

Welcome



12th to 18th January

Welcome to St John's

Thank you for being with us here at St John's.

Whether you are worshipping with us for the first time today or have been worshipping for many years, we pray that you will feel the love of God in our midst.

Please stay for refreshments after the service if you wish, all are welcome.

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Sunday services for 12th January (Baptism of Christ)

Said Communion (BCP) 8.00 a.m.

Presiding Reverend Colin Simpson

Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.

Presiding Reverend Canon Stephen Bowen

Readings Acts 8.14-17

Gospel: Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

Organist Andrew Carter

Hymns (537) O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

(455) My Jesus, my Saviour

(81) Brother, sister, let me serve you

Epiphany Evensong with In Ecclesia 5.00 p.m.

Presiding Reverend Colin Simpson

Conductor Ed Jenkins

Prayer

Please pray for

John Harmsworth

Jenny Kilgour

Mary Nickerson

Jeanette Tucker

Christine Hayes

David Mills

Radi, Amy and extended family

Ann Everett

Judith Dufour

Rest in peace

John Elder (funeral at St John's 12.30 p.m. on Wednesday 22nd January)

David Dufour

Baptism

Amelia Rene Leech (19th January)

West Buckland Services

This is the usual pattern of services at St Mary's, West Buckland. All are welcome.

1st Sunday of the month

2nd Sunday of the month

3rd Sunday of the month

4th Sunday of the month

Lay-led Morning Worship at 11.00 a.m.

Holy Communion at 11.00 a.m.

Join St John's Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m.

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What's on this week

Sunday

Said Communion 8.00 a.m., *Holy Communion* 9.30 a.m., and *Evensong* at 5.00 p.m.

Tuesday

Talking Cafe 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Advice on any topic from the village agent.

Wednesday

Wednesday Sings in the hall. A new choir meeting every week between 10.00 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. All are welcome, details on the back page.

Slimming World in the hall 4.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

Thursday

BCP Communion 10.00 a.m. with Reverend Ian Brierley

Tea@3 in the hall at 3.00 p.m.

Blackdown Community Choir 7.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. in church

Friday

Warm Spaces 12.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. in the hall.

Saturday

Deep Clean of the church 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Volunteers welcome to help.

Coming Up

Sunday 19th January

Baptism of Amelia Rene Leech during the 11@St John's service

Churches Together Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at Wellington Methodist Church at 3.00 p.m. All are welcome.

Tuesday 21st January

PCC Meeting in the hall at 7.00 p.m.

Wednesday 22nd January

Funeral of John Elder at 12.30 p.m. in the church followed by the wake in the hall.

Saturday 1st February

Joint PCC meeting of St John's and St Mary's 9.30 a.m. in St John's Hall.

Tuesday 4th February

Carers Group in the hall 1.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

The Home Service

The "Home Service" is a weekly programme which brings Christian worship into your front room. It is broadcast on 105.3 FM on Wednesdays at 11.00 am. and repeated Sunday at 10.00 am. It is also available via the internet at any time on www.10radio.org

Wednesday Sings

A new morning choir based in St John's Church Hall in Wellington every Wednesday, between 10.00 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. Everyone is welcome, no need to read music and all songs are taught by ear. The first taster session is free with all following sessions payable at £9 per session. For more information contact Claire Stronach by email on claire@clairestronachvoice.co.uk.

Deep Clean

This coming Saturday (18th January) we are holding our first monthly 'Deep Clean' of 2025 between 10 a.m. and 12 noon. It is an opportunity to support the cleaning efforts of the church, hall and kitchen. Jobs will include vacuum cleaning, carpet cleaning with carpet cleaner, dusting, polishing, tidying, steam cleaning all stone floors, cleaning cupboards, polishing wood, etc..

If you can help, please, tell us (Jo and Andrew).

A Final Thought

When our PCC met in November they considered our current financial position. A summary of which is below.

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Planned Giving	£48,800	Parish Share	£85,000
Service Offerings	£ 6,800	Salaries	£16,000
Lettings	£13,000	Buildings (inc Gas & Elec)	£16,300
Other	£31,300	Insurance and Licenses	£ 6,500
		Other expenses	£15,200
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>£99,900</u>	<u>Total Expenditure</u>	<u>£139,000</u>

Shortfall from reserves -£40,000

We were fortunate last year to have had sufficient reserves to cover our shortfall but this year, with only £20,000 remaining in the reserves, we will be unable to do this.

This year we will urgently need to consider how we might bridge the gap and I ask for your prayers in advance of those difficult decisions.