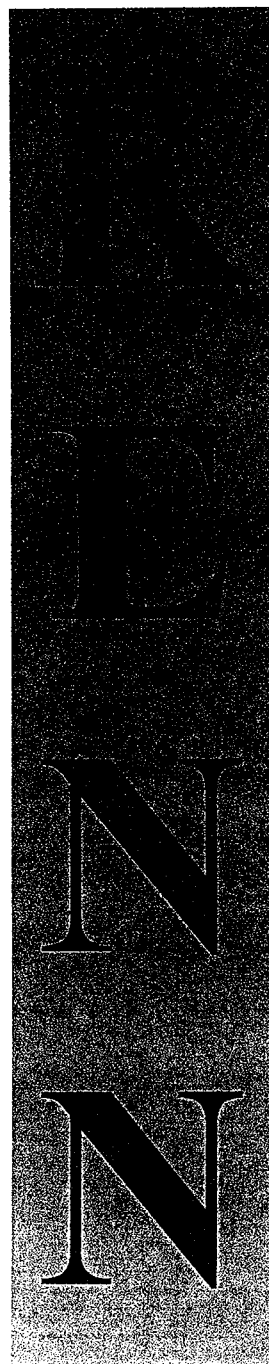


# NEWS & VIEWS



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## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### March

5<sup>th</sup> Leon Naish  
8<sup>th</sup> Jeremy Osbourne  
9<sup>th</sup> Tassos Papasolomontos  
16<sup>th</sup> Angie Ndow  
16<sup>th</sup> Brian & Julie Stowell WA  
17<sup>th</sup> Lee Staples  
James Mackay  
18<sup>th</sup> Quinton Stowell  
Grace Griffin  
20<sup>th</sup> Olivia Gale  
27<sup>th</sup> Amy Bye  
30<sup>th</sup> Jean & Fred Fenwick 40<sup>th</sup> WA  
31<sup>st</sup> Ruth & Sam Dyer WA  
Iris & Mike Callow WA

### *Thought of the Month*

*You discover as you go through life  
just why you have two hands,  
one is for helping yourself and  
one is for helping others*

### Naish's Notes

Work is well under way, transforming the old Kenn Valley Social Club into the New Salerooms for Clevedon. We look forward to them opening.

Tesco Vouchers for Schools for Computers can be put to good use. Please don't say 'no' when offered. Take them and let me have them to pass on, or give them to Jan Bedford. Also, Nestle Box Top Coupons please.

St Peter's Hospice run a 1000 Club which runs a Lottery each month – you win £250 if you are lucky – the rest goes to St. Peter's Hospice. Details from them:  
St. Peter's Hospice FREEPOST 9SW3 353) Bristol BS8 4ZZ and a leaflet will be sent to you.

## Church Notes

### St. John's Altar Guild

Members of the Altar Guild on duty in March are Mrs Julia Bush and Mrs Jenny Pascoe.

### Snowdrop Sunday

The Family Service in February was entitled Snowdrop Sunday. The service was all about Spring Time and the renewal of life that comes with the lengthening daylight and warmer weather. There was a large Congregation present.

Ray Naish.

### Lent Lunches

At Cherry Tree House, Kingston  
Seymour – the home of  
John and Celia Andrews –  
12.30 – 2 00 pm  
each Wednesday  
from 5<sup>th</sup> March to 16<sup>th</sup> April

### Lent House Group

New World, Old Faith  
Ecumenical Lent Groups 2003

The Kenn Lent Group will be held at the home of  
Ray and Jean Naish  
Cloverlea  
Wednesdays at 7.30 pm  
Starting 12<sup>th</sup> March  
Contact 872493  
Booklet available £2 to accompany the course.

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## FINISH THE JOURNEY

Every month my wife Celia and I have to head off up the motorway to do to Redditch to put The Grapevine, our Diocesan newspaper, to bed.

Usually it's an enjoyable and easy trip, but sometimes in the wind and the rain, the snow and the hail, progress is painfully slow and it seems we will never get there.

