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Marmite, as the advertisement says, “you either love it or hate it”, and that is so true, isn't it. That got me thinking, change is a bit like that; some of us embrace it with open arms and thrive on it, and others resist it and see it in a negative way. Whatever our viewpoint, change is inevitable and enables us to grow and develop. Jesus' disciples were resistance to change and He had to lovingly and carefully prepare them for the massive changes that were to come following his cruel death and glorious Resurrection. It took ages for them to understand that he had to go away and leave them, but would return briefly to earth and then they would be empowered and given authority by the Holy Spirit to continue his work of spreading the Good News of his Father's kingdom for all and to build His Church throughout the world.

As heirs of that Good News today, we are privileged to be a part of that wonderful legacy as we play our part in continuing to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our town of Chippenham and village of Tytherton Lucas, and share the love...

...and hospitality, which is a hallmark of our parish.

As you read this, at the beginning of May, a new season of Spring (at last!), new life and growth will be with us in abundance. Also, Father Benji Tyler will be installed, and will be living and working amongst us to lead us forward into the next chapter of our lives and worship.

Yes, things will be different, but as we work together, let us thank God for all that He has done in the past and all the new and exciting things He is going to do, with and through us all in the days, weeks and months to come.

***Viv Prout***



## The beautiful Easter Garden



## Meet the Chickens fundraiser

We raised a total of £410 for Macmillan Care at our 'Meet The Chickens' event on 13th April.

We're so very grateful for all the donations and support we received.

*Felicity and Roger Lewis*



## A view from the roof!

Thank you to **Gavin Macrae** who shared these remarkable photos from the roof of St. Andrew's – a view most of us have never seen!

Gavin accompanied the diocesan architect on his quinquennial (every 5 years) survey.



## 'Sunrise Service' By Natalie Warburton

Silhouette trees stand as black pulmonary veins against an ombré  
of indigo.  
Bluebells cluster proudly amid the dew kissed grass, and elder  
graves, as large as altars,  
welcome another Easter sunrise.  
A single, Narnia lamp post beckons to the church spire,  
as though in a challenge to pierce the night sky.  
A group of us now gathering, we admire the kaleidoscope of  
stained glass colours before us  
and breath in the fresh, spring air.  
The night is behind us now. The spirit is near.  
On St Mary's street, far below, faceless figures pass glowing  
tobacco between them  
as they greet each other from the night shift.  
I suppose they are wondering why so many people would choose  
to wake at this hour.  
And now, it comes.  
The birdsong reaches a crescendo as the golden glitter of the sun  
can be seen,  
trickling over the horizon.  
It dances along the roof tiles of Monkton House as we admire and  
cherish it.  
Our bonfire, dying now, releases a few sorry last crackles,  
as though to admit defeat against the almighty sun.  
With joy and thankfulness in our hearts, we leave to enjoy our  
families and friends,  
spreading light and love wherever we go.

**(On Easter Sunday Morning: from Natalie Warburton,  
Founder & Leader of Chippenham Library Poetry Group)**

## Mothers' Union Update

For our April meeting we were pleased to welcome Christine Senior who as a Wren came to talk to the group about the Women's Royal Naval Service. It was first formed in 1917 during the First World War, disbanded in 1919 and then restarted in 1939 until in 1993 it became part of the Royal Navy. At the time of the First World War there were over 5,000 members from officers to cooks, wireless operators and mechanics. By the Second World War there were over 70,000 service women in all sorts of key jobs including decoders at Bletchley Park. Christine told us that the slogan at the time was 'Join the Wrens and free a man for the Fleet'. The women took a more active part during the Second World War including flying transport planes and sadly there were some who were killed in action.

It was as a result of the emergence of the need for equality in pay and the removal of sexual discrimination that the WRNS and the Royal Navy become one organisation.

Christine spoke of how at a young age she wanted to travel and thought this would be a good avenue to do that. She trained in Reading, became an administrator and eventually went out to Italy.

