

'Gossip' According to St John's

MARCH 2017



LIST OF SERVICES FOR MARCH 2017

Wednesday 1st

ASH WEDNESDAY

7.30 PM

HOLY COMMUNION

Thursday 2nd

10.00am

Holy Communion

Sunday 5th

8.00 am

Holy Communion

9.45 am

Parish Communion

Thursday 9th

10.00 am

Holy Communion

Sunday 12th

8.00 am

Holy Communion

9.45 am

Parish Communion

Thursday 16th

10.00 am

Matins

Sunday 19th

8.00 am

Holy Communion

9.45 am

Parish Communion

11.30 am

Baptism

Thursday 23rd

10.00 am

Holy Communion

Sunday 26th

MOTHERING SUNDAY

8.00 am

Holy Communion

9.45 am

Parish Communion

Thursday 30th

10.00 am

Holy Communion

LIST OF WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS AND FUNERALS

Weddings

Baptisms

February 19 th	Alfie-Lee Date	Son of Robbie Date and Danielle Reid of Jurston Lane, Wellington
February 19 th	Thomas Richard Steven Morgan	Son of Adam Morgan and Stephanie Mariner of Kelway Road, Wellington

May these children always know the love of God

Funerals

February 6 th	Janet Cockram, aged 99, of The Old Vicarage, Wellington
February 15 th	David Coe, aged 86, of Oaktree Court, Wellington
February 17 th	Dot Perry, aged 94, of Oaktree Court, Wellington

In His hands he gently bears us

LETTER FROM THE BISHOP OF TAUNTON

As I write this, in the past week we have been hearing of President Trump's travel ban which includes the prevention of refugees from entering the US. US lawyers have suspended the ban and a fight is ensuing, on Twitter and in the courts. Archbishop Sentamu, and the Bishops of Liverpool and Durham have been among those who have publicly spoken out and reminded us of the Christian charge to welcome the stranger in need.

Bishop Peter and I have made a very specific Bishops' Lent Appeal this year to support the work of welcome to refugees. To support this appeal, every day of Lent there is a story on the diocesan website of someone working for the common good. Amongst them are some specific stories of refugees and those who work to support them. We hope you will take the opportunity to read them and reflect on how they open up Scripture for us through an example of 'living the story'. And in response, we ask you to consider giving something towards the work we are doing in the diocese and beyond to support such work.

Perhaps you are holding a Lent Lunch or taking a special, additional offering each week in your church. Would you consider giving this to the Bishops' Lent Appeal for Refugees? Half of what is collected across the diocese will go to work here in Somerset. And half will go to encourage the work of a church community in Greece supporting them in providing food and shelter for those in immediate need.

I have been very encouraged to hear of the stories of those who have found practical support and a warm welcome from the people of Somerset in the midst of despair, anxiety and fear. It has been a real joy to see folk gathering together to offer whatever they can by way of befriending, language support, homes to those in need. One primary school has even seen the children collecting money to buy bicycles for two Syrian children. Such generosity!

Letter from the Bishop of Taunton continued.....

We've now welcomed four families to Taunton with more on the way. In Yeovil and Bath there are young people and families being supported through the government resettlement scheme. And in Nailsea and Taunton, community sponsorship hopes to welcome others. Our diocese has played its part and provided £5000 this year for training, interpretive support amongst other things. We are committed to doing more this year and would welcome whatever help you can offer.

+ Ruth, Taunton

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE MINOR PROPHETS?

BIBLE STUDY

From last month.....possible themes of Malachi are:

The blessings of obedience/The consequences of unfaithfulness to God/ God will judge the wicked.

I hope you have enjoyed this study on the Minor Prophets!

I maybe do other things related to the Bible in the future.

Dawn Southworth

LENT BOOKS

The Library has quite a number of books especially written for Lent use – with a reading and short comment for every day.

Please have a look, and select one that looks helpful. Barbara and I find this a helpful discipline for giving our minds a pre-Easter boost. New Lent books appear in Christian bookshops every year. We have bought one each, and by this time next year, they will have been added to the Library stocks. Thanks to others who have done this in the past.

Giles Godber

TO EACH MEMBER OF OUR HEALING TEAM

I'd like to say thank you. You have through your prayers, love and support been there for me and my family.