And it can be terrifying with big lorries throwing up spray and following far too close for comfort. It is then that we want to give it all up and opt for a quieter life.

The journey of Faith can also be comfortable and enjoyable. But it can also be difficult and demanding and many give up, admitting the journey is too much for them and they no longer want to go to the destination.

That doesn't matter so much when the destination is Redditch and the end result is a newspaper.

But when the destination is heaven and the end result is eternal life then it matters very much indeed.

When we were baptised we, or our parents and Godparents on our behalf, promised we would follow Christ, be his faithful soldiers and servants and take our place within the life and worship of the Church.

But that's hard and many people just see Baptism as an end in itself instead of just being a part of the journey of Faith.

Yet, to leave things there is like setting off for Redditch and stopping at Bristol – the job doesn't get done and there is no desired end result.

Some go on to Confirmation and they see that as an end in itself: but that is like getting as far as Evesham and calling it a day. More of the journey is completed but there is still no end result.

Others keep on the road, become a part of the Church – but are tempted away by diversions – days out, sports, shopping, DIY, family trips – and never find their way back to the road.

Meanwhile the job just doesn't get done and there is no desired end result.

Of course, God's gift of eternal life to us is never withdrawn but we can effectively reject it and throw it all away.

We can do that deliberately because we've decided the life of Faith is not for us, or carelessly, because we've allowed ourselves to be distracted by worldly matters.

Either way the job doesn't get done and there is no desired end result.

The Church season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (5 March) and I invite you all to use the time (the six weeks leading up to Easter) to re-examine your spiritual lives and your journey of Faith.

Join the Lent Group on Wednesday evenings, make a special effort to join the Church at prayer on Sundays, read your Bibles, say your prayers.

You've nothing to lose and absolutely everything to gain in all eternity.

With love and prayers,

John Andrews,  
Team Vicar

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## **St. John the Evangelist, Kenn** **Easter Vestry Meeting after** **11.00 Service Mothering** **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2003**

This is when our Church Wardens are elected for the coming year.

The short meeting will take place at the end of the morning service on Mothering Sunday.

All residents on the parish of St. John the Evangelist, Kenn and those on the Church Electoral Roll are entitled to vote.

Ray Naish and Julia Bush

## **Jumble Sale 26<sup>th</sup> February for the** **Christmas Parties Fund**

Many thanks to all those who contributed, helped, served, bought raffle tickets, gave raffle prizes or sent donations.

It was a joy to see so many helpers, and customers, especially the youngsters. Thanks to everyone's generosity a profit of £218 was made.

Expenses for the 2002 parties have all been paid, and funds for 2003 are looking very healthy.

Margaret Ball

## **Strange Happening in Kenn**

Jean Fenwick, for her special birthday last September, received, from her three daughters, a beautiful necklace which they had had made especially for her.

She wore it just the once, then it was lost – oh dear .....

Whilst serving at our Jumble Sale a complete stranger came up to Jean and said "This has just jumped out at me, and it is yours" – and it was ..... So Jean and necklace are reunited.

NB. The same evening at the Drum and Monkey the Quiz Night Raffle realised £110.00 towards Recliner Chairs for the Oncology Department at Weston Hospital in memory of a friend of the Quizmaster.

## **In Hospital**

We send best wishes to Jack Hanson who is our regular 'door man' at the Jumble Sale but is presently in Southmead Hospital.

Also best wishes for a speedy recovery to Richard Gaunt who at the time of going to press is in Weston Hospital.

Margaret

This Bumper Sticker was seen on a car in Twizel, South Island, New Zealand (pronounced to rhyme with the toilet paper not the light rain)

"LIVE FOR JESUS NOW  
AND SPEND ETERNITY  
IN THE NON-SMOKING SECTION"

I can't make up my mind whether this is piously pompous or divinely witty!

Julia Bush

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## Dates for your diary

### The Drum and Monkey Village Lunch -

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March from 12.30 p.m.

Come along and meet your  
neighbours - A warm welcome for  
everyone.

