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and RIMPTON**

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The Ark Group

We are one Church, meeting at 10.30 am every Sunday, in:

First Sunday of the month: Rimpton

Second Sunday: Mudford

Third Sunday: Marston Magna

Fourth Sunday: Chilton Cantelo

You will be very welcome. When there's a fifth Sunday in the month, our service will be at Ashington, but it might be at a different time. Email me for details.

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Dear All

I've never lived in a village before and I'm learning new things every day. Things like - always have a powerful torch in your coat pocket. Things like - if you fancy a pint on a Monday or a Tuesday, you're going to have to get on your bike. I thought it would be enough just to buy a fleece gilet and a pair of moleskin trousers, but clearly there's more to country life than meets the eye.

As part of my preparation for this role, I did manage to catch a few episodes of The Vicar of Dibley. Sorry if it's your favourite sitcom but oh how I loathe that programme. I'll gladly tell you why over the aforementioned pint at some point. Nevertheless, it has become clear to me that one of my duties as a Village Vicar is to organise a Pet Service.

So, with due fanfare let me invite you to Marston Church on May 17th. Our Pet Service will begin at 10.30am and will last only about half an hour – afterwards there will be treats for both animals and humans. Our companion animals enrich our lives in many ways, and it will be good to give thanks for them and celebrate all that they bring us. I'll be bringing Woody, the semi-dachshund who you might have seen out "walking" with me. He's actually my daughter's dog, my Grand-dog, which is an ideal arrangement, especially when it comes to the vets' fees.

Please come along with your animals. No prizes, but let's see what unusual creatures we can muster. Working animals, livestock, soft toys, taxidermy and unaccompanied humans are all welcome. What could possibly go wrong?

But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee: or speak to the earth and it shall teach thee; and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee: behold the works of the Lord, in whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind.
Job 12:7

With all good wishes,

Richard
richardtherector@hotmail.com



FROM THE REGISTERS, St Mary's, Rimpton

Monday 20th April 2026 – 13.30 Interment of Ashes of James Edward Fewkes

**CALENDAR OF SERVICES for The Ark Group - We are one church congregation,
meeting for worship at 10.30 am every Sunday**

MAY 2026			
<u>SUNDAY 3rd MAY</u>	WHITE	EASTER V	
RIMPTON	Morning Worship at 10.30 am	Reader: Mr & Mrs Copeland	
<u>SUNDAY 10th MAY</u>	WHITE	EASTER VI	
MUDFORD	Holy Communion 10.30 am	Reader: TBA	
<u>THURSDAY 14th MAY</u>	WHITE	ASCENSION DAY	
MUDFORD	9.45 am at Mudford Church Tower	Reader: TBA	
<u>SUNDAY 17th MAY</u>	WHITE – PET SERVICE	EASTER VII	
MARSTON MAGNA	Morning Worship at 10.30 am	Sidesman. Mr R Venning Reader: Mr R Venning	
<u>SUNDAY 24th MAY</u>	RED	PENTECOST	
ASHINGTON	Holy Communion & Baptism at 10.30 am	Reader: TBA	
<u>SUNDAY 31st MAY</u>	GREEN	TRINITY	
CHILTON CANTELO	Morning Worship at 10.30 am	Reader: TBA	
<u>SUNDAY 7th JUNE</u>	GREEN	TRINITY II	
RIMPTON	Morning Worship at 10.30 am	Reader: Mr Gatrill Smith/Benbow	
MARSTON MAGNA MAY 2026	<u>Church Cleaning (Now for services)</u>	<u>Church Flowers High Altar</u>	<u>Locking Up</u>
3 rd MAY			Dr T Smith
10 th MAY			Mr & Mrs Bateman
17 th MAY	Mr & Mrs Bateman	Mrs Bateman	Mr H Privett
24 th MAY	Mrs Knott & Mrs Whittell		Mr & Mrs North
31 st MAY			Mr & Mrs Jackson
RIMPTON MAY 2026	<u>Church Cleaning (Now fortnightly)</u>	<u>Church Flowers High Altar</u>	
3 rd MAY	Mrs Hale	S J Sedwell	Christine Chell
10 th MAY			Alison Bryant
17 th MAY			Michael Harding
24 th MAY			Paul Fry
31 st MAY			Linda Williams

MARSTON & RIMPTON HOME GROUP

A small, friendly group meeting fortnightly for fellowship, prayer, and bible study. All welcome. Please contact Penny Holt on 01935 850354 for more details.

