

THE CLARION

The Magazine of the Parish of St Mary The Boltons
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December 2023 - January 2024

From the Vicar Resolutions

Does anyone make New Year Resolutions any more? We may think we *ought* to make them: to lose weight, drink less, read more, watch less on screen, learn something new, write more letters, keep a journal. We may start well each January, but find that keeping going into February is more difficult than we had imagined. I think part of the problem is that our resolutions are usually solitary endeavours. We fail (is that the right word?) only ourselves, and eventually wonder if our resolutions actually matter.

What would happen if we as a community or congregation decided to make some New Year (Advent) resolutions together? What would they look like? They need not be arduous, but they may just transform the way how we do things together, and indeed transform the life of our congregation, our church, our parish.

We might resolve to be more regular (or at least more frequent) in our Sunday attendance. Many of our regular congregation come along every two or three or even four weeks. Imagine how full the church would be if everyone came to church all at once. Or we might resolve to arrive in good time on a Sunday, and sit quietly for a minute or two before the service.

What if we committed ourselves to deepening our faith together, by reading some Christian books, or studying the Bible, or saying our prayers regularly, either at home or in company, or doing a course together outside of Advent and Lent? We might find that talking about the Christian faith is really rather challenging, even exciting.

We could resolve to be a more welcoming church by being people who do not just talk to our friends,

but look out for strangers; who do not rush away after church, but stay to chat with people we do not know; by looking out for newcomers who may be uncertain how things work here and helping them to feel they can belong.



We could resolve to invite someone to come to church with us. It is well known that most people come to church because someone invited them. You could offer them lunch afterwards as a pretext. Remember what it was that brought you here, and crucially what keeps you coming?

What about developing and encouraging an attitude that says, 'I could do that' (be a sidesperson or serve coffee; sing in the choir; serve on a committee or working group) and then act on it? Offer yourself. Encourage one another. It could change the face of our church and reinvigorate our life together.

Finally, what about our financial support of St Mary's? Part of our Christian discipleship is the offering we make each week in the Sunday collection. It is a natural response to the generous faithfulness of God who gives us all we have, and it is also our gift to one another as a church, keeping

our building open, safe and warm; and sustaining St Mary's ministry to our parish community. If you are not yet giving regularly, why not resolve to start? You can give via a regular bank transfer, or by joining the new Parish Giving Scheme that will be introduced next year. It is easy and helps us to budget and plan what we will do together in the coming years.

What is your resolution for 2024? What is ours, here at St Mary's?

I wish you all a good and happy New Year, as well as a joyous and blessed Christmastide.

Jenny Welsh, Vicar



Advent and Christmas Services at St Mary's

Advent Discussion Group

Sundays from 12noon, starting 3 December

Three short, focussed sessions in the church hall on our response to the Church of England's *Living in Love and Faith* process, concerning the blessing of same sex relationships. Everyone is welcome.

Advent Quiet Wednesdays in Advent, an hour of silence by candlelight at the end of a busy day. From 5.45pm.

Sunday 3 December Advent Sunday

5.30pm Earl's Court Community Carols Joint Carol-Sing with St Luke's Redcliffe Square in Redcliffe Square Gardens. Dress warmly, and join in the singing of your favourite carols. More details at <https://tinyurl.com/redcliffesqcarols23>

Sunday 10 December

10.30am Family Eucharist with Nativity Play

performed by our Sunday School Children.

7.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve Sunday 24 December

8am Holy Eucharist

(Book of Common Prayer)

10.30am Parish Eucharist

4.00pm Family Crib Service

11.30pm Midnight Mass



Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Eucharist

(Book of Common Prayer)

10.30am Family Eucharist

Sunday 31 December Christmas I

8.00am Holy Eucharist

(Book of Common Prayer)

10.30am Holy Eucharist



St Mary's Parents & Babies Group

A new group starting on Wednesday 6 December in the church. An opportunity for parents of new babies and toddlers to meet for a chat, a coffee, and a space for their little ones to play. Everyone is welcome and there is no need to book; just come along.

JOIN US

This group is for mums, dads, and their newborns through crawlers. Come to connect with other local parents while we enjoy a cuppa and our babies make faces and friends.



