

SERVICES THIS MONTH

Holy Communion	3rd	9.30am	ONLINE - Church of England	
		9.30am	North Wraxall	
		9.30am	Yatton Keynell	
		11am	Castle Combe	
	10th	9.30am	Kington St Michael	
		9.30am	West Kington	
		11am	Slaughterford	
	- BCP	17th	9.30am	ONLINE
			9.30am	Biddestone
		9.30am	Nettleton and Burton	
11.00am		Grittleton		
Morning Praise	3rd	9.30am	Kington St Michael	
		11am	Nettleton and Burton	
	10th	9.30am	ONLINE	
		9.30am	Yatton Keynell	
	17th	9.30am	Yatton Keynell	
		11am	Castle Combe	
Evening	3rd	6pm	Grittleton	
		6pm	West Kington	
	10th	3pm	Littleton Drew	
		4pm	Biddestone	
	17th	4pm	North Wraxall	
		4pm	North Wraxall	
Team Service	24th	9.30am	ONLINE	
		10am	Biddestone	
Cluster Service - Holy Communion	31st	9.30am	ONLINE	
		9.30am	North Wraxall	
		9.30am	Yatton Keynell	
		9.30am	Yatton Keynell	
		11:00am	Grittleton	

MIDWEEK SERVICES THIS MONTH

Holy Communion	13th	9.15am	Biddestone
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WITH THE EVER CHANGING RESTRICTIONS THINGS ARE LIABLE TO CHANGE LAST MINUTE. PLEASE KEEP CHECKING THE WEBSITE/FACEBOOK PAGE FOR UPDATES TO SERVICES ETC.

Bybrook Team Ministry, in common with the Church of England is committed, as part of the Christian Church living in the spirit of the Gospel, to protect and care for everyone and we aim to be a beacon of best practice in safeguarding. Looking the other way is not an option. Should you have any safeguarding concerns, you can contact our Parish Safeguarding Representative Mary In der Reiden on 01249715269 / 07712085295 or by email at mary.idr@hotmail.co.uk



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We've made it into January! Christmas was certainly not what anyone anticipated at the start of 2020.

In opinion polls published in the Guardian in December said that 54% of people (33% opposed) preferred Christmas under lockdown instead of newly imposed restrictions in January.

Usually, there is a sense of something missing when the home empties of Christmas decorations and the house says goodbye to visitors.

This year, changes in those patterns of behaviour and seasons may be less visible. I know some people have had fewer decorations with fewer visitors to appreciate them. Some homes like ours, put them up earlier – just for a change of scenery indoors. Many families and homes have been unable to meet – and the house no doubt, in and out of lockdown as a similar sense of... calm? Normality?

The end of January is often the unhappiest of times, proven to correlate directly to the credit card bill landing that was used to pay for many Christmases – with the average person spending £54,000 on Christmas in their lifetime. This year, financially, Christmas was a stretch for many and priorities were refocused.

I would normally be reminding people that hope and celebration isn't just for Christmas and it doesn't need packing away with the Christmas decorations. This year that seems somewhat hollow. I could launch into new years resolutions and how we have a new hope and a new start but we know pretty much what now until Easter looks like.

So, what to say? However you're doing, you're doing well – we're approaching nearly a full year of upheaval and the impact of Covid-19.

The Christian Calendar turns in November with Advent counting down to Christmas. After that we celebrate Jesus being presented at the temple as a baby and Candlemas, with a brief pause for Lent – another period of reflection as we anticipate Jesus death (many years later, not three months later!) and resurrection at Easter. Then we wait for Ascension as Jesus ascends to heaven and then count to Pentecost and the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit to be with us all.

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Christians are pretty good at waiting – and counting – marking time. We live in a world of hope where the world will be restored to its glory in a new creation, where God gives us each an opportunity to be the version of ourselves, he calls us and challenges us to be.

