

# Welcome



*4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> May*

## 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 service for 4<sup>th</sup> May** (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter)

*Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.*

**Presiding** Reverend Colin Simpson

**Readings** Acts 9.1-20

Gospel: John 21.1-19

**Organist** Richard Stephens

**Hymns** (555) Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

(701) We have a gospel to proclaim

## **Prayer**

*Please pray for*

**John Harmsworth**

**David Mills**

**Mary Nickerson**

**Ann Everett**

**Jeanette Tucker**

**Shirley Rayson**

**Chris Paterson**

**Diana Smith**

**Erica Rydeheard**



## **West Buckland Services**

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

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month

Lay-led Morning Worship at 11.00 a.m.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month

Holy Communion at 11.00 a.m.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month

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

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month

Holy Communion at 11.00 a.m.

## What's on this week

### Sunday

*Holy Communion* 9.30 a.m. followed by *St John's APCM* at 11.00 a.m.

*Blackdowns Early Music Concert* 7.00 p.m. 'Vespers from Puebla Cathedral'.

### Tuesday

*Talking Cafe* 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Advice from the Village Agent

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

*Slimming World* in the hall 6.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.

### Wednesday

*Wednesday Sings* 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the hall.

*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

*Organ Tuning* all day from 11.00 a.m. in the church

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

### Saturday

*St John's Coffee Morning* 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. in the hall. Details below.

## Coming Up

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May

*St Mary's APCM* at 12.00 p.m. after the morning service.

*Chen Pure Harmony Sound Bath* 3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. in the hall

### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May

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

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May

*Baptism of Hugo William Parkman* at 1.00 p.m.

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June

*Baptism of Oscar Leo Fudge* at 1.00 p.m.

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June and Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June

*Benefice Visit from Archdeacon Simon*, more details on the back page.

## St John's Coffee Morning

St John's Church is holding a Coffee Morning in the church hall on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon. There will be a variety of stalls including plants, cakes, cards, and a raffle. Refreshments will be available. Proceeds will go to church funds, so please come along and support this if you can. All are welcome.

## **Easter Raffle**

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for the Easter Raffle, drawn in church on Easter Sunday. It raised a fantastic £132 for church funds and was won by Judith Dufour. A big thank you also to Sue Rackley for organising it.

## **The Home Service**

The 'Home Service' is a weekly programme that brings Christian worship into your front room. It is broadcast on 105.3 FM on Wednesdays at 11.00 a.m. and repeated Sunday at 10.00 a.m. It's also available via the internet at any time on [www.10radio.org](http://www.10radio.org). THIS WEEK: Revd Andrew Norris leads an act of worship focusing on the life and ministry of two of Jesus' apostles whose feast day is celebrated on 1st May - St Philip and St James. We also hear about an exciting new report published by the Bible Society, which reveals church attendance is on the dramatic increase!

## **Benefice Visit from Archdeacon Simon**

In the scriptures, the Church is described as a complex and wonderful creation of shared and distinctive ministries, of mutuality and accountability (Romans 12: 4-7; 1 Corinthians 12: 4-31; Ephesians 4: 1-15).

When incumbents are installed, they receive their licences from the bishop with the words 'receive the cure of souls which is both yours and mine'. At visitations, archdeacons give their charge to the assembled churchwardens. Across our diocese, a major priority for us all is the development of shared local ministry. It is in the context of strengthening our mutuality and accountability that we are developing our practice around a systematic approach to benefice visits.

In order to strengthen the bonds of relationship that exist among us, we are committed to getting to know people, lay and ordained, across our diocese and better understand the context of their shared mission and ministries. And so, from 2025, over a two-year period, every benefice will receive a visit from either their archdeacon or a bishop.

We hope that these visits will provide an opportunity to pray together and reflect on the ministry and mission that we share in this part of God's world as we seek to play our part in growing the church and transforming communities.

*Bishop Michael and Archdeacons Anne, Simon, and Charlie.*