

# Welcome



*3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</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* (Advent Sunday)

**Presiding** Reverend Colin Simpson

**Readings** 1 Corinthians 1.3-9  
Gospel: Mark 13.24-end

**Organist** Ian Carson

**Hymns** (469) O come, O come Emmanuel  
(399) Lo, he comes with clouds descending  
(270) Hills of the north, rejoice

**Intercessions** Jane Exell

## **Prayer**



***Please pray for***

**Pamela & Richard Elloway**

**Betty Bennett**

**David Mills**

**Lucy Norris**

**Polly Baker**

**Pat Short**

**Jeanette Tucker**

***Rest in peace***

**Daphne Swan**

**Olive Davidson**

**Michael Richards**

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

**This week:** Rev'd Martin Walker, Rector of the Wivey Benefice, leads the Home Service act of worship from Clatworthy church. The programme is repeated at 10.00 a.m. on Sunday at 11.00 a.m. on 105.3 FM, but can be heard again any time by clicking the 10radio's Listen Again service.

**Next Wednesday:** Rev'd Martyn Parry from the Silver Street Evangelical church in Wiveliscombe 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

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

### 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* 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.

### Friday

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

### Saturday

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

## Coming Up

### 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.

### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December

*JW3 Spirit of Christmas* concert at 2.30 p.m.

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

*St Candlelit Carol Service* at 6.00 p.m.

### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

*Service of Nine Lessons and Carols* with Popham Voices at 6.30 p.m.

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December

*Holy Communion* at 9.30 a.m.

*Come to the Manger* at 4.00 p.m.

*Midnight Mass* at 11.30 p.m.

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December

*Christmas Day Communion* at 9.30 a.m.

## **'Christmas Cracker' with In Ecclesia - Singing with a difference**

This coming Saturday (9<sup>th</sup>) at 7.00 p.m. here in St John's, John Young conducts his very special choir, 'In Ecclesia', in a programme of first-rate Christmas choral classics. There will be Carols for listening, carols for singing and Festive readings to delight and inspire. To whet your musical buds the choir will be performing, *The little road to Bethlehem* (Michael Head), *In the bleak mid-winter* (Darke), *We three Kings* (arr. Stopford), *O Holy Night* (arr. Rutter) and *I wonder as I wander* (arr. Carter). This a fund-raising concert for the choir who regularly take choral music to Somerset churches for services, such as, Evensong and make no charge for doing so. Please support the choir's funds so they can continue to provide this valuable service to our rural churches and places of worship that have no access to choral church music. Thank you.

Tickets at £12 for adults available from James Bradnock and Andrew Maddocks (01823 252658)

## **Women's Refuge**

The Women's Refuge is always very grateful for donations but they don't have the facility to store lots of things. At this time of year, they would like the following donations please – Christmas foods, gifts for women and children, Christmas crackers, Sellotape and gift tags but NO wrapping paper. Thank you.

## **St John's Christmas card and flowers**

The large Christmas card will be available for signing in church from this weekend. There will also be a basket available to give donations for the Christmas flowers.

## **Help Needed!**

Two wise people are needed for Come to the Manger on Christmas Eve at 4.00 p.m. No previous experience necessary. Please contact Rev. Alison 01823 663181.

## **Richard's Prize Draw**

Thank you to all of those who gave generously to Richard's Prize Draw in aid of St Margaret's Hospice. The winners are listed on the noticeboard in the porch.

## **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.