Princess Anne became President of the Wrens organisation in 1973 and is still their Chief Commandant for women in the Royal Navy. Christine said she was lucky enough to meet Princess Anne at a Buckingham Palace Garden party. She also showed us her cap and badge as well as a scrapbook of her time in the Wrens.

Our next meeting will be 13 May when Mary Pennell will tell us more about Oxfam. We always welcome visitors.

***Denise Addison - Branch Leader***



## **PRAYING and THE RISE UP CAMPAIGN**

Mothers' Union work is rooted in prayer. We pray for situations and people in our communities. We pray for situations and people around the world.

As we participate in 'THY KINGDOM COME' we pray for our faith to grow and that we be filled with the gifts of the spirit. We pray for those who do not yet know God, that they will encounter his love.

We particularly pray for victims and survivors of Domestic Abuse, through our commitment to the RISE UP campaign. Several Churches in the Bristol Diocese, (Including St Mary's in Yate) have been awarded the Rise Up Bronze Award. These Churches have pledged to regularly pray for victims, perpetrators and all those who work in this field. A wealth of resources, prayers and information are available on the Central MU website: [mothersunion.org/riseup](http://mothersunion.org/riseup)

### **A Prayer for May**

Lord, as we step out as your hands and feet in our communities, enlighten us with the spiritual gifts of knowledge and understanding to understand the needs of the people we serve in your name, and to know that it is thy will we do on earth, not ours. Amen

*Mothers' Union Prayer Diary (prayers from Guyana)*

**Jacky Fredrickson MU Diocesan President Bristol**



## North Wiltshire Symphony Orchestra

The North Wiltshire Symphony Orchestra will give its next concert in St. Andrew's church on **Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m.**

**Tickets are £15 adult; £2 accompanied children.**

*Available from:*

[www.wegottickets.com/northwiltsochestra](http://www.wegottickets.com/northwiltsochestra);

*The Neeld Community & Arts Centre 01249 446699 or [neeld.co.uk](http://neeld.co.uk); at the door and from orchestra members.*

Refreshments will be available in the interval in the usual way. Do enjoy them and thus support **WellBoring**

*In March we were delighted to see such a large audience, no doubt attracted by the French Romantic programme. Please book ahead because we have had high demand for recent concerts.*

### **June Concert**

*In this concert we travel north to Norway and Finland to present two popular works and a rarity.*

*This concert features soloist **Ellen Arkwright**, who is a soprano graduate from Trinity Laban, and has had engagements in opera and oratorio in some of the country's biggest cathedrals. She is "passionate about music of all genres" and runs an agency MYMUSO, which sources musicians for weddings, events and parties.*

**Grieg: Songs with orchestra** These are derived from other works and are “Evocative of woodland and mountain landscapes showing how the poet feels” They are rarely performed or recorded so should be a special delight.

**Grieg: Peer Gynt Suite 1** By contrast this is one of the composer’s best known works. This is based on incidental music for an Ibsen play and the music represent’s Gynt’s travels around the world. Grieg found it difficult to compose, and complained that he was given little direction: “Hence the brevity of the pieces”. There is a great range of moods; a calm opening song, Åse’s death, Anitra’s dance, and the concluding Hall of the Mountain King.

**Sibelius: Symphony Number 2:** The composer wrote: “My second symphony is a confession of the soul” and it remains one of his most popular works. It is not entirely northern for Sibelius sketched the work while living in a rented villa in Italy. But the conclusion is most definitely Finnish. There are the standard four movements. In the first there is growth from a simple three note motif. The second is inspired by Don Juan’s vision of death. The third alternates between a blazing start and a lyrical reflection. But the work is most famous for the long finale, which is “Beethoven gone north” with echoes of his fifth. It was said to have inspired Finns in their struggles for independence from Russia. There are no political intentions in programming this work now!

