

Welcome



8th to 14th October

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 (18th Sunday after Trinity)

Presiding Reverend Colin Simpson

Readings Isaiah 5.1-7, Philippians 3.4b-14
Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

Organist Simon Forrester

Hymns (426) Praise to the Holiest
(77) Christ is our cornerstone
(532) We have a Gospel to proclaim

Intercessions Jane Exell

Prayer

Please pray for



Pamela & Richard Elloway
Betty Bennett
Barry Salter
David Mills
Lucy Norris

10radio's Home Service

This week: Dan Bedford, pastor at The Well Church in Rockwell Green takes the theme of "God is faithful", introducing a number of beautiful worship songs which will be new to many of us. The programme can be heard any time via 10radio's Listen Again service on www.10radio.org.

Next Wednesday: We will be joining all creatures great and small at the Pet Service recently held at St Andrew's Church. It will be broadcast 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

Sunday

Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.

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.

BSL Tuition in the hall 6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. £5 per session, see Diane Donohue for more details

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.

Yoga class in the hall 7.00 p.m. to 8.30 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

Coming Up

Sunday 15th October

11@St John's 11.00 a.m. in church after the usual 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Thursday 19th October

St John's Primary School Harvest service in church 1.30 p.m.

Sunday 22nd October

Bible Society Songs of Praise in church 3.00 p.m.

Saturday 28th October

St John's Coffee morning 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. in the church hall.

Saturday 28th October

St Mary's Autumn Fair 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. in West Buckland village hall.

All Souls Service

We'll be holding our All Souls Service at St John's on Sunday 29th October at 3.00 p.m. This is a short thanksgiving service to remember those who have passed away. There is a sheet at the back of the church where you can write the names of loved ones whom you would like to be remembered at the service. All welcome.

Welcome!

By the time you read this, the Reverend Colin Simpson will have been licensed by the Bishop of Bath and Wells to be our Priest-in-Charge of the proposed new Benefice of St John the Baptist and St Mary the Virgin Churches. Welcome Colin, and welcome Sandie.

Parking: A plea!

The grass verges just outside the church can become worn and bare when the wheels of cars are allowed to be parked on the grass, especially in autumn and winter conditions. To preserve the looks of our churchyard we are asking everyone to consider where and how they park, not just on Sundays but at other times too. We appreciate that St John's is very poorly-off for car parking: there is room for several cars at the front and there is the old Rectory car park on the 'wrong side' of a main road. Priority in front of the church needs to be given to any Blue Badge holders or someone with an official Permit. On Tuesday and Thursday Sharon Chorley, our Administrator, is given a space for her car near the drive entrance. It is true that parked cars at the front are often visitors, and we must find an answer to their needs. However, we do need to give absolute priority and unhindered access to emergency vehicles, such as an ambulance or first responder, when the church and hall are being used. We shall start using the No-parking cones to protect the grass verges. We have a heavy metal sign on a stand about parking which should be placed somewhere near the entrance to the drive. For those of us who are sufficiently mobile, there is free car parking in Longforth Road (ASDA) on Sundays and at other times after 6.00 p.m.

Bishop Michael's Visit

On Wednesday 18th October, Bishop Michael will be coming to learn about the life of our deanery and tell us a little about how they see things as we move forward with the deanery reorganisation. It will also be an ideal opportunity for any of you to discuss what matters to you and your church and, I am sure, "get some answers!" This is to be held at Ash Priors Village Hall from 6.00 to 9.00pm. This invitation is open to all, not just church members.

Children's Society Boxes

The Children's Society boxes are due to be counted in October. Please bring to church with you and leave in the office or with the Churchwardens for me. This is my final collection. Thank you for your support.

Ann Fry