		
5th May	4pm	All-age worship in St Michael's Community Centre
12th May	10.00	Dementia Friendly Service
19th May	10.30	in St Michael's Community Centre Celtic Worship
26th May	10.30	in St Michael's Community Centre Parish Communion
in St Michael's Church also 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays Holy Communion at 8am		
See page 17 for details of special events  www.fromesidechurches.org.uk		

Recorded services are available on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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

5th May Rev Leigh Maydew 12th May Mrs Jenny Clack 19th May Mr D Carter 26th May Mrs H Gray



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### SALEM PAGE

During the post Easter season, we think about the first disciples contemplating their future after meeting the risen Jesus. In particular they must have wondered how they were to cope with the command to make disciples of all nations. They were a tiny band and, even in their time, the world and the many nations must have seemed a daunting challenge. They were also aware of the fact that the rest of the world would not have seen them as



having any authority. Nevertheless they went faithfully to wait for the gift of the Holy Spirit that Jesus had promised would empower them for their task.



I noted a few days ago when beginning to think about a service that I have to take at Yate on 5 May that that particular Sunday is Vocations Sunday when we pray that God will prompt people who have the appropriate abilities to offer themselves for service in his Church. It is a time when also we should consider whether there are particular people we should encourage to consider offering themselves for such service.

Not so long ago, people thought of such vocations in terms of ministry of word, sacrament and pastoral charge. Now there are other forms of service as well, such as those of deacon, engaged particularly in service of the wider community, witnessing to the Church's call to serve those particularly in need, and of lay worker, often a job particularly involving pastoral care for elderly church members and others most in need.

Sometimes in the past, people expected that such calls to people to offer themselves to such service would come through particularly profound spiritual experiences and, in some cases, that has been true in every age. However, the call can also come in a much more ordinary way, through a person perceiving a real need and being prepared to assess their own ability to meet such a need and, particularly importantly, to allow



others, experienced in such matters to help them assist in that perception. Thus it is that where both presbyteral and diaconal ministry are concerned in the

Methodist Church, people who feel so called, have to let first the local circuit, then the District and finally the Connexion (the whole Methodist body) assess that call.

Not all calls are to full time service. Some involve part time e.g. most lay leader jobs. Also, in Methodism, we have many local i.e. lay preachers, who do not give **up their 'ordinary' job. Rather, they may contribute insights in the gospel from** their own daily work.

Both Methodism and the other churches are currently short both of the numbers of ministers and other workers that they need. Methodism is particularly dependent on local preachers, who take most of our services. It is important to encourage vocations to that particular ministry of service.

Finally, it is important to add that there are Christians who feel very strongly that they have a particularly important sort of service to render in terms of the faithfulness with which they work in a secular job. Their witness may be as important as that of full time church ministers and it may be the thing that God calls them to do.

So, on May 5 we should pray for vocations, both those who serve God in his Church also the call of those who witness to the faith in other ways in their daily work.

With love to you from all of us at Salem, David.

A thought for the month

Every day is a gift; that's why they call it the present. – Anon







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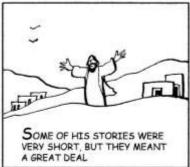
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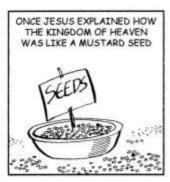




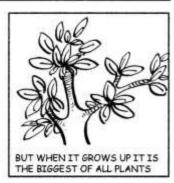
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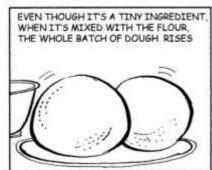








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### Dementia Action/Awareness Week 13-19 May

#### WHAT'S ON Wed 1<sup>st</sup> May Wellbeing Friends at WADCA 1.45 - 3.45f3 info Edna tel: 07789662694 Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> May Coffee, cake, chat at St Peters Church 10 - 12info tel: 01454 776518 Tues 14<sup>th</sup> May Film afternoon at Salem, Watleys End 2pm Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> May Wellbeing Friends at WADCA 1.45 - 3.45f3 info Edna tel: 07789662694 Tues 21<sup>st</sup> May T/time Tours at Royal West of England Academy 2 - 4book online:rwa.org.uk Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> May Memory Café, at Greenfield Centre, Winterbourne 2 - 3.30

