

# St Mary Magdalene Langridge

Langridge Parish Newsletter    September - November    2024

**Letter from Emma King,  
Curate of St Mary Magdalene, Langridge; All  
Saints, Weston and St Martin, North Stoke**

**August 2024**



Dear Friends and Neighbours,

As summer has finally shown its warmth and beauty across our fields and woodlands, I want to take a moment to share a message of hope and encouragement with all of you. This summer season is a time of growth and abundance, as the countryside thrives with life, reminding us of the blessings that surround us.

In our community, we are closely connected to the land and the changing seasons. We see how nature can be both nurturing and challenging. Yet, through it all, we see God's hand at work in every sunrise, every growing plant, and in the fellowship we share with one another, here at St Mary Magdalene in Langridge.

Summer gives us the gift of time, with the longer days. Time to rest, reflect, and reconnect. Whether we are busy enjoying long walks in nature, or simply sitting quietly under the shade of a tree, I encourage you to pause and appreciate the beauty of the world around us. These moments of peace remind us of the deeper rhythm of life that God calls us to, one of grace, calm, and renewal.

One thing that I have noticed, this summer more than ever, is how we are blessed with the strength that comes from supporting one another. Whether it's offering a helping hand, or just being present for a neighbour in need, this spirit of togetherness is a true reflection of God's love. Let us continue to nurture that spirit, not just during the growing, sunny season, but throughout the year.

As we enjoy the remaining long days of summer, may we also take time to care for our hearts and minds. Our spiritual lives, need attention and nourishment. Whether you find that nourishment in prayer, in time spent with loved ones, or in the beauty of nature, I encourage you to seek out what refreshes your spirit.

Thank you for allowing me to be part of this wonderful community. It is a privilege to walk alongside you all, sharing in the joys and challenges that come with life. May the rest of this summer bring you peace, joy, and a deeper connection to the beautiful countryside, to each other, and to God.

With every blessing    Emma

## RECENT SERVICES

Emma's Ordination 29 June with Bishop Michael of Bath and Wells



Following my ordination as a Deacon last summer, I was honoured to be ordained as a Priest in a very special service at Wells Cathedral by Bishop Michael, the Bishop of Bath and Wells, held in June.

It has been a long road to ordination and it has not always been an easy one due to my dyslexia. But Trinity College in Bristol walked along side me and never doubted my calling when I was discouraged.

The last year here at Langridge, along with All Saints and North Stoke, has been one of continued learning, but in a way that I learn the best: through walking alongside people, worshipping together, and being part of such a wonderful church family.

Thank you all for your continued support and prayers throughout the first year of my curacy, and I am very much looking forward to what God has in store for us as a benefice as we venture forth!

## FUTURE SERVICES

On **15 September at 3 p.m.**, we will be celebrating the harvest with a special service. Gifts of food, perishable and non-perishable will be most welcome as these will be passed on to local organisations helping those in need.



The whole benefice is invited to celebrate with All Saints Weston at its dedication of the church following the recent renovations. The Right Reverend Bishop Michael will be attending to mark the official re-opening of the church. The service will be on **6 October at 11 a.m.** There will **not** be a service in Langridge that day.

### Churchyard clearing

The churchyard task force will be clearing up ready for autumn soon. If you can help, please contact Jeremy Humphries on 07860 832447

The Remembrance Day service falls on **10 November** this year. There will be a procession down Weston High Street to the war memorial where there will be a service marking two minutes' silence at 11 o'clock with the rest of the nation. All Saints Weston will hold a regular service in church afterwards. There will **not** be a service in Langridge on that day. Contact Tom or Emma or All Saints Weston church office for details closer to the time.



See the list below for details of the weekly services held at 9:30 a.m., led by our stalwart team of visiting clergy and lay readers.

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## QUIET DAY



## SERVICES AT ST MARY MAGDALENE, LANGRIDGE

**September to November 2024**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Type of Service</b>	<b>Preacher</b>
1 September	9.30	Common Worship Holy Communion	Mr Callum Houston
8 September	9.30	Common Worship Morning Prayer	Mr Robin Lewis
15 September	<b>3 pm</b>	Harvest Festival	Revd Emma King
22 September	9.30	BCP Morning Prayer	Canon Roger Clifton
29 September	9.30	CW Holy Communion	Canon Richard Hunt
6 October	<b>11.00</b>	Thanksgiving at All Saints Weston	Bishop Michael
13 October	9.30	BCP Holy Communion	Revd Judith Harries
20 October	9.30	Common Worship Morning Prayer	Revd Tom Yacomeni
27 October	9.30	BCP Holy Communion	Revd Robert Webb
3 November	9.30	BCP Morning Prayer	Mr Steven Howard
10 November	<b>10.45</b>	Remembrance Service Weston High St	Clergy of Weston
17 November	9.30	BCP Holy Communion	Revd Tom Yacomeni
24 November	9.30	BCP Holy Communion	Revd Judith Harries

### REGULAR EVENTS



### SECOND SATURDAY

Following a little break over the summer, our popular **Second Saturday** gathering, is back starting on **14 September**. This is a chance to meet local people over freshly brewed coffee or tea, and a selection of cakes from Parson's Bakery for which there is no charge (but donations are welcome).

