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Dear Friends,

*If you have integrity, nothing else matters;
if you don't have integrity, nothing else matters.*

A quote that apparently comes from either a former US senator or businessman. (No, it's not actually from the Bible!) And it feels very relevant in our political culture at this time. Integrity, and with it, honesty really do matter. And without it, everything else is pretty much a waste of time.

If truth is something we let slip through our fingers, then it's likely that we will let much else slip too. Our standards will slip, how much we care for others, the care we take of other people's belongings and our own. It just doesn't matter.

And it is so easy to go along with it all, isn't it. The person seems so persuasive, they look glitzy and offer so much. As someone once said, 'If it looks too good to be true, it probably is.'

Actually the truth is that none of us really live up to that standard of total integrity and honesty. We are economical with the truth – I love that phrase – we can all use a white lie or two. And what's not ok for the other, well, it doesn't matter if I do. After all, I've got a good reason. We're all somewhere on that slippery slope.

It's why Jesus said that we all need to be born again; we all need to start again. However hard we try, we never quite make it. Some seem to do better than others, but none of us get it all right. And often, when you get close to those who seem to be getting it pretty well right, they will admit to just how far short they know they fall. All of us are fallible.

Isn't it interesting that honesty is so close to integrity. Integrity is not actually about getting it all right all of the time. It is to be able to admit to it when we do get it wrong. That's true integrity. And that's what God offers to us. The strength to admit to our failures and our weaknesses, and the power to do better. Now that could change our world. It's at the heart of community and family life.

Every blessing for another month,

Martin Warren.

Services at All Saints' Church & around

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2 nd July	11.00am	Clinton Hall (welcome service for Revd Catherine Duff, our new curate)
9 th July	11.00am	Petrockstowe (Methodist led)
16 th July	9.30am	Communion (Merton)
23 rd July	9.30am	Communion (Huish)
30 th July	2.00pm	Village Walk with service to follow (Berry Farm, Petrockstowe) Service about 4.00pm

Service by Phone

Sundays at 4pm

Ring 0330-606-0403. You will be asked for an access code: (251417)

From the Registers

Wedding: Congratulations

24th June Daniel Lee and Miriam Kimber

Funeral: Our prayers for all bereaved

15th June Cedric Askew (Crematorium)

News from Clinton Hall

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MERTON SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

Having come to the end of the Winter Season and receiving our 2nd place trophy in Division 3 of the Merton Charity League Afternoon Triples, we will now spend the next few months playing for fun. Our club nights will be held fortnightly until September/October when we will be preparing for the next Charity League competitions. We would dearly like to enter more and get ourselves back on the map after the “lock-down” but current membership numbers prevent us from doing so.

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. If you want an inexpensive fun evening out, please come and join us, whether you wish to try out the sport, or just come to watch, we think you will be pleasantly surprised.

Please come to the Clinton Hall on 6th or 20th July at 7 p.m. or contact Jeanie on **01805 601125** or Julie on **01805 603405** for more details.

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Merton AFC 150 Club Draw

May 2023

£20-00 Steve Welch

£10-00 Tabatha Paddon

Black Bag & Green Waste Collections for June

Black Bag collection Thursday 6th July & 20th July

Green Waste collection Thursday 13th July & 27th July

Recycling & Food Caddy: Saturday every Friday

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

The Family of Cedric Askew, who died on 22nd May 2023, would like to express their sincere thanks for all the messages, cards and flowers received. It has been overwhelming and very comforting to know how highly Cedric was thought of.

Everyone seems to remember his smile and his love to chat.

He will be greatly missed.

The private funeral has taken place but if you wish to make a donation in Cedric's memory for the North Devon Hospice and Devon Air Ambulance, please send to R Gist & Son, Undertakers.

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