Mid-week Prayers at Rimpton

A brief service of morning prayer and silent prayer time. Rimpton church, Wednesdays, 8.00 am. All most welcome

FIR VILLA COMMUNION

Home Communion is celebrated once a month with residents & staff. Please call Penny Holt for more details on 01935 850354.

RIMPTON VILLAGE HALL DIARY – What's on? – Regular items and contacts

Sundays (First Sunday of each month)

9.00 am - 10.30 am Yoga, coffee, and cake Kate Whittell 07881 628780

Tuesdays

9.30 – 10.30 am Yoga Classes Kate Whittell 07881 628780

2.30 - 3.30 pm Pickleball Ed Walton 07871 185102

Wednesdays

7.00 - 9.00 pm Badminton Lindsey Maguire 07903 297712 Lindsey@studio-6.co.uk

Thursdays

7.00 – 8.00 pm Pickleball Ed Walton 07871 185102

For the Diary

8 th May	–	Live Music – Rimpton Village Hall – 7.00 pm until late
9 th May	-	Rimpton Fair Raffle Launch, Coffee & Cake – Honeybrook Barn – 10.30 am
12 th May	-	Village Hall Committee AGM - Rimpton Village Hall - 7.00 pm
20 th May	-	Ladies Walking Group - 9.30 am from the Village Car Park
29 th May	–	Pop Up Pub - Rimpton Village Hall – 7.00 - 9.30 pm
26 th June	–	Pop Up Pub – Rimpton Village Hall – 7.00 – 9.30 pm
4 th July	-	WI Tea Party at MM Village Hall 2pm to 4pm
25 th July	–	Rimpton Fair & BBQ – Marden Field & Rimpton Village Hall
31 st July	–	Pop Up Pub – Rimpton Village Hall – 7.00 – 9.30 pm
15 th August	-	Marston Magna and Rimpton Gardening Club Annual Garden Show

For hall bookings please contact Frances Burton on 07944 365261 or by email rimptonvhbookings@btinternet.com

MARSTON MAGNA VILLAGE HALL DIARY - What's on? - Regular items and contacts.

Mondays

10.00 am – 11.00 am Exercise Class. Steph Edwards 07444 979297

7.00 pm – 9 pm - 2nd Monday monthly W.I. Vivien Bateman 01935 851225

Thursdays

2.30 – 4.30 p.m. Short Mat Bowls Tony Green 01963 220943

6 pm – 7 p.m. Table Tennis Judy 01935 851418

Fridays

10.30 a.m. – 12 noon Marston Village Café every Friday morning

5.00 p.m.- 7.15 p.m. Pilates Contact Mo 07815 748518

Various classes – do check on the notice board in Village Hall

For the Diary.

1 st May	-	Village Café at the Village Hall 10.30 to Noon
2 nd May	-	Marston Inn - Karaoke night with Swampy
3 rd May	-	Marston Inn - Sunday Roast - please book in advance
8 th May	-	Village Café at the Village Hall 10.30 to Noon
11 th May	-	WI AGM – MMVH at 12.30
15 th May	-	Village Café at the Village Hall 10.30 to Noon
16 th May	-	Marston Inn - Simon Reeves singer entertainer excellent fun for all
22 nd May	-	Village Café at the Village Hall 10.30 to Noon
24 th May	-	Marston Inn - Sunday Roast - please book in advance
29 th May	-	Village Café at the Village Hall 10.30 to Noon
20 th June	-	Village Action Day – meet at MMVH at 9 am
27 th June	-	Midsummer Fair at Marston Magna
4 th July	-	WI Tea Party at MM Village Hall 2pm to 4pm
15 th August	-	Marston Magna and Rimpton Gardening Club Annual Garden Show
5 th September	-	Wine & Delight Evening, MMVH from 7 pm

For Village Hall bookings – please contact Judy Suckling Tel. 851418 - bookings.marstonvillagehall@gmail.com

The Mobile Library WILL BE IN Rimpton on the **6th May** It will be in Home Farm Lane, BA22 8AS between 12.30 pm and 1.00 pm. The next after that will be **3rd June**. The Mobile Library calls every four weeks and really must be used, or we will lose it.