### **REGULAR EVENTS**

Fourth Thursday every month from 2-3.30

Winterbourne Memory Café, Greenfield Centre

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# Fromeside Benefice 'working towards being dementia-friendly' accreditation



### Dementia Action/Awareness Week 13-19 May



### Sunday 12 May at 10am for St Michael's & All Saints St Michael's Community Centre High St. Winterbourne

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Back in 2021 I challenged readers to leave the lawnmower in the shed in May to give wild flowers a chance to bloom and set seed. The #NoMowMay campaign was started in 2019 by Plantlife, a charity devoted to improving the health of the wild flower population in the UK. And along with the Road Verges campaign, it has apparently been increasingly successful, with a groundswell of popular support for wilder spaces for nature to

flourish. More people than ever took part in #NoMowMay last year, giving their



lawnmowers (and themselves) a break and letting the wild flowers get summer ready. What's more, 90% of those taking part said they would continue to mow less frequently until late autumn. I find it encouraging too that when I explain to visitors why we leave the old churchyard uncut until mid/late summer I increasingly get positive comments now rather than complaints about the grass not being shorn.

If you leave your lawn uncut, a number of wild flowers will pop up naturally, some very well known like daisy, buttercup, white clover, dandelion and ox-eye daisy. Others, like yellow rattle, bird's foot trefoil, forget-me-not and mouse ear are not so familiar. You can also boost the numbers by planting some wild flower seed bought from a reputable supplier.





With the time saved by not mowing, you could explore the wild life in your garden. Count the number of different wild flowers growing and see what creatures are attracted by the longer grass. You can then sit back and enjoy your garden, think about the little bit of good you are doing for nature and decide that Let it Bloom June sounds like a good idea too, reducing the

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### Across

- 1 One who owes money, goods or services (Isaiah 24:2) (6)
- 4 'A good measure, pressed down, together & running over' (Luke 6:38) (6) 7 Continuous dull pain (Proverbs 14:13)

(4)

8 This bread contains yeast (Amos 4:5) (8)

9 'But take heart! I have — the world' (John 16:33) (8)

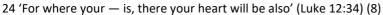
13 And the rest (abbrev.) (3)

16 What Paul was accused of by

Tertullus, the high priest's lawyer, in his trial before Felix (Acts 24:5) (13)

17 Rap (anag.) (3)

19 Founder of the Jesuits in 1534 (8)



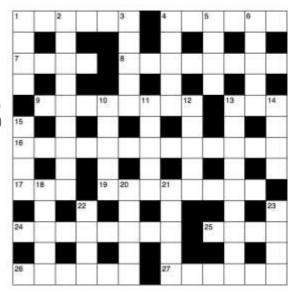
25 The first word written on the wall at King Belshazzar's great banquet (Daniel 5:25) (4)

26 'We all, like sheep, have gone - ' (Isaiah 53:6) (6)

27 One was given in honour of Jesus in Bethany (John 12:2) (6)

### Down

- 1 'The blind receive sight, the lame walk, the hear, the dead are raised' (Luke 7:22) (4)
- 2 Conduct (Colossians 1:21) (9)
- 3 In the Catholic and Orthodox traditions, the body of a saint or his belongings, venerated as holy (5)
- 4 'Like a of locusts men pounce on it' (Isaiah 33:4) (5) Answers on page 27
- 5 Very old (Genesis 44:20) (4)
- 6 In Calvinist theology, one who is predestined by God to receive salvation (5)
- 10 How Nicodemus addressed Jesus when he visited him one night (John 3:2) (5)
- 11 Sea (Psalm 148:7) (5)
- 12 'I will you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever & ever' (Psalm 145:1) (5)
- 13 One of the groups of philosophers that Paul met in Athens, who disagreed with his teaching about the resurrection (Acts 17:18) (9)
- 14 Barred enclosure (Ezekiel 19:9) (4)
- 15 'Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in with the Spirit' (Galatians 5:25) (4)
- 18 Cares (anag.) (5)
- 20 Garish (Ezekiel 16:16) (5)
- 21 'So God said to Noah, "I am going to put — to all people"' (Genesis 6:13) (2,3)
- 22 Just (2 Corinthians 6:13) (4)
- 23 'The of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge' (Proverbs 1:7) (4)



### SALEM DIARY

As we move into May, hopefully there will be more Spring-like days with warm sunshine. We can certain that God will honour his promise that "summer and winter, seedtime and harvest, will a not cease" So we wish you a happy season of Spring and Summer in the days ahead.