MUMS, DADS

+ BABIES

First meeting
6 December!

First Wednesday of the Month

10:30am - 12pm | St Mary The Boltons, SW10 9TB

Entrance opposite number 23 The Boltons

Suggested donation: £2

12 Days of Christmas: A long time to be hungry

The Food Banks are emptying out at a great rate with more people in need than ever. We want to help feed as many people as we can over the Christmas and New Year holiday period, particularly families dependent on free school meals. To that end, we want everyone in the congregation to bring in 12 items for the food bank collection, one for each day of Christmastide. It could be 12 different items, or 12 identical ones. Or perhaps even something like one box of biscuits, two packets of cereal, three cloves of garlic; 4 tins of tomatoes, 5 toothbrushes.... You get the picture.... and not to forget things like puddings, or chocolates, because everyone needs a treat at Christmastime.



If everyone (including the children) in our congregation were able to bring 12 things, just think how many families will be able to have enough food and other essentials during the holidays. Everything in this appeal will go to Dads House. They will be closed between Christmas and the New Year, so everything needs to be received by 18 December. Thank you for your support!

In church, there are shopping lists of things that are most useful. Do take one with you next time you go shopping. If you do not want to do the shopping, you can always give us cash – in a marked envelope – which we can give directly to Dads House.
Jenny Welsh, Vicar

Charity Carol Services at St Mary The Boltons

We are pleased to be hosting two Carol Services in church, on behalf of local charities, including music from our own St Mary's Singers. Do come along to support them and warm up your voices for Christmas.

Susan Metcalfe Residential Christmas Carol Concert Thursday 7 December, at 6pm

In aid of the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA).

More details available at www.susanmetcalfe.com.



Glass Door Christmas Carol Service Thursday 14 December, 7pm.

Find out more and book tickets at www.glassdoor.org.uk/carols.

All proceeds will go towards Glass Door's services supporting people facing and experiencing homelessness in London.



Charity Committee

Selecting charities to support in 2024

The Charity Committee met on 14 October following the conclusion of this year's campaign. We sought one international two-year charity and three smaller UK based charities of which one works internationally and two work in our local area, defined as The Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea or one of the adjacent boroughs.

Following the last PCC meeting, we are pleased to report that approval has been granted for the three smaller one-year charities that we proposed. The screening process for the two-year international charity continues and we hope to be able to announce this in the next edition of *The Clarion*. Some 13 candidates were in place by assessment time, although several of them were ineligible as they failed to satisfy the selection criteria. The following have been selected for our support during 2024 and, as is our custom, their representatives are asked to present at least once in Church and provide ad hoc activity reports.

The smaller international charity for one year support recommendation:

USPG Partners in Mission/Delhi

Brotherhood Society Women's Helpline

Supporting this helpline would enable our money to meet an identifiable and clear need of helping women who are abused, which clearly falls into our selection criteria. We also have the re-assurance of Philip Welsh's extensive knowledge of USPG, specifically the area in question. We have therefore chosen one of USPG's projects in Northern India on this occasion, as our historic support has been focused in Africa. <https://www.uspg.org.uk/worldwide/programmes/asia/church-of-north-india/>

One-year local charity support nominations:

Beacon House - part of Evolve Housing + Support

The Beacon House (located in Bina Gardens) is being recommended for a further year of support. It is a charity that provides somewhere for homeless young people not only to live, but to gain skills, employment and ultimately thrive. Beacon House consists of 16 self-contained flats plus a

communal area, garden, and a skills room helping 16 single homeless young people from 16 years of age, who have medium to high support needs and require access to staff 24 hours a day. Residents are referred to Beacon House by RBKC's Social Inclusion, Independent Support and Children and Families teams. Our continued support would enable the purchase / upgrade of computers and other office equipment that would help residents prepare for independent living.

www.evolvehousing.org.uk/understand-our-work/supported-housing/young-people/beacon-house

Smaller local charity for one year support recommendation:

Earl's Court Youth Club (ECYC)

We proposed supporting them for one year, with a possibility for them to become a two-year charity next year. ECYC recently expanded their activities for people 'on the fringes' of our community who are directly and indirectly touched by the challenging economic environment. The charity is well known to St Mary's, having been supported as a smaller charity in the past.