**Future concert November 16th 2024 programme to include  
Tchaikovsky Symphony number 6.**



# CHIPPENHAM FLOWER CLUB



We are looking for new members to join, and we also welcome casual visitors or friends. We meet on the first Monday of every month at Sheldon School Hall. Doors open at 6.45pm and we finish around 9.30pm. Come and see some of the regions best demonstrators construct amazing floral displays, which are available to win via a raffle every month. Enjoy the peace and wellness that flowers can bring.

We also have a Practice Class, which meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month at Pewsham Community Centre. Doors open at 7.00pm and we finish at 9.30pm. This is a great evening, learning or developing skills in flower arranging, with a NAFAS judge to give help and assistance.



Full details of our programme can be found on our website [www.ChippenhamFlowerClub.co.uk](http://www.ChippenhamFlowerClub.co.uk) and/or you can follow us on Facebook as Chippenham Flower Club, where you can like and share our page!

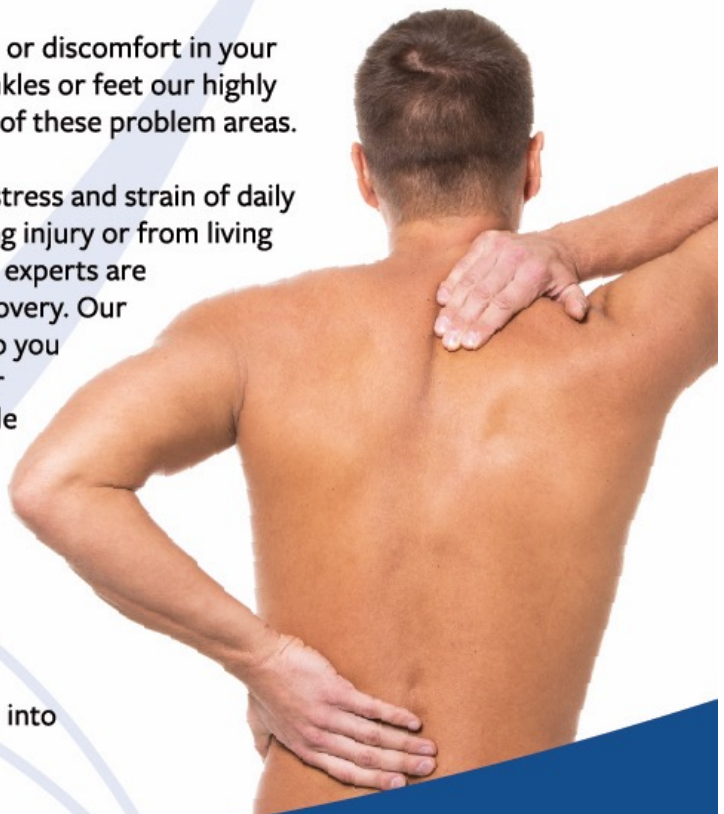
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## Maftoul bil sukar