When the 'natural' world around us is devoid of moments to mark the time, be it social occasions, birthday parties or the like, having seasons in faith becomes all the more important in my mind.

January 2021 is looking different for many of us. For some we look on in hope to the year ahead. For some, 2020 will still be casting a long shadow and their may be moments of grief.

At the risk of sharing slightly out of context: Ecclesiastes 3 –

There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens:

- ² a time to be born and a time to die,
- ³ a time to plant and a time to uproot,
- ³ a time to kill and a time to heal,
- ⁴ a time to tear down and a time to build,
- ⁴ a time to weep and a time to laugh,
- ⁵ a time to mourn and a time to dance,
- ⁵ a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
- ⁶ a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
- ⁶ a time to search and a time to give up,
- ⁷ a time to keep and a time to throw away,
- ⁷ a time to tear and a time to mend

My greatest hope for 2021? That the time from refraining from embracing is nearly over!

Reverend Marc Terry



Prayer Matters

Please pray for:

- * For a vaccine and those who are still sick/recovering
- * For a lowering of covid-19 transmission rate
- * The economy and a safe return to work.
- * Those around the world who are now suffering from Covid-19 and those agencies moving into help, like Samaritan's Purse.
- * For those who have died - for their families who have delayed services. For a fitting farewell and comfort in their grief.
- * Those suffering from loneliness, mental illness, domestic abuse or financially as a result of Coronavirus.
- * Those struggling to adjust to the new normal.
- * The wedding couples who were due to get married in our churches this year and those whose weddings took place but in a very different way to the one that they originally planned.
- * The NHS frontline care workers.
- * Our government and those in authority who are leading the national and international response.
- * A building and strengthening of the blessings seen from communities working together.
- * For the schools as they continue to adjust, for families and teachers. In particular our two schools Bybrook and Kington St Michael
- * For the Team Council as they discern the way forward for the Bybrook Team Ministry
- * For the future worship pattern and shape of our ministry team.
- * For the ministers and PCCs who have continually adapted to re-open as safely as possible.
- * For online worship, that it may be a real help to those in need.
- * Prayers for those who still cannot safely attend church, that they may stay in touch.

A Prayer for all those affected by coronavirus

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us
from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

If you have any items that you would like to be included in the Bybrook News email: bybrook.office@gmail.com by the 15th of the month

A Prayer for the New Year

Lord,
Whether I leave behind
a year of joy or of trials and difficulties,

I pause to *give thanks*.
Thank you for being with me
every day of every year.

Thank you for making all things **new**
and for giving me the grace of
fresh starts

and *new beginnings*.
Remind me of your presence in the days to
come,
even when I feel pushed and rushed by
busyness.

Be glorified in my life this year.

Amen

Bybrook Online Services

Upcoming services: Streamed from
9.30am on our [Website](#) and [Facebook Page](#)

3rd Jan

we will be sharing in the Church of
England online services links will be
shared on our [Website](#) and [Facebook Page](#)

10th Jan / 24th Jan Morning Praise
17th Dec / 31st Holy Communion

Worshipping from Home

If you don't already follow our
[Facebook page](#), now is the time to as it is
where you can be kept up to date with
any new information. It is also where
you will be able to see services as they
are streamed live.

Live services will also be streamed on our
[Worship At Home](#) page on our website
for those unable to access Facebook.

Opportunity to get involved

If you would like to be involved with a
reading, the prayers or perhaps the
worship, we would love to hear from
you. If you are keen to try but are not
sure about how, then don't worry, we
can give you some tips to help get you
started. Just send an email to
revmarcterry@gmail.com to express
your interest and Marc will let you
know what to do next.