Earl's Court Youth Club (ECYC) works with young people between the ages of 9-19 and up to the age of 25 if there is a disability or special needs. They provide a safe and welcoming environment for young people of all abilities and backgrounds to enjoy a wide selection of activities aimed at promoting personal, social and educational development. The club's recent activities have increased substantially. In addition to youths, they work with young adults too. <https://www.earlscourtyouthclub.co.uk/>

As agreed last year, we are continuing our support for **Learn to Love to Read** for the next year.

During this reporting period Philip Welsh and Katrina Quinton have given notice of their stepping down and have been thanked for their significant service. The committee is currently seeking a replacement Chair and one or two additional members. Readers are asked to give consideration to any possible candidates.

Please speak to any of us or the Vicar if this is something you might be interested in.

Alex Burt, on behalf of the Charity Committee



Book Review

Father Allan: The Life and Legacy of a Hebridean Priest by Roger Hutchinson

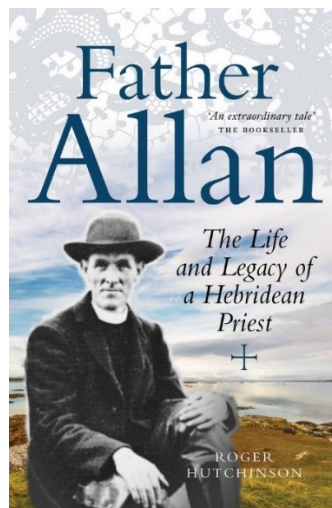
This slim little volume caught my eye in The Highland Bookshop, Fort William, when I was on holiday this summer.

It tells the story of a much loved priest, poet and local politician who was world renowned in his day and has been referred to as the most celebrated Hebridean priest since St Columba.

Allan McDonald was born at Fort William in 1859. His short life is also the story of the Outer Hebrides in the late nineteenth century, and of

Catholicism as a mainstay of culture in what was at the time one of the poorest and most neglected parts of Europe. Father Allan first was priest at Oban, then South Uist and then transferred to the tiny Eriskay. This island at the tip of South Uist had previously seen

population decline to almost non-existence, but following the Highland Clearances had become a popular 'dumping ground' for many families transferred from other parts by landlords. The island became an unusually well-populated area of the Highlands and a busy parish for a priest, albeit all under the cloak of abject poverty, with often dire consequences.



Father Allan travelled abroad only once, to attend the Scottish Seminary at Valladolid, Spain. Dining on breakfasts of tomatoes and almonds, which he would recall all his days, here he made lifelong friendships with men who would become his fellow priests all over Scotland. Many shared his love of Gaelic culture, and because of the excellent libraries at Valladolid were able to be not only speakers, but real scholars of that language.

There have been several biographies of Father Allan, however, at a time of renewed interest globally in past cultures and so called 'dying' languages. What really radiates through the pages of Roger Hutchinson's book is Father Allan's devotion to his Gaelic heritage and his expertise as a Gaelic poet, writer and collector of folklore. Thankfully, his writings were justly appreciated in his own lifetime and he received many visitors to his small plain home, from England and as far away as the United States. Guests were always greeted at the tiny harbourside by Father Allan raising his hat as they disembarked, sometimes after a journey of several weeks. Many academics became lifelong friends and correspondents.

Roger Hutchinson has written a well-researched and lively book that captures the feel of the era and is at times heart-warming and shocking, but always moving. It will appeal to anyone with an interest in Scottish history, the Catholic faith practised in its most pared back form, or just to learn of a gentle witty soul who became an outstanding scholar and priest.

Father Allan died of pleurisy aged 45, undoubtedly contracted while ministering to his flock. He was mourned all over Scotland.

Anyone is welcome to borrow my copy of the book.

Joanna Hackett

Cover image: Amazon

Hymns*

Is the original best?

From time to time the words in the hymn book trip us up – they are not quite what we remembered. This must be a typo, one thinks, or – shudder – some ghastly modernisation. All is not as it seems at first glance.

Is the original version always best? Or do we simply crave the comfort of familiar words? My favourite example of this is ‘Hark the herald’; see the attached image from *Hymns and Sacred Poems*, 1739, for Charles Wesley’s rather startling original.