### Cherry Tree House, Kingston Seymour

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, then  
each Wednesday till 16<sup>th</sup> April  
Lent Lunches 12.30 - 2.00

### Cloverlea, Kenn Street

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March  
Lent House Groups commence  
Details 872493

### Kenn Village Hall Kenn Women's Institute

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm  
- Speaker Mr M. Brayley on How  
the Wolf Cubs won the war.  
Competition - Souvenir of War.  
Non-members always welcome.

### Prince of Orange, Yatton

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Mission Circle Lunch from 12.30 pm  
Everyone welcome

St. John's Kenn  
11.45 a.m. Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March  
Easter Vestry Meeting

## Kenn People on Radio and Television

I was listening to Radio Bristol the other morning, Susan Osman was hosting a 'phone in' quiz. She answered a phone call from a lady who said her name was Juliet from Clevedon. I didn't recognise the voice but when she said she was a farmer's wife and that they used to keep sheep but now keep horses, I tumbled to it that it was Juliet Stowell. Julie answered four of the five questions correctly. I rang straight away to congratulate her. At first she denied it was her, but soon admitted that I was right. I wonder if any one else from Kenn recognised her.

Simon Pascoe was interviewed on  
Points West this evening 24<sup>th</sup> February.

He was talking about people who  
receive meals on wheels.

The distributors of these meals are no  
longer allowed to collect the money for  
these meals for security reasons.

Simon who runs a Post Office in Bristol  
was saying that he considers it unfair  
that people will now have to pay extra  
because Bristol City Council will not  
pick up the transmission charges and  
payment must now be paid either by  
direct debit, cheque or through the Post  
Office.

One gentleman of 90 years old was  
saying that he had no bank account and  
was not likely to be able to open one.  
He was having to pay extra for his meals  
from now on. This does not seem fair  
to me either.

Ray Naish.

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## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The Parish Council Meeting held on Monday February 3<sup>rd</sup> was well attended despite the cold and quite lively - Why not come along to the next one, which will also be the Annual parish Meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup> and see for yourself.

Kenn, and all Parish Councils, have had to register under the freedom of Information Act 2000. It requires sending a scheme for making parish documents available to parishioners to the Commissioner for Information.

This has been done and our scheme has been accepted. A schedule of the documents held and when they can be seen is on the Notice Board in the Church porch and the foyer of the Village Hall.

As your Parish Council has not yet been dragged kicking and screaming into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and put any records on computer we are not required to register under the Data Protection Act.

The two Acts seem to me to be a contradiction in terms!!!

There seems to be a lot of rubbish blowing about the village at the moment, most dropped by passing cars and lorries we suspect, but it has been noticed that some bin bags are being put out very early and got at by animals. It would be helpful if they were not put out till the morning of collection. Thank you.

Thank you for looking in your lofts for hibernating flies. Hopefully it has been cold enough to kill any foolhardy ones left in the village.

The Parish Councillors and District Councillors all come up for re-election in May. Notices will appear at the appropriate time. If you would like to stand look out for the notices, which will tell you where to get a form.

Ann Holtham, Clerk

## The Mobile Library

The Mobile Library visits Kenn fortnightly, in March on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

Duck Lane	9.35-9.55
Chapel Cottage Kenn Street	10.00-10.20
Kenn Estate, Yatton Road	10.25-10.35

The vehicle has a lift for disabled and infirm people - it is easy to join, bring some identification linking name and address.

## What's on at the Drum?

**KENN VILLAGERS' LUNCH**  
**TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**  
**FROM 12.30 P.M.**

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT**  
**IS QUIZ NIGHT**

There is no pillow so soft  
as a clear conscience

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## SNIPPETS

### Kenn Village Hall

The Coffee Morning held at Kenn Court on 6<sup>th</sup> February raised £125.00 for Hall Funds.

Sincere thanks to everyone who came, gave to the Bring and Buy and Raffle Prizes and to Kennites who were unable to be present, but kindly sent donations.

### Bereavements

Sincere sympathy to Jenny Croxton and her family in Duck Lane on the passing of her father Alan Clothier in Southmead Hospital.

