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Sunday Worship

Sat. 28th March 6.00pm 1st Mass of Sunday in **Wells** (Benjamin & Emma Willis RIP – Foundation Mass)
 Sun 29th March 9.00am Solemn Mass in **Wells** ()
 11.00am Sung Mass in **Shepton** (Pro Popolo)

Confessions Normally, the holy Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on Saturdays from Noon to 12.30pm in Shepton and from 5.00pm to 5.30pm in Wells.

Next Week – Lent VI – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Sat. 4th April 6.00pm 1st Mass of Sunday in **Wells** (Benjamin & Emma Willis RIP – Foundation Mass)
 Sun 5th April 9.00am Solemn Mass in **Wells** (Pro Popolo)
 11.00am Sung Mass in **Shepton** ()

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Weekday Worship in Wells

Mon 30th March Lenten Feria
 9.30am Mass ()
 Tue 31st March Lenten Feria
 9.30am Mass ()
11.00am Reconciliation Service in the school and First Confessions. All parishioners welcome.
 Wed 1st April Lenten Feria
 9.30am Mass ()
 Thu 2nd April Lenten Feria
 9.30am Mass ()
 Fri 3rd April Lenten Feria
9.30am Mass () Mass in the school
 7.00pm Mass in the Extra-ordinary Form ()
 Sat 4th April Lenten Feria
 9.30am Mass ()
10.15am Reconciliation Service for Children and Families

The collection last weekend for 'Let the Children Live' raised **£1,100.34** (including the value of Gift Aid tax refund). Further donations may still be given to Peter Greenrod or Barbara Lewis or sent direct to *Let the Children Live*, PO Box 11, Walsingham, Norfolk NR22 6EH.

The collection this weekend is for Easter flowers.

DETAILS OF WORSHIP FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER These details for Wells and Shepton are available on a separate sheet, available at the door on your way out. Please keep it safe somewhere. We would appreciate anyone who could help us place this sheet in hotels and tourist information points.

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME Royston Palmer (2006), Charles Mallet (2004), Ann Say (1989) Maria Molinaro (2000) Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Weekday Worship in Shepton

Mon 30th March Lenten Feria
 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC
 Tue 31st March Lenten Feria
 9.15am Mass ()
 Wed 1st April Lenten Feria
 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC
 Thu 2nd April Lenten Feria
 9.15am Mass ()
 Fri 3rd April Lenten Feria
 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC

LENT GOSPEL ENQUIRY Our last session will be this Wednesday 1st April at 7.30pm in church. We shall be discussing the Gospel reading for Palm Sunday. All welcome. It's not too late to join!

CHARITY COFFEE MORNING Coffee morning in aid of **Reaching the Unreached** on **Saturday 18th April** from **10.30am to 12 noon** in the Side Chapel. There will be a raffle and cake stall as well as delicious coffee and biscuits. Please come to help the very poor families in Southern India.

9.00AM SUNDAY MASS MUSIC

<i>Hymns</i>		<i>Mass setting:</i>
Opening hymn	363	Sanctus 470
	verses 1-6	Memorial Acclamation
Presentation	143	Agnus Dei 473
Communion	754	
Final hymn	363	
	verses 7-12	

"CLEANING THE HOUSE AND GROUNDS!" We need to prepare the inside and outside of church for Easter. The Easter BIG CLEAN will be on **Saturday 4 April** from **11.00am**, after the Penitential Service for Children and

Families. There will also be a list of outside tasks for people to sign up. It goes without saying that, if we have enough volunteers, no collars will have to be felt!!

TO PONDER OVER DURING THE WEEK John 12: 20-33 Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Beth-saida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew went with Philip and they told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If any one serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there shall my servant be also; if any one serves me, the Father will honor him. "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify thy name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing by heard it and said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world, now shall the ruler of this world be cast out; and I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." He said this to show by what death he was to die.

- *Question of the week:* Can I love my life in this world and yet keep it for eternity too? What is my rule of thumb on this matter?

FUTURE DREAMS, PRESENT REALITIES A day for young people at St Augustine's School, Trowbridge, Saturday 20th June. Parishes are being asked to send between 2 and 6 representatives in the age range 16-25 to take part in a day with Bishop Declan which will look at how the new diocesan pastoral guidelines apply to young people. Representatives will be asked to consider the role they can play and will have the opportunity to share their ideas and hopes with the Bishop. If you would like to represent the parish at this meeting please speak to Fr Philip.

RISEN WITH JESUS A day of prayer and quiet reflection on a post-Easter theme, organised by the diocese, to be held at the Poor Clares' Convent, Woodchester, Saturday 25th April. Further information from notice board.

DOORWAY: EASTER CARDS Please see the rack for our selection of

cards and, as usual, put the money in the box below the rack.

CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM OR RECEPTION AT EASTER

Barring emergencies and ill-health, we hope to have a Reception at the Easter Vigil Mass **[to be followed by a Resurrection Party]** on Holy Saturday night and Holy Baptism and Reception at the Noon Mass on Easter Monday **[Mass will be at Noon throughout the Octave in Wells and Shepton]**. PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR AMELIA SHELDRAKE TO BE BAPTISED AND JEAN ROWLANDS AND CHRISTOPHER SHELDRAKE TO BE RECEIVED INTO FULL COMMUNION.