HYMN for CHRISTMAS-DAY.

I.

HARK how all the Welkin rings
“ Glory to the Kings of Kings,
“ Peace on Earth, and Mercy mild,
“ GOD and Sinners reconcil’d!

II.

Joyful all ye Nations rise,
Join the Triumph of the Skies,
Universal Nature say
“ CHRIST the LORD is born to Day!
CHRIST,

When we first let go of our dog-eared green *New English Hymnals*, and opened our shiny new red *Ancient and Modern* some ten years ago now, the keen-eyed reader was confronted with a few surprises. Take for instance the Advent hymn *Jordanis Oras Praevia* or, as you may know it, ‘On Jordan’s bank’. The thing about translations is that often there are several in circulation. Which to prefer? So familiar was I with the second verse as ‘then cleansed be every Christian breast / and furnished for so great a guest’, I stumbled to find the rather different translation ‘then cleansed be every breast from sin. / Make straight the way for God within’ in the new book. I have subsequently warmed to it, with the direct referencing of the scripture in the ‘make straight.’ I noted that there is nothing whatsoever in the original to suggest this. The addition is merely the lens of the translator.

Sometimes a change of just a single word can represent quite a leap in theology. A fascinating example of this arises in the third verse of John Newton’s ‘Glorious things of thee are spoken’. The

original ‘Saviour, if of Zion’s city, I through grace a member am’ was transformed in some hymnals to ‘Saviour, since of Zion’s city...’ An interesting article by Charles Moore in *The Spectator* about this hymn, which he had selected for his father’s funeral, pointed out that, although the version he had been expecting was ‘since’, he was rather taken with the ‘if’, as it felt like a better fit for his father’s somewhat agnostic approach to faith.

Another single word change, and actually what prompted me to write this article, came up at All Saints. I noted that the author of ‘Give us the wings of faith’ was given as Isaac Watts*. That asterisk, which I have come to regard with a modicum of suspicion, indicates some level of tinkering with the original. Here it points to only one word: a change from ‘me’ to ‘us’. Can we collectively aspire to rise within the veil? Or is it a personal quest? One to ponder, but no big deal.

In another context, this we/I discrepancy can take on quite a weight of meaning. When in 2010, the Roman Catholic church adopted a new translation of texts for the Mass, the premise was to be as faithful as possible in a literal sense to the Latin. This meant that the Nicene Creed (the one we use at the Eucharist), switched from ‘I believe’ (Latin ‘Credo’) to ‘We believe’. The Church of England, as ever, seeks the happy medium. ‘We believe’ at the Eucharist, but readers familiar with Evensong will know, as the final notes of the *Nunc Dimittis* die away, it is ‘I believe’ that begins the Apostle’s Creed in the Book of Common Prayer. (*We also use a version of it at every baptism - Ed.*)

Returning to John Newton, this year is the anniversary of perhaps Newton’s most famous hymn, ‘Amazing Grace’. I was in Hull last month and I stumbled upon a travelling exhibition dedicated to its history, on the occasion of its 250th anniversary this year. I do commend the related virtual online exhibition to your attention: <https://cowperandnewtonmuseum.org.uk/amazing-grace-250-commemorations/>

Here, at least, the words (which speak both of Newton’s literal shipwreck and of his change of

heart from captaining a slave ship to becoming a vehement proponent for abolition) are consistent in all hymn books.

But what about the tune? One or two notes on the first syllable? Triplets or no triplets? Long ornaments in the third line? Perhaps that is a can of worms best left till another day.

John Ward



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

St Mary's helped to raise £4,777 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Thank you to everyone who supported this, and especially to the people who helped Margarete with selling poppies at Sainsbury's and elsewhere.

Image: Royal British Legion



St Mary's Harvest Collection

We were pleased to be able to share our Harvest Festival collections from St Mary's, together with collections from Paint Pots Nursery, Wetherby Prep School Kensington, and Bousfield Primary School. These were distributed to Dads House, St

Cuthbert's Centre, and Glass Door, for their foodbanks and winter night shelter networks.



Report of the November PCC Meeting

St Mary's Church Council met on 8 November, with nine of the twelve members in attendance.