Re-cycling and Waste Collections

Recycling is complicated! If in doubt check the following web address – enter your postcode with a gap.

<https://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/recycling-collections/>

RE-CYCLING IS NOW EVERY FRIDAY in both Marston Magna and Rimpton from 6 a.m. on 1st, 9th, 15th, 22nd and 30th May. **Refuse bins** will be collected once every three weeks and the next ones will be on the 15th May and 5th June. Garden recycling is by subscription and dates are not publicly published.

This all does depend upon available staff. Recycling Sites have moved to their summer opening hours from Wednesday 1st April. All sites will remain open from 9am to 4pm on weekends. Midweek, sites will be open from 9 am to 6 pm. Opening days do vary from site to site, so do check online before you visit

**Letter from Michael Beasley,
Bishop of Bath and Wells
Called to Care**

I heard about one of the earliest scientists to get involved in climate change research. When he began, the researcher said, he'd believed that if we could just get the science right, all the challenges could be resolved. The best information would enable humankind to find the right technologies and take the right actions to bring climate change under control.

Twenty-five years on, the scientist said, he'd realised he'd got it all wrong. What we need to sort out, he said, is the human heart. We know what to do to address the climate emergency. Our challenge is that we're all too liable to place the actions we need to take into the 'too difficult' box or just deny there's a problem altogether.

Yet, whether we like it or not, the climate emergency is a reality that is advancing upon us. It's seen in rising sea levels and increased freak weather. Talk to our brothers and sisters in Zambia and they'll tell you that the climate emergency is upon them now in increased droughts and floods. Last year the National Emergency Briefing on the Climate and Nature Crisis saw leading experts brief an audience of over 1,200 politicians and leaders from business, culture, faith, sport and the media. The Briefing outlined the implications of climate breakdown for health, food systems, national security and the economy. If you've not seen it, please can I encourage you to find out where you can watch it. <https://www.nebriefing.org/>

I invite us all to think too about the next steps we can take to address an issue we'd probably rather ignore. The Church of England has set the bold target of becoming Carbon Net Zero by 2030. Our churches can make a difference in local communities towards achieving this ambitious goal. I urge you to fill out your church's Carbon Footprint return, sign up to achieve an "A Rocha Eco Church Award", make whatever difference you can where you are. Such actions are a sign of us turning around – metanoia as the New Testament puts it – away from denial of what's wrong towards putting things right.

Our actions can be signs of the change in heart that all of us need to make.

+ Michael Beasley
Bishop of Bath & Wells

THE RAIN REPORT (March 2026)

The 4 months leading up to March all saw a lot of rain totalling 561 mms. But finally, the rainy season came to an end, and March saw just 33.5 mms (1¼ inches) with 9 wet days, almost half the March average of 60 mms (2¼ inches).

The wettest day was Friday 13th with 11mms (½ inch).

March tends to be one of the dryer months of the year, but there have been a few wet ones with 2023 the wettest with 144.5 mms (5¾ inches) and last year 2025 the driest with just 8.5 mms (3/8 inch). If nothing else this shows, there is no real pattern to monthly rainfall.

Ricky Gibbs

Rimpton Ladies Walking Group

The next walk will be on Wednesday,
20th May 2026. We will meet in the
Village Hall car park, at 9.30 am.
For full details contact
Sue Walton - Telephone 851818

Diocese News

A special safeguarding evening

Colleagues from statutory and voluntary organisations joined the diocesan Safeguarding team for a service and reception in Wells hosted by Bishop Michael. He said, "It was a wonderful opportunity to get to know one another and to recognise the strength we can find in working together." The evening began with everyone attending Choral Evensong at Wells Cathedral, followed by a reception at the Bishop's Palace. Diocesan Safeguarding Manager Ben Goodhind said, "It was inspiring to spend time together, to build relationships and to share the work being undertaken in Bath and Wells."