DATES AT A GLANCE

Sunday 29 th March	After 9am Mass	CWL cake stall
Tuesday 31 March	11.00am School	Reconciliation Service and First Confessions
Tuesday 31 st March	7pm St Michael's Shepton Mallet	Safeguarding Children course
Wednesday 1 st April	7.30pm Church	Gospel Enquiry
Friday 3 rd April	8.00pm in church	Talk on the theology of Holy Week service
Saturday 4th April	10.15am Church	Reconciliation Service for Children & Families
Saturday 4 th April	11.00am Church	THE BIG CLEAN
Saturday /Sunday 4/5 th April	After both Masses	Traidcraft Stall
Wednesday 8th April	11.00am Clifton Cathedral	Chrim Mass with the Lord Bishop
Friday 17 th April	7pm St Mary's Glastonbury	Healing Service
Saturday 18 th April	7pm Bishop's Barn	Barn Dance
Saturday 18 th April	10.30am Church	Reaching the Unreached coffee morning
Saturday 9 th May	7.30pm St Michael's, Shepton Mallet	A Taste of India
Thursday 14 th May	7.30pm Church	Society of Mary: Compline & Rosary
Saturday 25 th May	Bath	Sponsored walk for CAFOD

CWL CAKE STALL Bearing in mind that the Lenten disciplines do not apply to Sundays and Solemnities, the parish's branch of the Catholic Women's League will be holding a cake stall after the 9.00am Mass **this Sunday 29th March**, Fifth

Sunday in Lent. All proceeds will be given to the Wraxall Children's Hospice.

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE We are on a spiritual journey, aided by God in the communion of saints, but also a journey to God, with Christ as our companion along the way.

St. Peter's Basilica on the Vatican Hill, a church that needs no introduction. It has the longest processional route of any stational church. *V Sunday of Lent*

St. Chrysogonus in Trastevere *Monday*

St. Ciriacus church was demolished in the 18th century so the Station takes place at St. Mary in the Side Street, off the Via del Corso *Tuesday*

St. Marcellus on the Corso, famous for its 8th century baptistry *Wednesday*

St. Apollinaris off the Piazza Navona *Thursday*

St. Stefano, the round church on the Caelian hill, a German church *Friday*

St. John at the Latin Gate Latina *Saturday*

St. John Lateran, Rome's Cathedral *Palm Sunday*

CAFOD SPONSORED WALK Advance notice of a parish sponsored walk in aid of CAFOD on Spring Bank Holiday Monday, 25 May 2009 in company with our friends from St Cuthbert's. Ten miles around Bath starting at Odd Down Park & Ride. Further information in May.

TENEBRAE Music for Passiontide by Victoria, Tallis, Poulenc, Walton and Rubbra will be performed by the Beaumont Singers, with readings and prayers. Palm Sunday April 5 at 7.15 pm in St Cuthbert's Anglican church. Admission free.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD OR OF COMMUNION Please collect copies of the new reading rota from your pigeonholes. It starts next week. If you have not already received the new Communion rota through the post, please check your pigeonhole. My apologies for the very short notice this time! *Barbara Lewis*

BARN DANCE Barn Dance featuring live band and caller 'Jigs for Gigs' happening Saturday 18 April 7pm to 11pm in the Bishop's Barn, Wells. Tickets £10 for adults £5 for children, price includes Fish'n'Chips or Veg. Option supper; also a chance to say a fond farewell to Peter Farrell (Vicar of St Cuthbert's for the

last 10 years!) and Penny before they move onto 'new pastures!'. Tickets available from Frankie Lambert, see after church/or in school playground or telephone 01749 677887.

TRAIIDCRAFT NEWS Our next stall will be the weekend of Palm Sunday, 4th – 5th April, when you can stock up on all your Easter goodies and help people in the developing work their way out of poverty. In the current economic climate our help is even more essential. Please remember that as you buy White Chocolate Spring Lambs and Chocolate mini eggs and special sweets for your family, you are brightening the lives of people you will never see and helping children you will never meet to a healthier and better educated future. What you do to the least of these you do unto the Lord. Thank you. *Sharon Haigh*

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN On 31 March at St Michaels, Shepton Mallett, between 7 and 9 pm, there will be a course on safeguarding (child protection) for volunteers- i.e. anyone who performs any role in the church and may come into contact with children. Volunteers are a vital part of the safeguarding process; since they do most of the work in the church they must be aware of the need for safeguarding and the means of ensuring a good safeguarding system. All are welcome- there is no charge- and an expert team is coming from Bristol to lead the evening. Please support it. *Roger Bird*

A TASTE OF INDIA An evening of Indian cuisine at St Michael's, Shepton Mallet in aid of the Shepton Mallet Autism Support Group. Saturday 9th May 7.30 – 11.00pm. A 3-course meal for £15 (only 30 tickets available so book soon!) from Lyn Graham 675647

HEALING SERVICE Friday 17th April at St Mary's Glastonbury at 7pm. Exposition and Individual Benediction. Everyone welcome.

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE THEOLOGY BEHIND OUR HOLY WEEK LITURGIES Fr. Philip will be giving a talk at 8.00pm on Friday 3rd April after Evening Mass. The aim is to provide some theological and historical background to help us pray our way through Holy Week and the Easter Triduum. It will not need a degree to understand and the ultimate aim is to help full and active participation in the



special Masses and other liturgies of this most important of weeks.