Clair Gordon, our Safeguarding Officer, gave her bi-annual report, and confirmed that there had been no safeguarding issues reported since the last meeting. St Mary's is now fully signed up to the Parish Safeguarding Hub that is a useful and well run resource provided by the Diocese.

Carolyn Stubbs, our Treasurer, went through the proposed Budget for 2024, and this was unanimously adopted as a suitable working Budget for the year ahead. The financial management of trusts is under ever increasing scrutiny, and this has resulted in a lot of extra work for Carolyn in relation to the cash held in our Redcliffe Gardens Trust.

Alex Burt, on behalf of the Charities Committee, proposed the four new charities that had been selected to receive our support in the year ahead. The three UK-based charities were accepted by the PCC, but the international charity was not accepted, and so the Charities Committee is to propose another international charity in time for the next PCC meeting.

Leo Fraser-Mackenzie, on behalf of the Fabric Committee, reported on our architect's proposed plans for the replacement of the wheelchair-ramp at the front of the church. The plans were looked at in detail by the PCC and a lot of queries arose in relation to loss of garden space for the new ramps, therefore there was not sufficient support to sign off the architect's plans in their current form.

Clair, Carolyn, Alex and Leo were all thanked for their reporting to the PCC. The PCC meetings are ably chaired by the Vicar, but would not work without the timely and succinct reports from sub-committees.

Joanna Hackett, PCC Secretary

Memories

This small item was sent to the Prayer Network, where Sara Bossom is still a member. Many other readers and members of the parish may remember Sara Bossom.

I thought our Prayer Network might like to see one young and one old St Mary's regular who met up last weekend for a happy reunion. Camila Ruz is now 35 and a film producer with the Natural History Unit at BBC Bristol. She married Harry last



year and is very happy now living near Bristol. The other one [Sara] started going to St Mary's nearly 45 years ago and still remembers you all with much fondness. I am happy and busy enjoying Doric's retired life, very much involved in the village church and school and watching three little grandsons growing up!



Thank you to Verena for all her work [with the Prayer Network] over many decades now keeping us engaged in prayer for others and gosh, doesn't our world need it just now. Love to all my old friends from Sara xx

Sara Bossom

Photos also from Sara Bossom

Silent Prayer in Church

The Silent Prayer meetings continue in church on the second Wednesday of each month, 11am to 12 noon.

The next dates are:

13 December

10 January

14 February

A group of people gather to sit together in silence for some 40 minutes. No spoken prayers are said, just the tinkle of a bell at the beginning, end, and half-way through. Being silent for a little while is an invitation to listen to what is happening inside. In our liturgies we are used to address God in praise and song, but listening to the inner 'still small voice' may take some more attention. Doing it with other people forms a creative power that can be felt and can be powerful. Letting go of the need to be busy even for a little time is not only relaxing, but will eventually lead us to the truth of our selves that seems to be the big task of all our lives. There is no need to join anything, book or apologise; just come if and when you can.



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Services and Events

Sunday 3 December Advent Sunday

8am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
10.30am Holy Eucharist
with Come and Sing Choir
and Little Lambs Sunday School
Readings Isaiah 64.1-9
Mark 13.24-37
Preacher The Reverend Philip Welsh
12noon Advent Discussion in Upper Hall
12.15pm Advent Bring and Share Lunch
5.30pm Carol Singing in Redcliffe
Square Garden

Wednesday 6 December

10.30am Parents and babies in Church
5.45pm Advent Silence by Candlelight

Thursday 7 December

6pm Carol Concert for Motor Neurone
Disease Association – sponsored by
Susan Metcalfe Estate Agents
See advert on page 2

Friday 8 December

10am – 1pm Second Half Club

Sunday 10 December Advent 2

8am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
10.30am Family Eucharist with Nativity Play
(by Little Lambs)
12noon Advent Discussion Group in Hall
7pm Nine Lessons and Carols
by Candlelight

Wednesday 13 December

11am Silent Prayer
5.45pm Advent Silence by Candlelight

Thursday 14 December

7pm Glass Door Carol Service
See advert on page 2

Friday 15 December

10am – 1pm Second Half Club
(last meeting this term)

