

# Welcome



***26<sup>th</sup> November to 2<sup>nd</sup> December***

## **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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## **This Week's Service**

*Holy Communion* (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday before Advent)

**Presiding** Reverend Colin Simpson

**Readings** Ephesians 1.15-end  
Gospel: Matthew 25.31-end

**Organist** Ian Carson

**Hymns** (680) Thy kingdom come, O God  
(726) When I needed a neighbour  
(125) Crown him with many crowns

**Intercessions** Andrew Maddocks

### **Prayer**



***Please pray for***

**Pamela & Richard Elloway**

**Betty Bennett**

**David Mills**

**Lucy Norris**

**Polly Baker**

**Betty Bell**

**Pat Short**

**Jeanette Tucker**

***Rest in peace***

**Daphne Swan**

**Olive Davidson**

**Michael Richards**

### **10radio's Home Service**

**This week:** Preb. Helene Stainer from the Milverton Benefice will be leading the Home Service act of worship on the theme of Remembering in November at 11.00 a.m. on 105.3 FM, repeated at 10.00 a.m. the following Sunday. It will also be available on Listen Again from next Wednesday. The programme can be heard any time via 10radio's Listen Again service on [www.10radio.org](http://www.10radio.org).

**Next Wednesday:** Rev'd. Martin Walker, Rector of the Wivey Benefice, will be leading the Home Service act of worship at 11.00 a.m. on 105.3 FM, repeated at 10.00 a.m. the following Sunday. It will also be available on Listen Again from next Wednesday.

## What's on this week

### Daily

*Morning Prayer* on Zoom. Contact Rev'd Ian Brierley to join – 01823 666101.

### Monday

*Health Visitors* in the hall 9.00 to 1.00 p.m.

### Tuesday

*Health Visitors* in the hall 9.00 to 1.00 p.m.

*Talking Cafe* 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Advice on any topic.

*Richard Elloway's prize draw* in church at 2.00 p.m.

### Wednesday

*Babies & Toddlers* 9.30 a.m. to 11.45 a.m. & 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

*Health Visitors* by invitation in the hall 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

*Health Visitors' child clinic* in the hall 12.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.

### Thursday

*BCP Communion* 10.00 a.m. with the Reverend Ian Brierley.

*Home Education Group* 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. in the hall.

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

### Friday

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

### Saturday

*Funeral of Michael Richards* at 12 noon in church

## Coming Up

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

*Blackdown Community Choir* Christmas family and friends concert at 8.00 p.m. with a collection in aid of Somerset Aid for Ukraine. All are welcome to this.

*Christmas Tea@3* at 3.00 p.m. in the hall. This is the last Tea@3 of this year.

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December

*In Ecclesia's Christmas Cracker* concert at 7.00 p.m. Details below.

### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December

*Collegium Singers* A Christmas Story concert at 7.30 p.m.

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

*St John's Primary School* Christmas service at 1.30 p.m.

## In Ecclesia

Please support John Young and ***In Ecclesia's Christmas Cracker* concert** at 7.00 p.m. on Saturday, December 9th at St. John's. Tickets are £10 each. This is the former Rural Church Singers only fund-raising concert during the year. Please buy your tickets now from James Bradnock or Andrew Maddocks.

## Rectory Car Park

Please could the Rectory Car Park be kept free on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November. It is the funeral of Olive Davidson, Sandie's mum, and Colin and Sandie have relatives attending who will need to be able to park there. Many thanks.

## What is happening to your church

1. The organ is being tuned this coming Thursday. It takes roughly a whole day of an organ tuner's time and requires two people. Michael Farley, the tuner and an organ builder, has a long association with our instrument. The value of a well-tuned and well-maintained organ is far greater than the invoice. Besides which, the church is unlikely ever to see a replacement instrument of the quality we possess at the moment!
2. Two churchyard trees will receive surgery this Friday. It's all part of the trees growing older and for safety reasons, having dead branches removed. It will cost the church finances hundreds of pounds, but that is better than costing the neighbour's garden yet more damage or some passing person serious injury.
3. In January preservation experts will be visiting us and by studying the fabric and abseiling onto the roof, they will assess our several problems of water ingress. Unsurprisingly, they are historic building specialists and they will charge us for their expertise. But then, we cannot allow yet another fungus growth to appear in the Administrator's Office, the third this year or further water damage to our Lady Chapel ceiling.

All of which says that for our church services, church fabric and churchyard to have a future for ourselves and our descendants, we, on your behalf, are obliged to regularly invest significant amounts of money in maintaining St John's as a centre for prayer and worship in a wonderful and historic setting.

*The Churchwardens*

## Churches Together

**Christmas Day** Don't be alone on Christmas Day. There will be a meal at the United Reform Church in Mantle Street, arrive at 12.30 p.m. for a meal at 1.00 p.m. There are limited places so early booking is advised, there is a suggested donation of £5. For a place, contact John and Chris Salter on email [salters@talktalk.net](mailto:salters@talktalk.net) or by phone on 01823 669043. Please advise of any dietary requirements when booking.