

April 2017

The sun's been shining, drawing out the blossom on the trees; it's beautiful out there. I hope you are all having a holy and joyful Eastertide.

Our baptism preparation enters the second half of our first six months and I'm happy with the progress to date. We've had a training session at St Michael's, Shepton Mallet for both St Michael's and St Mary's, Glastonbury and we're looking forward to welcoming our families for baptism. In summary, we have fledgling teams in place at St Bernadette's and St Michael/St Mary's. My sincere thanks and appreciation go to those of you who have volunteered and showed so much enthusiasm to be involved in this exciting project.

St Mary's in Swindon have decided that a focus on the formation and support of parents whose children are preparing for their First Holy Communion is a priority need. We will be helping them to be and give the best they can as the first and best teachers of their children in the faith. We will begin some training after the Summer, aiming for next year's programme to include this additional support.

In the meantime, Our Lady & St Alphege in Bath will join our pilot project for baptism preparation and I look forward to meeting the prospective team sometime during May.

We were proud to be at the baptism on Easter Sunday of Harrison Lindley (the first child baptised as part of our pilot project) at St Bernadette's – a big welcome to Harrison and his wonderful parents, Steph and Matt, and thank you for helping us to get to know how this gentle course can work so well. God bless you!