If you prefer to start your day slowly, there are newspapers and a selection of donated books (bring and buy) to read.

Can't think of anything to chat about? Why not bring a few holiday snaps to break the ice?

Autumn dates are **Oct 12th** and **Nov 9th** from 10 a.m. to noon. If you wish, you can contact Victoria Humphries (pictured) on 01225 891361 to let her know that you wish to pop in.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Bishop Richard Fenwick will be giving an organ recital on 21 September from 6.30 p.m.

This event is always very popular, and tickets will not be sold in advance so if you would like to be sure of a seat, please phone Liz White on 01225 744852 to let her know you wish to attend.

Afterwards there will be light refreshments and the opportunity to make a donation (cash only) to cover the costs of the event.

Do you play the organ, or know someone who does? The congregation is looking for organists to join the rota to play at services every three months. A modest fee will be paid. Contact Emma King or Tom Yacomeni for more details!

## ORGAN RECITAL



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## RECENT EVENTS



## THE WILDFLOWER WALK

The Wildflower Walk in June had a fantastic turnout and even a little sunshine! Nearly 50 walkers were lucky enough to be shown around the beautiful fields and valleys at Manor Farm, Langridge. We are hugely grateful to Jane and Donald MacIntyre for their hospitality, and for their expertise and knowledge of all the flora and fauna along with their insight into the fascinating world of wild seed farming. And we mustn't forget the wonderful teas and cakes, some kindly donated, at the end to refresh us!

We hope that this popular event will take place again next year. Look out for the date in a future issue of the newsletter.

Jeremy Humphries

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**CHURCH FAMILY NEWS****OBITUARIES**

We have recently held two funeral services in St Mary Magdalene church for two people with close links to the church in Langridge. Although sad, these were two occasions which gave the opportunity to celebrate the lives of two special people known to many in Langridge.

**Digby Gibbs** and his family had lived in Upper Langridge for many years, and he remained there within the close community after his wife Gaye died several years ago. They were both active and held in high regard among their neighbours, and their family continued to visit regularly after they had grown up.

He was a devoted grandfather, and it was always a joy to see the grandchildren when he brought them often to our Second Saturday coffee mornings in the village hall.

St Mary Magdalene church was completely full when family and friends gathered for his funeral service on 1 July, and he will be remembered with great affection.

In August, we were very sad to learn that **Margaret Allen** had died aged 92. She had been in hospital for some time but was so happy to be able to return to her beloved home and garden.

Her earlier life had been very active when farming in Langridge. Margaret played a key role in setting up the Friends of Langridge Church which continues today. She became treasurer for the many fundraising events held to support the church over many years.

Her love of and expertise in tapestry was shared with the church as she created and inspired others to decorate the beautiful kneelers for the pews. Margaret's contribution over many decades was remembered and recognised at her funeral on 6 August when St Mary Magdalene church was filled with all those who gathered to recall her kindness and commitment with gratitude.

### **A time to celebrate – Letter from the Bishop of Bath and Wells**

What a joy it is to come together to celebrate! Wedding season is upon us and across Bath and Wells this summer, churches will be the scene of couples pledging their lives to one another. But it also a time for us to celebrate those who minister in the church, both our ordained ministers and those who serve in other ways.

In June, colleagues, family and friends came together for the ordination of our new deacons and priests at Wells Cathedral. St Paul's Weston-super-Mare was the venue for our Celebration of Lay Ministries service which saw people from across the diocese come together to give thanks for all that lay people give to the life of the church and to their community.

In May, many of our women priests, past and present, came together to mark the 30th anniversary of the ordination of women priests. Our PCCs and Treasurers have also been coming together at Wells Cathedral for an Evensong with Bishop Michael, followed by refreshments at the Bishop's Palace. "These are all special occasions and an important reminder of how we all serve our God and His Church in a host of ways. In Bath and Wells we are blessed with the gifts of so many people – from those who lead, including ordained ministers, Readers and those who serve in other ways, from mowing the churchyard, to serving refreshments. Our church life is richer for all these gifts, and it is important that we take time to cherish them and nurture them as we seek to grow our church and transform our communities together."

## **FUTURE EVENTS      SPRING 2025**

We are always delighted to receive ideas and/or contributions for future editions of the newsletter. Suitable topics include memories of local interest, special occasions, and forthcoming local events.

The deadline for contributions for the next edition is **17 November 2024**.

If you would prefer to receive the newsletter by email or contribute an idea or article, contact [davey\\_lisa@hotmail.com](mailto:davey_lisa@hotmail.com) with Langridge Newsletter in the subject line.

Ros Smallwood would like someone to help her for a couple of hours with the annual inventory of hymn books and prayer books. Contact Ros on 07815 164939.

### **USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS**

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