Mrs Doris Gulvin, who formerly lived in Duck Lane, has passed away at Winscombe Hall Nursing Home at the age of 88. We offer her relations our sincere sympathy. We flew our flag at half-mast on 26<sup>th</sup> February.

### Kenn Women's Institute

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm –  
Speaker Mr M. Brayley on How the Wolf Cubs won the war.  
Competition – Souvenir of War.  
Non-members always welcome.

Ruth Dyer

### KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Who would think that a talk about a load of rubbish would be both very interesting and entertaining? Mr Mike Bell made it so.

There was a sharp intake of breath when we learned that landfill sites became natural pressure cookers because of the build-up of methane gas in the bottom. They are now piped rather like oil wells to release this gas, which can then be recycled.

The problem was caused by putting a clay 'stopper' on top of the waste, as it was thought it would all bio-degrade; this stopped the oxygen circulating. Now the problem has been recognised, people like Mike Bell (he describes himself as a Rubbish Engineer) have to develop more friendly methods of waste disposal.

We heard how there are now huge digesting machines where all types of waste is fed in and the rolling drums separate plastics from glass from metals (both magnetic and not) from food waste from paper.

The rubbish is broken down as it travels through and the size of the waste diminishes in size as it is passed out of the machine. Food waste and the like is the final 'goody' it spits out as compost.

A good deal of our waste can be recycled by these machines but unfortunately County Councils are slow to recognise the benefits of a fairly large initial outlay which will pay for itself; not to mention the ecological aspect of less landfill areas.

Mr Bell works for Biffa. His latest challenge is to recycle 60% of one city's waste by 2010. Bearing in mind that the fabric used to make fleeces is made from recycled plastic, one's imagination could run riot. However, would it not be wonderful if our waste over the whole country could be reduced to 40% of its original amount? Also natural resources would be preserved by using the recycled material.

We are so lucky with our speakers because their enthusiasm for their subjects and entertaining approach provide us with an interesting and stimulating evening. Mr Bell was at the forefront of such speakers.

The competition was 'A Tip for Reducing Rubbish' and Madeleine



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Crawley won gold by advising us to choose goods with less packaging, use 'permanent' shopping bags (not plastic carriers), where practical buy one large container rather than several small ones, and purchase goods made of or packed in recycled material. Margaret Chappell was second with silver and Ruth Dyer came third, winning green.

On 12th March Mr Brayley will be telling us 'How the Wolf Cubs won the War', the competition being a Souvenir of War.

We shall hear about 'My work in Leyhill and Africa' by Mr Goundrill on the 9th April, and our competition will greet Spring by our Members producing their five prize daffodils!

If you would like to come along as a visitor we meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30 p.m.

A friendly welcome awaits you.

ROSEMARIE FORD 01275-542651.

Family historians may be interested in the following extract from the Post Office Directory of Somersetshire & Bristol dated 1875. If any one is interested in extracts about other Somerset villages from this directory please contact me.

Robert Down.

**KEN (or KENN)** is a village and parish, situated on a low plain, 2 miles south from Clevedon station, 2 miles west from Yatton railway station and 14 south-west from Bristol, in the Eastern division of the county, Bedminster union, Bristol county court district, Portbury hundred, Chew Magna rural deanery, Bath archdeaconry, and diocese of Bath and Wells.

The parish possesses a lasting interest from its being connected with the family of the great and good Bishop Ken, "who (see Markland's 'Prayers and Life of Bishop Ken'), though not a native of the diocese which he afterwards adorned, was descendant of a very ancient

Somersetshire family, seated at Ken Place from the reign of Edward the Second until the seventeenth century, when that estate passed, by the marriage of the daughter and heiress of Christopher Ken, to the first Lord Paulett." Christopher Ken's monument (date 1593) is still preserved, also others of ancient date.

The church (dedication unknown) is a stone building, rebuilt (except the tower) in 1861 at a cost of £1,000; it has chancel, nave, porch, and tower: the date of the communion cup and of the cover is 1545. The register dates from the year 1543. The living is a vicarage, yearly value £100, without parsonage house, in the gift of the vicar of Yatton, and held by the Rev. Charles Edward Thompson, M.A., of Trinity College, Oxford, who resides at Clevedon.