Sunday 17 December Advent 3

8am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
10.30am Holy Eucharist
Readings Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11
John 1.6-8, 19-28
12noon Advent discussion group

Wednesday 20 December

11.15am Carol service and communion at
St Teresa's Nursing Home,
Roland Gardens
5.45pm Advent Silence by Candlelight

Sunday 24 December Advent 4 and Christmas Eve

8am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
10.30am Holy Eucharist
Readings: Romans 16.25-27
Luke 1.26-38
4pm Crib service for families
11.30pm Midnight Mass - the first Eucharist
of Christmas
Isaiah 9.2-7
Luke 2.1-20

Monday 25 December Christmas Day

8am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
10.30am Family Eucharist
Readings: Isaiah 9.2-7
Luke 2.1-20

Tuesday 26 – Friday 29 December Church closed

Sunday 31 December Christmas I

8am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
10.30am Holy Eucharist
Readings Galatians 4.4-7
Luke 2.15-21
President and Preacher The Reverend Philip Welsh

January 2024

Monday 1 January New Year's Day Church closed

Wednesday 3 January

10.30am Parent and baby group

Saturday 6 January

2.30pm Wedding of James Webbe
and Nicola Wilkinson

Sunday 7 January Epiphany Sunday

8am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
10.30am Holy Eucharist
and procession of the Magi
Come and Sing Choir and
Little Lambs Sunday School
Readings Isaiah 60.1-6
Matthew 2.1-12

Wednesday 10 January

11am Silent Prayer

Friday 12 January

10am – 1pm Second Half Club resumes

Sunday 14 January Epiphany 2 Baptism of Christ

8am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
10.30am Holy Eucharist and renewal
of baptism promises
Readings: Genesis 1. 1-5
Mark 1.4-11
President and Preacher The Reverend Philip Welsh

Wednesday 17 January

11am Home Communion at St Theresa's
Nursing Home, Roland Gardens
7pm PCC (in the church hall)

Friday 19 January

10am – 1pm Second Half Club

Sunday 21 January Epiphany 3

8am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
10.30am Holy Eucharist
with Little Lambs Sunday School
Readings Revelation 19.6-10
John 2.1-11

Friday 26 January

10am – 1pm Second Half Club

Sunday 28 January Presentation of Christ in the Temple – Candlemas

8am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
10.30am Family Eucharist for Candlemas
Readings Malachi 3.1-5
Luke 2.22-40

Sunday 4 February 2 before Lent (Ordinary Time)

8am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
10.30am Holy Eucharist
with Come and Sing Choir
and Little Lambs Sunday School
Readings Colossians 1.15-20
John 1.1-14

Finance and giving Please give generously to support the parish mission and ministry. In 2024 we will need to raise more than £6,750 every week just to maintain our current level of activities, as well as maintaining our buildings. The church benefits from the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme for small donations of cash or using the contactless devices, but if you prefer to make a regular donation please consider joining our Stewardship scheme by giving via Standing Order. Please ask for gift aid form. Our bank details are: Account name: PCC of St Mary with St Peter & St Jude
Account number: 80692190
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Alternatively, you can donate here: <https://tinyurl.com/SMTBDonate>, or using the QR code.



Year's Mind December - January

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Safeguarding at St Mary's

The St Mary The Boltons' Safeguarding Officer is Clair Gordon. Her role is to help us to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and adults at risk. She is the first point of contact for children, adults at risk and other members of the congregation regarding suspicions of abuse and other safeguarding concerns. If you have any concerns, please contact Clair on 07850 944 834. In the event of Clair not being available, Rosie Meckiff Mengel may be contacted at 07905 245652. Alternatively, speak to Sheryl Kent, Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser: 020 7932 1224 Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service (CCPAS) helpline: 0845 120 4550 Family Lives: 0808 800 222 (Previously Parentline) Childline: 0800 1111.

Children's Champion

The St Mary The Boltons' Children's Champions are Chris and Katie Fowkes. Their role is to ensure that the voices and needs of the children and young people are heard and reflected in parish life. They can be contacted via: children@stmarytheboltons.org.uk.



There is a Hearing Loop in operation at St Mary The Boltons

Contributions for the February Clarion should be sent to the Parish Office by 22 January please.

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