Alison has had the all clear from Breast Cancer and hopefully needs no more treatment.

Through all the changing scenes of our lives in trouble and in joy, we thank you Dear Heavenly Father for being here with us and our healing team here in St John's.

With Love, Praise and Blessings of Joy and Peace.

Diana, Derek (Searle) Alison and all our Family

AN EVENING FOR CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH LEADERS

Our annual training evening for those working with children and young people in our Deanery churches takes place on Thursday 2nd March, 7.30 pm at St Mary's Church Centre, Bishops Lydeard. Refreshments served from 7 pm.

Do come and bring others with you for an evening of resourcing and sharing. The main part of the evening will be a chance to reflect on how we are developing our work with young people and their families, both as local churches and as a Deanery, with input from our new colleague Rev Selina Garner.

Andy Levett

SPRING HARVEST DAY TRIP?

Spring Harvest takes place at Minehead Butlins in the Easter holidays and it is hoped we will receive a small number of free day passes to the event for use by Deanery young people/family groups. If so I'd be keen to organise a youth group day trip. If you're interested in being part of this or would like to know more do get in touch.

Andy Levett

PRAY FOR SCHOOLS FORTNIGHT

As a Deanery we will again make our local schools the focus of our prayers during May: dates for Pray for Schools Fortnight nationally are 7th – 21st May which includes 3 Sundays (7th, 14th 21st) on one of which we'd encourage you to include special prayers for schools at your usual Sunday service or perhaps even plan a service themed around schools and education. Resources and plans for special midweek events in the Deanery will follow next month. If you'd like to start promoting this or helping run an event in your patch again please do get in touch with me. *Andy Levett. Youth and Children's Work Coordinator for Tone Deanery.*

THIS MONTH'S RECIPE

Thatched Pudding

3 ozs Butter

2 dssps of Flour

Peel of 1 Lemon grated

½ pint Milk

Some Jam

4 Eggs

A few sweet Almonds

Sugar to taste

Method

Melt the butter, mix the flour with a little cold milk until very smooth, boil the remainder of the milk and pour over the mixture, add sugar and grated lemon peel and mix well together. When cool stir in the beaten egg yolks, beat well and then whisk the egg whites to a stiff froth and stir into the pudding last before putting it in the oven. Bake for 20 mins. When done, turn it out of the dish, spread some jam over it and stick the almonds cut into thin shreds

This is another recipe received from Rae Moysey from the Plymton Book. Once again many thank Rae.

I am looking for some more recipes so hope to receive some from other members of the congregation, PLEASE.

Lenore

A MESSAGE FROM SELINA

If any of you love taking photos, please can you take some photos of the stained glass and textiles in your churches and of the churches themselves, on those rare but wonderful sunny days. Then ask me to share the drop box system I am trying to set up (or help me find another way for us to share our creativity) to create an accessible folder of images and poetry and prayers for us all to use.

Email:..... Selina@thegarners.me.uk

FOOD BANK

Many thanks for those of you who are continuing to support the Food Bank. Your gifts of tinned meat, tinned fish and tinned vegetables, long grain rice, long life milk and coffee are very much needed and are greatly appreciated.

Would it be possible for you to leave your gifts in the box provided on either a Sunday or Thursday morning as it would be very helpful for those who re-distribute the items.

Many thanks.

ARE YOU SOMEONE WHO HAS A CAR AND DUE TO ILLNESS OR INJURY IS UNABLE TO USE IT?

If so, would you like someone to chauffeur you occasionally? A member of our congregation, Charles Burnell-Nugent, who has the relevant licence, would drive you using your own car. If this, would be of any use to you, please contact Charles on 666502 or mobile 07946590642. There would be a fee for this service

PASTORAL CARE

If you know of anyone who is unwell and would like their name added to the prayer list or if a visit is needed, please contact Mrs Judith Dufour who is the St John's Pastoral Companions co-ordinator, telephone number 01823 666633

ST JOHN'S PRAYER CHAIN

Judith 666633.