Holy Week Pilgrimage

During Holy Week, Bishop Michael undertook a pilgrimage across Exmoor and the Quantock Hills as part of our especial focus on prayer in 2026. Pilgrimage has been used by Christians throughout history to pray, draw closer to God and deepen their spiritual journey.

Starting on Tuesday of Holy Week and ending on Good Friday, Bishop Michael made his way on foot from Porlock to Goathurst, praying and worshipping

with local church communities along the way. He said, "One of the best things was meeting lots of different people, praying with them, and joining them throughout Holy Week. Pilgrimage relates deeply to how we are as human beings. When we slow down and walk and are attentive to all of creation, it connects deeply with us."

A creative approach to Bible study

During 2024-2025 several people met weekly at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Bridgwater to study the Old Testament. As part of their Bible study, participants would listen to a story, discuss it, and then take a quilt pattern designed around it home to make a quilt square. The following week they would return with that story square completed. Over time these story squares were made into individual quilts. A display of the quilts was held at the church to showcase not only the work of those who created them, but also to illustrate a different way to see, understand, and think about the Bible stories.

News from Rimpton Village Hall Committee

I had the pleasure of taking my mother-in-law, Barbara, along to the March Pop-Up Pub. She thoroughly enjoyed it and asked me to say thank you to those who made a point of coming to speak to her. Hopefully she'll be able to attend again next time she comes to stay.

The next Pop-Up Pub will be on Friday 29th May and we look forward to seeing you there. Fingers crossed for nice weather so that we can maybe have the doors open and enjoy some evening sun.

On Friday 8th May we are hosting a Live Music Event with Rimpton's very own Pat Salmon and his band 'Oldplay' entertaining us for the evening. This event starts at 7.00 pm and finishes late. Tickets are £10.00 to include a Ploughman's Supper and there will be a cash only bar. Quite a few tickets have been reserved already so be sure to contact Frances (07944365261) or any other committee member to secure yours.

Frances Burton
Chair

RIMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Agendas and Minutes of meetings can be viewed on our new website www.Rimptonpc.org.uk If you do not have internet the minutes and agendas can be viewed on the village noticeboard, or contact the Clerk, Anne Tuck of Merryfield, Camel Street, Marston Magna, Yeovil, Somerset BA22 8DD or 07538502812 or clerk@Rimptonpc.org.uk

RIMPTON VILLAGE HALL

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A great facility with lots to offer

The Hall can be hired out for various activities, and all the following are available to hire:

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Badminton equipment

Table tennis table

Pickleball equipment

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365261 or email**

**rimptonvhbookings@btinternet.com with any
booking enquiries.**

MARSTON MAGNA VILLAGE HALL SHORT-MAT BOWLS THURSDAYS 2.30-4.30PM

Come along and give bowls a try - Thursday afternoons 2.30-4.30. in Marston Magna Village Hall A warm welcome awaits! For more information contact Tony Green on 07801 028022.

MARSTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

Full Minutes including all Appendices can be viewed and/or downloaded from the Village Website, by going to:
<https://marstonmagnaparish.co.uk/agendas-minutes/>

Anybody unable to use the website who needs to see a hard copy of the full Minutes please contact any of the Councillors.

The Draft Minutes of meeting held are on the website. Do watch the Parish Council website for dates and more details.

A reminder that the public may speak at the start of a Parish Council meeting in the Public Session,

even if the meeting is held online with Zoom. Please contact me for details.

Lucy Gibbons – Clerk to Marston Magna Parish Council. Rose Cottage, Pendomer, Yeovil, Somerset, BA22 9PH. T: 01935 863106 - Email: l.gibbons@btinternet.com

PETER GRIFFITHS

Sadly, Peter passed away on the 13th April but in the comfort of his home and with his family as was his wish. He will be greatly missed.