Here is a National school, and an Independent Chapel. Mrs Ann De Merle is lady of the manor. John Griffin, esq. and Charles Edwards, esq. are the principal landowners. The soil is loamy, chiefly grass; subsoil, clay and bog. The chief crops are wheat, beans and hay. The area is 1,018 acres; rateable value, £2,790; the population in 1871 was 245.

*Parish Clerk*, William Dyer

Letters from Bristol through Yatton post office. Clevedon is the nearest money order office.

*National School*, Miss Mary Curtis, mistress

PRIVATE RESIDENTS  
Griffin John

COMMERCIAL

Amesbury Henry, blacksmith  
Avery William, farmer  
Baker Robert, farmer  
Board John, farmer, Cole house  
Coombes James, butcher  
Dyer Samuel, farmer, Ken court  
Dyer Samuel, jun, farmer  
Dyer William, shopkeeper  
Hardwick Thomas, farmer, Gatehouse  
Hedges Joseph, farmer  
Plumley William, beer retailer & carpenter  
Sprod Edward, tallow chandler & farmer  
Staples William, farmer, Moorside  
Stuckey Joseph, farmer  
Wall Henry, farmer  
Wallis George, farmer

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## Transportation of People to Australia

Since I finished writing the articles about Mary Wall who was a Kenn person that was transported to Tasmania for her involvement in rick firing in 1830, I have been reading about the hardships that convicts had to endure on sailing ships while being transported.

The first ship-load of convicts were taken to Australia about 1770. The voyage took eight months, most of the people on board suffered scurvy, most of them lost all their teeth through this disease. How did they manage to eat chips biscuits with no teeth? This was the only food provided unless fish could be caught. The sailors in charge of the ship were often drunk and treated the convicts on board very cruelly. They were kept in chains the whole of the time, perhaps this was to stop them jumping overboard to escape their misery.

When the convicts were landed in Australia many of them were unable to walk because they had been in chains so long and had no land legs. Australia at that time was mostly an overgrown wilderness, the female prisoners on board were kept for a further fortnight on the ship until the male prisoners were fit enough to be able to build wooden huts for them to live in.

I wonder what they found to eat in this wild land. Did they have to live on the remains of the ships biscuits until food could be caught or grown. It is doubtful if any of these several hundred convicts were ever heard of again in England. Some of them made good and become important people as Australia developed.

Ray Naish.

## Food for Thought It's the summer of 1906

The Prime Minister's daughter Violet Asquith attends a dinner party and finds herself sitting next to a thirty-one year old M.P who, in her words, "subjected me to a torrent of magnificent language which appeared to be both effortless and inexhaustible and ended with the words I shall always remember 'we are all worms, but I do believe that I am a glow worm'"

When she returned home, she told her father that "for the first time in my life I have seen genius." An amused Asquith said "Well, Winston would certainly agree with you there, but I am not sure whether you will find many others of the same mind, still I know exactly what you mean. He is not only remarkable but unique".

The above, one of so many anecdotes on the great WSC.

"Some worm, some glow worm".

We could find good employment for a like statesman now I think.

John Griffin.

Following the birth of my second child, I called our insurance company to inquire about my short-term disability policy. "I just had a baby," I proudly announced to the representative who picked up the phone" "Congratulations" I'll get all the information and activate your policy" she assured me. After taking down basic facts like my name and address, she asked "Was this a work-related incident?"

(also sent by John Griffin)

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## BIRD NEWS I

I very much hesitate to correct my friend Ray on countryside matters, but in the interests of accuracy (for future researchers who may be reading KNV in years to come), I should like to state that the Little River birds were Little Egrets. Four is certainly a record count, although today I saw one from the train in the same general area.

Another first was a Merlin flying fast south over Yatton late one afternoon. There is a Starling roost on the moors in that direction so maybe the Merlin was going to hunt at it.

A friend told me that he had seen 2 Merlins together at Clevedon, so perhaps the cold weather has pushed a few into our area.