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers

Useful Resources

Church Online

<https://bybrook.org.uk/worship-at-home/>
[https://www.churchofengland.org/more/
media-centre/church-online](https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online)

**Common Worship Calendar/
Lectionary** <http://almanac.oremus.org/>

Daily Prayer Resources

[https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-
and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer](https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer)

Prayer Apps

<https://innerroom.app/>
[https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/
time-to-pray](https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray)

Online Bibles / Bible Study

<https://www.biblegateway.com/>
<https://www.bibleinoneyear.org/> [https://
www.youversion.com/](https://www.youversion.com/)
<https://bibleproject.com/>
[https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-
the-bible/](https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/)

Children's resources

<https://www.bible.com/en-GB/kids>
<https://guardiansofancora.com/>
[https://www.bristol.anglican.org/
familyfaith/](https://www.bristol.anglican.org/familyfaith/)
[https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/
make-and-pray](https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/make-and-pray)

Mental Health and Wellbeing

[https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-
action/mental-health-resources](https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-action/mental-health-resources)

For women suffering from abuse
<https://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/>

For men suffering from abuse
<https://mensadvice.org.uk/>

For those wanting to stop abusing the
ones they love:
<https://respectphonenumber.org.uk/>

Bybrook Churches on the Move

After many years enjoying the office space above the Bell Inn, Bybrook Benefice, a group of ten churches from North Wraxall to Kington St Michael is in on the move.

The office space coordinates most of our joint efforts from the team council, to all christenings, weddings and funerals from among the parishes and further afield. It has always been a place of welcome for people in a time of need and now we have outgrown the space.

On 9th December we moved into the Read Room, in Yatton Keynell Village Hall. The new accessible space allows us to seat and meet with more people meaning we can offer more back into the communities we serve.

In the coming months as we settle in, we plan to offer bereavement support, parenting courses and money management courses all from within the new space, whilst still supporting the community as we have done.

Reverend Marc Terry said 'The Bell Inn have been amazing to Bybrook in their support of us over all these years, even down to moving day. They have enabled us to really work better across ten parishes and without that home for so long we wouldn't have had the security to grow into this space. We are looking forward to working with YKRA – we have a lot in common and are confident we have the same goals for the flourishing of our communities.

We owe a huge thank you to Andrew and Mark at the Bell Inn, to our office manager, Claire who facilitated much of the move, Collecteco – the charity that furnished the space; to Stephen, Matthew Paul and Teoh, without whom the graft of the move would have taken forever. There are so many more who behind the scenes have worked together. To our team council and parishes who had the faith to make the move in a time of upheaval. And to YKRA, who have supported our move, thank you.'

Our new Hub (it's way more than an office) is an exciting space for us to enjoy together. We will share more information on courses in the new year.



New "Office"

We have now moved into our new office in the Read Room at Yatton Keynell Village Hall. However it will be so much more than an office and so it needs a better name to refer to the space rather than just calling it "the office". A few of the current name suggestions are The Bybrook Benefice Community Hub/Space/Centre, or simply the Hub/Space or Centre. If you have any additional suggestions of a new name for this exciting new space do let us know by emailing bybrook.office@gmail.com

To give you an idea of how we hope to use the space here is a list of some of the intended activities: Parenting Courses, Bereavement Support, Pastoral Care, Money Coaching Courses and more. Again if you have any suggestions, please do get in touch.

CONTACTING THE OFFICE

Emails can be sent to Bybrook.office@gmail.com.

Telephone enquiries can be made during the hours of 9am-1pm Tues-Thurs and answerphone messages can be left outside of these hours.

Please note that we have a temporary phone number of 01249782856 whilst we transfer our old number.

Our new address is :
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The Read Room, Yatton Keynell Village Hall
Biddestone Lane
Yatton Keynell
Chippenham
Wiltshire
SN14 7BD

If you wish to visit the office, you will need to make an appointment first by emailing or Telephone

When visiting the office, please observe social distancing rules and use the hand sanitiser provided and be prepared to wear a face mask if necessary.

To access the office you will need to go to the second entrance from the car park (closest to the doctors surgery). If you are coming by car, please park in the main car park and not in the access area, which needs to be kept clear for emergency vehicles.