The funeral will take place at Yeovil Crematorium on the 8th May at 12.40 followed by a reception at the Fleet Air Arm Museum, Yeovilton to celebrate a life well lived and his achievements throughout. Friends and those who knew Peter are warmly invited and there will be the opportunity to visit the museum itself and see Peter's "beloved" Sea Vixen which is on display.

To assist with catering it would be helpful if you could let us know if you wish to attend.

Cheryl
(Cherylgriffiths50@outlook.com)

Marston Magna & Rimpton WI Report for April 2026

Our April meeting was a very interesting talk by Mike Smith who spoke to us about parts of the Dorset coast from Weymouth to Abbotsbury. The talk was very interesting as it covered, history, the geography and amusing anecdotes.

There was a railway from Upwey to Weymouth, built for moving goods around as opposed to passengers, but this didn't stop a certain Mr. Snook travelling on the first and last train on the line. A family member of the hatters in Bridport perhaps.

Langton Herring a village a little inland is known as a doubly thankful village as it lost nobody during WW1 or WW 2. War memorials were put up in villages and towns so that the bereaved families had a focus because their loved ones had no known grave or were buried on foreign soil.

Staying with the WW2, the fleet, the strip of water behind Chesil beach, was used for practicing the bouncing bomb, developed by Sir Barnes Wallis, but the mission was top secret. When the Portland air wardens spotted a Wellington coming towards them, they opened fire, luckily missing and the bomb being successful in its mission over the German dams.

Smuggling was also very prevalent in the area and many ways of avoiding paying duty were employed.

Mike suggested reading Moonfleet, by J Meade Faulkner for a good read on local smuggling.

The next meeting is our AGM which will be at 12.30 on May 11th, a change of time as there is a Garden Club event that evening and with its discount for Garden Club members there were divided loyalties if WI didn't change times.

More details from Vivien Bateman 01935 851225.
vivien_bateman@yahoo.com

Play Pickleball the Fastest Growing Sport

If you are interested in playing one of the fastest growing sports that is growing in popularity we now play on Tuesday afternoons at 2.30 pm at Rimpton Village Hall, BA22 8AD

If there are more than 4 people we rotate so everyone gets a few games, there are no membership fees or commitments just turn up and pay £2. We are all relatively new to the sport so come along and learn why this fun packed sport is so popular together.

Contact Ed Walton - walton_edward@hotmail.com
or phone 07871 185102

RIMPTON FAIR RAFFLE LAUNCH

Coffee and Cake

Saturday 9th May 2026 at 10.30 am

Honeybrook Barn (The Copelands)

ANYONE FOR BADMINTON?

Would you be interested in playing this sport for fun? Rimpton Badminton Club would like to encourage new members for weekly or occasional games. We play on a Wednesday evening from 7.00 – 8.30pm in Rimpton Village Hall BA22 8AD.

We have one court and if more than four people turn up, we rotate so you should get to play a few games and have a breather in between! There are no membership fees and no commitments; just turn up and play for £2 a session. The standard is moderate, and beginners are welcome.

If you are interested in any way, please drop me an e-mail:

Mr Lindsey Maguire: Lindsey@studio-6.co.uk or
[give me a call on 07903 297712.](tel:07903297712)

RESIDENTS OF RIMPTON

If you are not currently on the email distribution list for notifications and news affecting our village and would like to be, then please email jrmtownsend@icloud.com to get your name added.

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Hire Marston Magna Village Hall

Your village hall is available for hire at a very reasonable rate with facilities such as Wi-Fi and table tennis equipment, all the normal facilities plus 2 ovens and a big commercial fridge. See the availability on the parish council's website.

Please book by emailing me on Bookings.marstonvillagehall@gmail.com

Table Tennis

Table tennis will now be 6 pm to 7 pm on Thursdays. Do come and play soon.