Lastly I have information from the YACWAG Newsletter about Littlewood (also known as The Plantation) on Kenn Moor.

Littlewood was purchased by YACWAG in January this year with support from YANSEC, the Countryside Agency and Transco, more details to come.

Trevor Riddle - 01934 835208

Yatton Moor Team Ministry  
Quarterly Forum

*What future for the world's poor*

A challenge by Christians to  
Dr. Liam Fox M.P.

St. Mary's Church, Yatton  
Chapter House  
8.00 pm Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March

ALL WELCOME TO THIS IMPORTANT  
DEBATE

## BIRD NEWS II

Since Trevor Riddle has given me his bird notes, he has rang me to say that he has seen a Woodcock in the Plantation in Kenn Moor. These are very much like large Snipe.

I have very little bird news to report, by next month the summer visitors will be arriving. I saw a Greater Spotted Woodpecker in Russ Lane. There seems to be a very large number of Blackbirds around. They must have had a very successful breeding season last year. In a short drive down Cooks Lane I saw about 15 feeding on the grass verge.

Ray Naish

Dance away the Winter Blues with

THE HARRISONS

Steve Treble's brilliant band!

Live Music - Bar - Dancing

Kenn Village Hall

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March from 8.00 pm

Tickets £5

From:  
Mick at The Blue Flame, West End,  
Nailsea 856910  
or Rob Treble 878782

All Proceeds to Kenn Village Hall Funds

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## THE PARISH OF YATTON MOOR

**1st Sunday 2nd March**  
**THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT**  
**- QUINQUAGESIMA**

**08:00 Holy Communion Kenn**

08:00 Holy Communion Claverham  
09:30 Parish Communion Yatton  
09:30 Holy Communion Cleeve  
11:00 Family Service Kingston Seymour  
18:00 Evensong (BCP) at Yatton

**2nd Sunday 9th March**  
**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

08:00 Holy Communion Yatton  
09:30 Parish Communion Yatton  
09:30 Holy Communion Claverham  
11:00 Family Service Cleeve

**11:00 Holy Communion Kenn**

18:00 Evensong (BCP) Kingston Seymour  
18:30 Holy Communion Cleeve

**3rd Sunday 16th March**  
**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

08:00 Holy Communion Claverham  
09:30 Parish Communion Yatton  
09:30 Holy Communion Cleeve  
11:00 Holy Communion Kingston Seymour  
14:30 Holy Baptism at Yatton

**18:00 Evensong (BCP) Kenn**

**4th Sunday 23rd March**  
**THE THIRD OF LENT**  
**- TEAM SUNDAY**

**08:00 Holy Communion Kenn**

10:00 TEAM Communion Yatton  
18:00 Taizé TEAM Service Cleeve

**5th Sunday 30th March**  
**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT -**  
**MOTHERING SUNDAY**

08:00 Holy Communion Yatton  
09:30 Family Communion Yatton  
09:30 Holy Communion Cleeve  
10:00 Family Service Claverham

**11:00 Family Service Kenn -- followed by**  
**Easter Vestry Meeting**

11:00 Family Service Kingston Seymour  
18:00 Evensong (BCP) Yatton

## HOLY DAYS IN MARCH:

**5th ASH WEDNESDAY**

19:30 Holy Communion Yatton (with  
Imposition of Ashes)

**19th JOSEPH of NAZARETH**

10:00 Holy Communion Yatton

**11:00 Holy Communion Kenn**

**25th THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR**  
**LORD TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN**  
**MARY**

08:30 Holy Communion Yatton

## WEEKDAY SERVICES

Daily 08:30 Morning Prayer at Yatton  
(except Holy Days)

**Every Wednesday**

10:00 Holy Communion Yatton  
14:15 Pram Service at Yatton (in school  
term time)

**1st Wednesday in month**

11:00 Holy Communion at Kingston  
Seymour

**4th Wednesday in month**

11:00 Holy Communion at Claverham

**Every Thursday**

09:30 Holy Communion at Cleeve  
19:30 Holy Communion at Yatton