The Methodist Centre in Bristol, which has served the Bristol community for a hundred years, is to become a separate charity called "Turnaround Bristol" There is an opportunity to visit the Centre before the handover, on Saturday April 27th from 10.30 a.m. to 12noon to look around and hear updates on the work

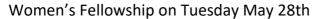
A service to celebrate the centenary and commission the new charity will be at Badminton Road on Sunday June 2nd at 3 p.m.

Our regular events for May are:-

Coffee morning on Wednesday May 1st

Film afternoon on Tuesday May 14th

Bacon Butty Coffee morning on Saturday May 13th



Everyone is invited to share with us - Do come along



Cream Teas for Christian Aid 4 p.m on Saturday May 11th Tickets - £7 Available from 01454 773626

### Special events this month in & around St Michael's

Sunday 5th May at 4pm ALL-AGE WORSHIP in St Michael's Community Centre part of our new pattern of worship





Sunday 12th May at 10am
HOLY COMMUNION
Dementia friendly service
in St Michael's Community Centre
see page 11

Sunday 12th May at 4pm PAUSE FOR THOUGHT in St Michael's Church





Saturday 18th May from 3.30-5.15 MESSY CHURCH in St Saviour's Church Hall

Sunday 19th May at 10.30 CELTIC WORSHIP in St Michael's Community Centre part of our new pattern of worship





Sunday 26th May at 10.30 PARISH COMMUNION in St Michael's Church

Sunday 7th April was a joyous occasion St Michael's Community Centre was opened by Mrs Shirley Banfield and dedicated by our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Vivienne Faull.

The hall was crowded and there was a buzz of excited conversation among those present before the service.

We raised the roof with our singing and afterwards people had the opportunity to explore the meeting rooms, kitchen and other facilities whilst enjoying a glass of prosecco or other refreshment

See opposite for some photos of the day



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Then on Tuesday 21st May, Ad Putter, Professor of Medieval English Literature at Bristol University, delves much deeper into music history, talking about Medieval Song, both the words and the music. His talk, which will also include Prof Putter singing a medieval song, starts in the Barn at 7pm and will also be live -streamed on Zoom. Tickets are £7.50

May also brings two very different hands-on workshop opportunities. There are just a few spaces left for a Fused Glass workshop on Friday 10th May at 10am. The afternoon session is already fully booked. There are more fused glass workshops available on Friday 5th July.

Then on Friday 17th May local wine expert lan Redfearn leads a Wine-tasting evening in the Medieval Barn. You can try a range of white and red wines from sunny Australia, and lan will guide you through the flavours and aromas of the different varieties. The evening is both informative and fun, and the ticket price includes a selection of cheeses and biscuits to accompany the wines.

Advanced booking is essential for all workshops. For other events & more details, see the Barn website or social media. Book online on Ticketsource or via the Barn website. Please contact the Barn by phone if you do not have internet access & need to arrange to buy tickets in person.

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This article seems especially relevant as we celebrate the upgrading of St Michael's Community Centre - built in 1887 to be a church & for community use! Energy efficiency has been one of the drivers of our plan.

### Reflecting Faith: the church as a building

Today's church buildings are rich and varied in their designs, sizes, materials, plans and groupings; from large cruciform churches to simple single room designs; from red brick to stone, and so on.



I wanted to look up some information about the fact that today's church buildings, although they may be 'modern', are usually built upon or very close to a previous church building. In other words, they stand quite literally in a long succession of church buildings.

However, on entering 'church building footprint' into the computer search engine, it responded in a related but unexpected, to me, way: 'The Energy Footprint Tool is a great way of monitoring your church building's carbon usage and energy efficiency.' A very real issue for today's world! - and one we are very conscious about when we enter the building on a Sunday morning to find, even with the heating turned on for a number of hours, that it is considerably cooler than our own centrally heated homes.