Paul Copp, Chair
Paulfcopp@gmail.com

MARSTON MAGNA VILLAGE HALL **Calendar 2026**

June 27th - Midsummer Village Fair
Sept 5th Saturday - "Infamous Wine and Delight" Night
September 19th Saturday - "Quiz with a twist"
October 3rd Saturday - 6pm Harvest Supper
October Month - Scarecrow Competition
October 31st Saturday 2pm Scarecrow Judgment Day
November 14th Saturday - "Twisted Quiz night"
December 5th Saturday BINGO
December 21st Monday Children's Free Christmas Party 2-4pm

Village team meetings All 7.30pm Thursday evenings -
June 11th
September 17th
November 19th

ACTION DAYS IN MARSTON MAGNA

Please come along and help tidy up communal parts of the village and make safe the paths 9am-11am Saturday mornings.

June 20th
September 12th
November 21st

SOMERSET COUNCIL COMMUNITY MINI-BUS **SERVICE TO YEOVIL - FRIDAYS**

10.40 am, Bus leaves Rimpton bus stop, request stops at Mudford and Yeovil Hospital.
11.00 am: Arrives top of Middle Street, Yeovil
1.00 pm: Leaves Yeovil Bus Station
1.20 pm: Arrives Rimpton
Service is free for Bus Pass holding pensioners, others £2.00 each way. Currently only used by one resident. If we don't use it we may lose it.

QUEEN CAMEL BOWLS CLUB

Lawn Green Bowling, as its name suggests, is played on a lawn. We call it a green. But in reality, it is only grass. Our green has now been reseeded, and the new grass is looking great.

We have an OPEN DAY on Saturday 9th of May from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm. So please join us and come to see what is on offer. And there are home matches being held in May and spectators are welcome to come and watch. What could be better than sitting in the sun with a glass of something?

Free trials can still be arranged on Tuesday evenings at 6.00 p.m. at our clubhouse at the end of England's Lane in Queen Camel when we hold our social evenings.

We currently have vacancies for both associate members and for full members. So please contact our Club Secretary for further details on 01935 850563 or email him at the club at: QueenCamelBowlsClub@Gmail.com

Our green opens on Tuesday 7th of April and our first match is scheduled for Saturday 11th of April.

Please visit our website: QueenCamelBowlsClub.co.uk for various details of the club's activities.

THE MARSTON INN

We do know those who can support us, do so extremely well,

The basket meals and the bikers visiting seems to be having an effect.

All the new people seem to be pleased to see us.

Of course, the usual extortionate expenses are relentless.

This is our home and our business, so in general, for the good of all, keeping the only pub for miles around going is tough going but we are doing the best we can.

Dates for the diary, May.

2nd May Karaoke night with Swampy
3rd May Sunday Roast please book in advance
16th May Simon Reeves singer entertainer excellent fun for all
24th May Sunday Roast please book in advance

As always, thanks to everyone who encourages us to keep improving for the benefit of all.

Carrie & Colin - 01935 850361
<https://www.themarstoninn.co.uk/>

ADVERTISEMENTS & NOTICES.

Local enthusiast seeks original railway related hardware - signs, lamps, clocks, signalling equipment, locomotive items etc. Please get in touch to if you have anything available that you are thinking of selling, collection no problem. Simon, 07777 121625, norcroft888@btinternet.com

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- The Duck Race – 1.00 from The Mill on Rimpton Road to the Village Green – cash prizes and a trophy to be won! Tickets £1 from Ann McKee, Gill Knott, Anne Tuck, Mathew Whittell and the Village Café (Fridays)
- The Fair opens at 1.30 in the Moat Field with music from the Stoke-sub-Hamdon band
- At 2.30 we will be entertained by Enigma Morris, followed by other displays and music
- Other attractions – for young and old alike – include:
 - Archery and axe throwing
 - Children's games and Circus skills
 - Tug of war (adult and children's teams welcome – medals to be won!)
 - And more than 20 craft and charity stalls
- And throughout the afternoon :
 - The fabulous Izzy is back with his Caribbean BBQ – catering for all tastes
 - The Bar will be stocked with local beer and cider
 - And there is Pimm's & Prosecco for a taste of summer.

Entry is FREE but please bring cash to enjoy the afternoon.

All funds raised go to Village good causes.