مفتول بالسكر

Palestinian couscous with sugar and butter

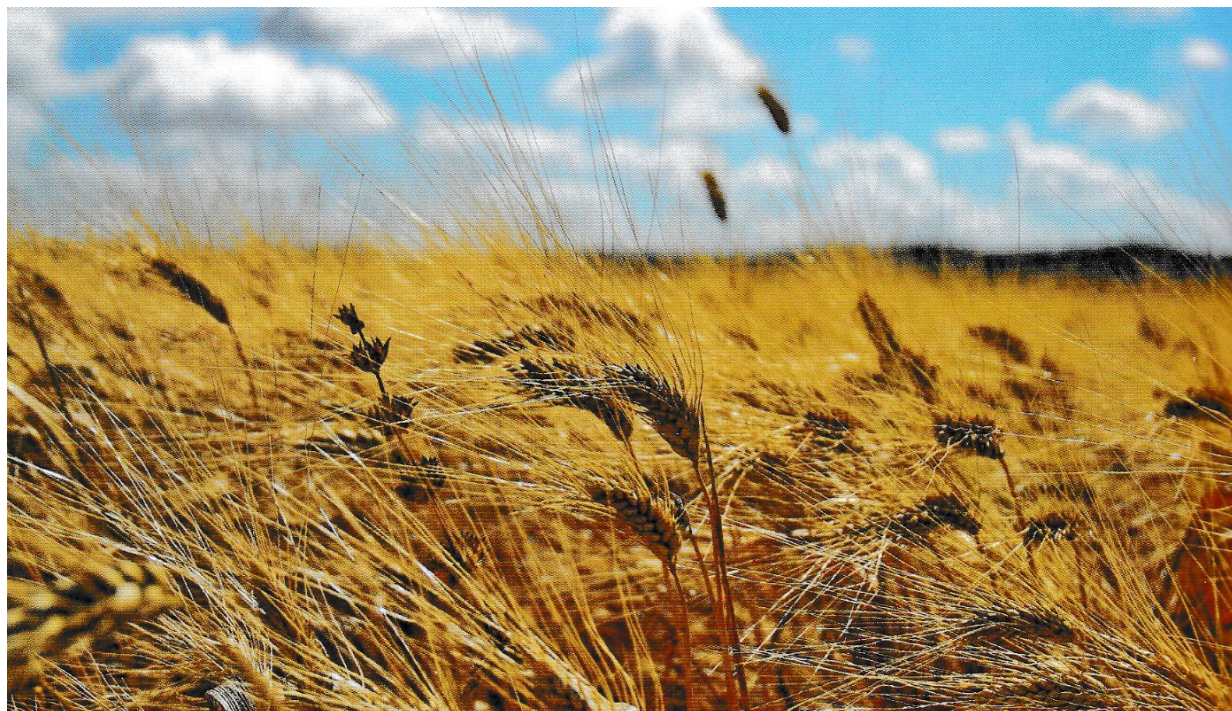
When we were little, my Mama would literally run around like a headless chicken at home – especially when all five of us had a friend over too. Our house was chaotic to say the least, but it was always fun. She would whip us up the most delicious treats, and this was one of my favourites, and also my friends' too, as it was unusual for them and they had never eaten it before. Maftoul is a Palestinian couscous used mainly in savoury dishes, but here it is sugared, buttered and divine. It takes about 10 minutes to make, depending on the type of maftoul: some are tiny and some are large, so please use your own judgement. My Mama used to eat this with her mama, and so the tradition continues.

Serves 2–4

150g dried maftoul  
 2 tbs golden caster  
 sugar, plus extra to serve  
 (optional)  
 40g butter  
 dried, crushed rose petals,  
 to scatter

Place the maftoul in a deep pan with the sugar, and add enough water to cover by a couple of centimetres. Bring to the boil to cook through the maftoul; depending on its size, this should take about 10–12 minutes. Drain the remaining water, add the butter and stir over the heat for a minute or two.

Place the maftoul into a bowl and scatter over some more sugar, if desired. Scatter with the rose petals, serve and eat straight away.



With thanks to **Debbie Warren** for sharing

## Letter from Uncle Eustace: *On publishing my book*

*My dear Nephew Darren,*

After all these years, who would have believed it: to have my own book printed! I must admit, I had imagined a leather-bound volume with gold leaf lettering on the spine – perhaps even titled ‘Volume One’, implying future delights when further work would appear. A paperback, held together with glue was a slight disappointment. The publisher’s reason for a print run of 50, saying that it meant fewer would have to be dumped in cut-price bookshops, was not what I had expected either.

He seemed to think that my commentary on Eusebius’s tables for cross-referencing the gospels, as explained in his letter to Carpius, would not have mass interest. While I concede it will be unlikely to dent the sales of Harry Potter, and that I am unlikely to be involved in negotiating the film rights, I had hoped for slightly more enthusiasm for this stride forward in global knowledge.