Sue 664592

sally 650778

Iris 664613

Jean 669622

John 07530689700

Jacqui 667589

Jane 07775663385

Barbara and Giles 663828

Peter 663374

Lois 667971

If you are in need of prayer please use this chain and ring and give brief details to the first person on the above list and we will pass your prayer need around the chain. Please be assured all is confidential and you need only give your first name and your prayer need or even just a need. This does not in any way take the place of the Sunday Healing Prayer Ministry but is in addition to it.

As God's children we are all in need of healing prayer whether for ourselves or someone known to us and also for the needs of the community and for worldwide situations

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

During last Sunday's sermon (12th February) Revd Selina spoke on the importance of our commitment, as a church, to St John's Primary School (in particular and all local schools) and the practical and spiritual input we can make to the pupils there.

I take this opportunity of writing to reiterate her comments and to endorse this necessary and much valued outreach to the children.

For many years I- amongst many – have been helping at the school for a few hours a week in a variety of tasks: swimming, sewing, gardening and reading; all of which have been much appreciated by the teaching staff.

The head teacher, Mr Gareth Jones, attended a recent P.C.C. meeting and spoke on the liaison between school and church and the role played. So, if you are prompted to offer your time in this way and strengthen our ties, please contact him, or the school secretary, (tel.662541). Your help would be greatly appreciated.

As an elderly aunt once said to me (and which statement imprinted itself on my mind!):

“To love a child of your own is an act of Nature;

to love the child of another is an act of God.”

Sharing time with children is certainly a Christ-like action and one we can follow Him in implementing.

“Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them....Jesus, said, ‘Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these’”

Matthew 19 vv 13 & 14

Judith Sellers

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council have continued to support their chosen charity of Autism Awareness this half term. All members of school were encouraged to wear a tacky tie, these included bright colours, bow ties and those showing cartoon characters.

Key Stage 1 have been very excited about their pirate afternoon. This was arranged to support the Out at Sea topic. The young pirates dressed up enjoying games, dancing and craft.

Key Stage 2 had a very interesting visit from one of our P.C.S.O's on the Internet Safety Day. The main important message being, always check if you are unsure. **DON'T BE AFRAID TO TELL PEOPLE IF ANYTHING IS WORRYING YOU ONLINE.** Thank you to all who made this a most informative day.

SPRING HARVEST DAY TRIPS IN HOLY WEEK

MONDAY 10TH APRIL OR WEDNESDAY 12TH APRIL

Spring Harvest is a lively charismatic evangelical conference with contemporary worship and thousands of people in a **VERY** Big Tent worshipping God and listening to biblical teaching! There are lots of workshops and information about the Church across the world. It is based in Butlins at Minehead.

Helena and Selina are planning a day trip to Spring Harvest with the young people on Monday 10th April.

Adults are welcome to join us! Selina is also willing to accompany/drive others wanting to experience Spring Harvest teaching and worship for the day on Wednesday 12th April.

The speaker for both days is Paula Gooder, who is brilliant!.

WELLINGTON TEAM MINISTRY RETREAT DAYS AT HILFIELD FRIARY

Please join me for a Lent Retreat

Wednesday 8th March Led by Rev Selina

Thursday 9th March Led by Rev Selina

Saturday 1st April Led by Rev Tim who has spaces in his car to drive folk down that day. A day for reflection, spiritual conversation, silence, creativity, walks and exploring the prayer life held by the community at Hilfield
(www.hilfield.org.uk)

Useful information about the Hilfield day retreats. Ideal for people who have never been on a retreat or a day like this before. People can dip into what will be available and Selina will chat with you to help make the time work for your needs.

RSVP The Revd Selina Garner, The Vicarage, 62 Rockwell Green, Wellington,
TA21 9BX, Tel. 01823 662227. Email: Selina@thegarner.me.uk

COLLEGIUM SINGERS

On Saturday 18th March at 7.30 pm the Collegium Singers will be exploring beautiful music with musical director Peter Leech. In St John's Parish Church. Celebrating JOSQUIN, sacred choral works by the France-Flemish master and his contemporaries: Sermisy, Isaac, Janequin and Obrecht.

Tickets £12, Students £6, under 12s free. From Taunton Visitors Centre ,
www.collegiumsingers.org.uk and also on the door.

CALENDAR OF SOCIAL EVENTS (January – May 2017)

The Social Committee are hoping to hold the following events and your valued support and help is always much appreciated for raffle prizes, cakes and donations for the Coffee Mornings.

