

# *Merton Monthly*

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## All Saints Church



**Team Rector: Revd Martin Warren, tel: 01409-281424**

**Methodist Minister: Rev Chris Jackson, tel: 01837-5230**



Dear Friends,

Whether ardent royalist or fierce republican, you can't deny that the Coronation of King Charles III will be a significant moment for this country. What sort of significant moment remains to be seen. But it will be a chance to celebrate in one way or another, and have another bank holiday. (May seems to be full of them!)

But what are we celebrating? Well it certainly isn't a monarch who is going to rule with a hard fist. This is no Genghis Khan or even Vladimir Putin. We live in a very different age and a very different society, for which most of us are very grateful. To be king though automatically brings up images of autocratic rule and everybody doing what they are told. Well, that might have been the case when they claimed the divine right of kings, but that didn't last long.

The ceremonies in Westminster Abbey speak of a very different approach, and have their roots in well over a thousand years of history. At its heart is the sense of service, of giving oneself for the sake of the country and the people. It was something we all saw in Queen Elizabeth; it is something King Charles has committed himself to follow.

And in the midst of the service is the pattern of the Servant King – and that is Jesus. Jesus redefines leadership and, in particular, kingship. It is not about power, but about service. It is not about ruling, but serving. So at a defining moment in his ministry, he stoops and washes his disciples' feet. And that only points on to his ultimate act of service as he gives himself even to death for us all. Here is the complete act of service. It is the service of love.

Whatever we think of royalty as such, the events of the Coronation will be a powerful portrayal of the Christian ideal of leadership. May it speak to all in positions of leadership and to those who aspire to them in whatever sphere of life. Let it shape our prayers and longings for our country – and please do join in the times of prayer for King and country over the Coronation week-end as you are able.

And too let those patterns of leadership shape our decisions as we go to the ballot box in the days before the Coronation. May we have those in leadership, be it as our King or on Torridge District Council, to be those who will serve.

Peace and blessing upon this land,

Martin Warren.

## **Services at All Saints' Church & around**

### **Services at All Saints' Church**

|                      |         |                                                     |
|----------------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 7 <sup>th</sup> May  | 11.00am | Petrockstowe Chapel (local-led)                     |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> May | 11.00am | Petrockstowe: Hele Barton (Rogation: Methodist led) |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> May | 9.30am  | <b>Communion (Merton)</b>                           |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> May | 9.00am  | <b>Communion (Huish)</b>                            |

### **From the Registers**

#### **Wedding: Congratulations!**

28<sup>th</sup> Mar     David Curtis and Jackie Jackson

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## MERTON SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

Nothing to report this month. The Merton Charity League Afternoon Triples has now finished and we are awaiting the results.

Our AGM which was scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> April has been changed to 27<sup>th</sup> April.

We will continue to hold our fortnightly roll-ups, the next one will be on 11<sup>th</sup> May.

Short mat bowls is one of the **few sports** that can be actively participated in by both men and women of all ages, from the very young to those of an advanced age.

We would dearly like to increase our membership in order to enter more leagues and build on our recent successes. If you wish to try out the sport, or just come to watch, you will be given a warm welcome. Please come to the Clinton Hall on any club night for an introductory session. We will supply equipment, just bring yourself!

If you prefer, contact Jeanie on **01805 601125** or Julie on **01805 603405** for more details.

**We look forward to seeing you!**



# Merton F C



## Results:

|             |   |                  |   |
|-------------|---|------------------|---|
| Merton      | 1 | Kingsley Wizards | 3 |
| AFC Dumonii | 5 | Merton           | 0 |

## Home Fixtures:

### May

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May      Merton      V      A F C Dumonii      14-30

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This game will be the end of season, which has been long and hard  
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### Merton AFC 150 Club Draw

**April 2023**

£20-00 Mike Ford

£10-00 Dave Griffiths

### Black Bag & Green Waste Collections for May

Black Bag collection Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May

Green Waste collection Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May

Recycling & Food Caddy: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May, then as normal

Check the TDC calendar at: [Torridge District Council](https://www.torridge.gov.uk/)

## **Praying for King and Country**

Service of Prayer Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 6.00pm at Huish

Ringling for the King Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May, 3.30pm at Merton  
4.20pm at Huish

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Your Editor, Dave



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