The excitement of the book launch and signing was also tempered when only the bishop arrived, expecting a free copy, so he could mark it for theological errors. My suggestion that he take a copy to colour it in did not go down well. I suspect I will not now be asked to deliver a paper on it at the next clergy conference.

I was briefly excited when several parishioners came into the shop. But it turned out that one wanted to book a baptism with me, and another wanted to complain that at his recent wedding, I had nearly married the best man to the bride. I was tempted to tell him that the time may come when he wished that I had, but decided that would be another sale lost.

I could not even console myself with a free drink. The publisher had only brought two bottles of that particular white wine, of unknown origin, that seems specially reserved for book launches and retirement parties. I suspect it derives less from a vineyard and more from a laboratory. One bottle he kept for himself and the other disappeared after my Confirmation class came in to ask whether the book would be serialised on TV.

In the end, I bought all 50 copies myself, placed a note in the bookshop window saying that, due to exceptional demand, the print run had been entirely sold out. It has also solved the annual problem of Christmas presents; in your case, a second copy will probably arrive for your birthday too.

*Your loving uncle, Eustace*

(The Rectory, St. James the Least)



# Parish Noticeboard

## Services at St. Nicholas' Church, Tytherton Lucas

12<sup>th</sup> May      *Evensong with Holy Communion*      6.30 pm

16<sup>th</sup> May      *Holy Communion*      6.30 pm

***Sheila Laurence***

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## **100 Club Draw for last month**

£100: 81    £40: 39    £25: 18

***Margaret Harrison***



## EVENTS AT ST ANDREW'S

**Tuesday 7 May** **11.00am**  
*Trio Paradis Concert*

**Saturday 18 May** **7.30pm**  
*Chippenham Male Voice Choir*

**24th to 28th May**  
*Chippenham Folk Festival*

**Saturday 15 June** **7.30pm**  
*North Wiltshier Symphony Orchestra (see pgs 10-11)*

**Saturday 22 June** **7.30pm**  
*WCO*

**Saturday 6 July** **7.30pm**  
*Village Singers*

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## When You Pray . . . .

Come now, my child. Flee for a while from your tasks, hide yourself for a little space from the turmoil of your thoughts. Come, cast aside your burdensome cares and put aside your laborious pursuits. For a little while, give your time to God and rest in him for a little while. Enter into the chamber of your mind, shut out all things save God and whatever may aid you in seeking God; and, having barred the door of your chamber, seek him.



**St Anselm  
of Canterbury**  
(1033-1104)

## A Final Word

I write this (UK time) on the morning of 22<sup>nd</sup> April, just hours before Fr. Benji is installed at St. Andrew's Church. I have reminded myself that for our clergy, this isn't simply any other "job", but rather a lifetime commitment and one of profound importance – quite literally shepherding the souls of Parishioners (both Church-goers and not) towards God's Kingdom! It is humbling to consider the scale and magnitude of this role, and I think that all of us who take even a few seconds to ponder it, will do our utmost to welcome Fr Benji into our Church community and support him in his role.

I am sad to be missing the special occasion today, but please know that at least one person is praying all the way from Singapore for all member's of the Church Family, and for Fr. Benji's success as our new Parish Priest!

I look forward to seeing photos from the occasion soon.

***Remy Osman, Editor***

# Church Services

St. Andrew's Parish Church, Chippenham with St. Nicolas' Tytherton Lucas

## St Andrew's Church Chippenham

### **9am Eucharist**

Alternating between traditional and contemporary language, this is a said service.

### **10.30am Eucharist**

The main Parish Eucharist with singing and congregational hymns. Led by our robed choir on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and some 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays and the singing group on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays.

### **Evensong**

*6:30pm Second Sunday of the Month*

## St Nicholas' Tytherton Lucas

*Please see inside on page 16 for the latest details.*