Whilst it is theologically wonderful to have high ceilings, we can see how future remodelling might well lower the ceilings, bring in the walls, and shrink the glassed areas. And so it has been through the ages – church buildings have constantly been amended.





When you look carefully at a church that is more than a few hundred years old, in any part of the world, you can trace the **development of its use by its architecture.** Perhaps you'll see a door or window bricked up or a new one opened. The widening of the nave by the addition of arches and one or more aisles. Change in stone or building materials as later technology was available or even a change in design as new techniques came into safe use.

### This month:

Have a look at a couple of local churches and spot the changes in their buildings over the years. Why do you think they took place? What changes would you make and why?



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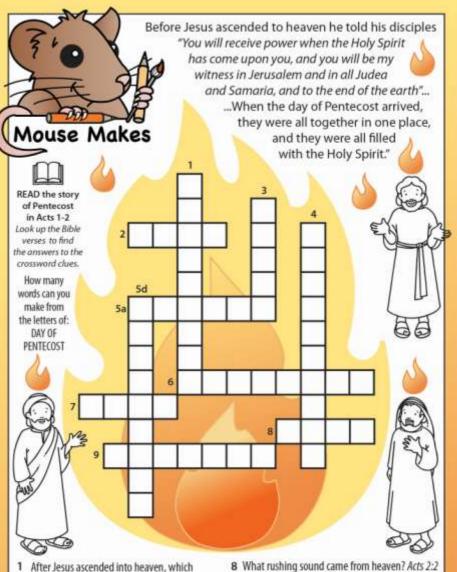
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- city did the Apostles return to? Acts 1:12
- 5a What did the Apostles devote themselves to? Acts 1:14
- 6 Who was chosen to replace Judas? Acts 1:26
- 5d Which special day was it? Acts 2:1

- 8 What rushing sound came from heaven? Acts 2:2
- 2 What appeared? Tongues of ...? Acts 2:3
- 4 What were the disciples filled with? Acts 2:4
- 9 What did they start speaking in? Acts 2:4
- 3 Who spoke to the crowd? Acts 2:14
- 7 Who had prophesied this? Acts 2:16

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### St Michael's C of E Primary School

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On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March, our Year 2 children **embarked upon our annual St Michael's** Space Camp. In class, we have been learning about the incredible life of Neil Armstrong and the Apollo 11 mission to the moon.

After the school day had ended and everyone had gone home, our school was transformed into an astronaut training camp. The Year 2 children returned to school at 4.45pm and we were ready to begin our evening of space exploration! One small step for Year 2, one giant leap for St Michael's Primary School!



Mission 1 – Build a Moon Rover For our first mission we had to build a moon roving robot. The robot consisted of a battery pack, motor, wires, a cup, googly eyes and lots

and lots of tape! We also attached felt tip pen legs to the bottom of our robots' body. When the motor was switched on our robots wobbled and spun across the moon, drawing incredible patterns to show where they had explored.



It was amazing to see so many budding robotics engineers building, testing, adjusting and testing again until they had created a moving moon rover. We had to show resilience and perseverance but the end results were definitely worth the endeavour.





Mission 2 – Constellation Projectors

For our second mission we were reaching for the stars! We designed and created constellation projectors using black card, metallic pens and a



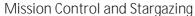
trusty torch. We found a dark space in the classroom and used torches to shine through the pinholes to project our constellations onto the wall.



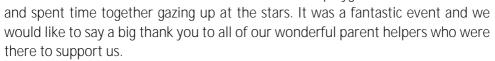
Mission 3 – Launching Straw Rockets

Our third and final mission was to design and build a paper rocket that could be launched using just the air-powered thrust from our lungs. We made sure that our rockets would

just slide onto a paper straw and then took a deep breath. We counted down in our heads and at zero, blew as hard as we could to launch our rockets into the atmosphere.



After our amazing missions, we met back in the hall at Mission Control and had some astronaut freeze-dried food whilst watching one of the crew from the International Space Station give a tour of how they sleep, eat and wash on board. To end the evening, we all took blankets, glow sticks, binoculars, and hot chocolate out into the darkness of our infant playground





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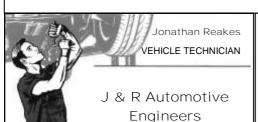
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