

## MARCH 2018



As I write this, we're into Holy Week and the weather has turned milder, thank goodness! Although there's more talk of a third visit from the 'Beast from the East' and 'Beaster'!

*George & Margaret enjoying the snow in the garden of St Michael's, Shepton Mallet (left) and a snowy St Michael's from the front (right)!*



March feels like a month of consolidation with our project.

The feedback I've had is that establishing a rhythm is a challenge for one of our pilot parishes as they eagerly anticipate baptism requests. How do we keep up the momentum?

This month, we've been blessed to make contact with the Baptism Preparation Team at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour in Churchdown who have established a rhythm to their baptism preparation and are willing to offer help and advice, sharing their experience with our less experienced teams. I feel this generous offer has come at the right time for a get-together of our recently formed teams being able to share with an experienced team – thank you Holy Spirit! Plans are afoot to arrange this ...

We've had some new enquiries this month too, which is great. The follow-up for these will happen after Easter now, so watch this space!

*Baptism For Life – With You Always is a simple, effective way of reaching out to the families in your parish, those who are established and those, in particular, who are new to the parish. When they approach to request baptism for their child, a huge, enriched welcome awaits them when you are able to offer this lovely preparation course.*

### **Walking with Families**

We also want to reach out to parishes who wish to support their parents in gentle faith formation, while their children are receiving catechesis for their First Holy Communion and Reconciliation. If you are such a parish, please get in touch and I will help you to do this.

Wishing you all a good Holy Week – see you at the Chrism Mass!