Friday	March 3 rd	Soup Lunch	
Saturday	March 18 th	Coffee Morning	Springtime Gifts- Mothering Sunday & Easter
Friday	April 7 th	Soup Lunch	
Friday	May 5 th	Soup Lunch	
Saturday	May 20 th	Coffee Morning	Plants

PLEASE NOTE. As Easter falls around the 3rd Saturday of the month of April, there will be no Church Coffee Morning. But Ann Fry will be holding her Children's Society Coffee Morning on 29th April.

Please Contact Julie Morton, 661996 or any member of the Social Committee – Iris Ellins, Jenny Bache, Joyce Norrish, Pat Andrews, Pat Bright, Sue Young, Ann Fry or Lenore Clarke for further details or with any offers of help, to make these events successful for everyone in our Church Community.

IIN OLD AGE – 17TH c NUN’S PRAYER

Lord, thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will some day be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking that I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to straighten out everybody’s affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom it seems a pity not to use it all, but thou Lord knowest that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others’ pains, but help me to endure them with patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and less cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a saint – some of them are so hard to live with – but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places, and talents in unexpected people. And give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so.

This piece was supplied by Peter Horsford, Thank you Peter.

CHRISTIAN AID SOUP LUNCH

On Wednesday March 15th at Wellington Baptist Church, 12 noon until 2.00 pm. Come and enjoy home made soup and a chat.

Donations to Christian Aid

FORTHCOMING CONCERTS

Saturday 18 th March	Blackdown Early Music
Saturday 25 th March	Wellington Choral Society
Monday 29 th May	Blackdown Early Music
Saturday 8 th July	Amici

WOMEN'S REFUGE

Having spoken to the lady at the refuge these are the items they are still looking for:-

Washing up bowls, Cutlery Trays(not cutlery), Waste Bin, Bucket, Broom, Microwave, small Fridge, UHT Milk, Coffee and Squash. Plants, Bulbs etc for the new garden.

As Easter is approaching this year they would like small Easter Eggs suitable to use for an Easter Egg Hunt and Easter things to decorate cakes.

As usual a big thank to everyone who give so generously. *Lenore Clarke*

THE ST MARGARET'S LECTURES 2017

'FINDING MEANING IN LIFE AND DEATH'

'Mortality vs Immortality'

The attitudes of theologians and philosophers over the centuries to the significance of death and the possibility of an afterlife

SIR ANTHONY KENNY

Wednesday 15th March from 6.30 pm

Sir Anthony Kenny has held the posts of Fellow and Tutor in Philosophy and then Master of Balliol College, Oxford.

Subsequently he became Warden of Rhodes House, President of the British Academy and Chair of the British Library.

He was ordained priest in 1955 but returned to the lay state in 1963.

Sir Anthony is the author of some 40 books on philosophy and history, including OUP's 4 volume 'New History of Western Philosophy'.

'A Theology of Death after the Resurrection'

DR JANE WILLIAMS

Wednesday 31st May

All lectures to be held at St Margaret's Hospice, Heron Drive, Taunton, TA1 5HA Tickets £5, towards the cost of the evening.

Drinks and canapes will be served from 6.30 pm, with lecture to start at 7.15 pm

Tickets are available at www.stmRGrets-hspice.org.uk, search 'lectures'

PILGRIM COURSE: the Lord's Prayer

The Connecting with Belief Group will be looking at the Lord's Prayer over a series of 6 sessions using the material from the Pilgrim Course. (You may remember that when Tim first came he used part of the Pilgrim Course as a means of helping people explore their relationship with God.) Anyone is welcome to join us. Each session will take place in the church hall at St John's on alternate Wednesday evenings from 7.15 – 8.45 pm starting on March 15th. A course booklet is available at a cost of £5.99 which Maria will order for you if you let her know you want it. (Tel: 01884 256380 email. mariahearl@btinternet.com)

Sessions will be as follows:

March 15th introduction; Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name

March 29th Your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven

No meeting Holy Week

April 26th Give us today our daily bread

May 10th Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us

May 24th Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil

June For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

We look forward to exploring the Lord's prayer together.

Maria

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