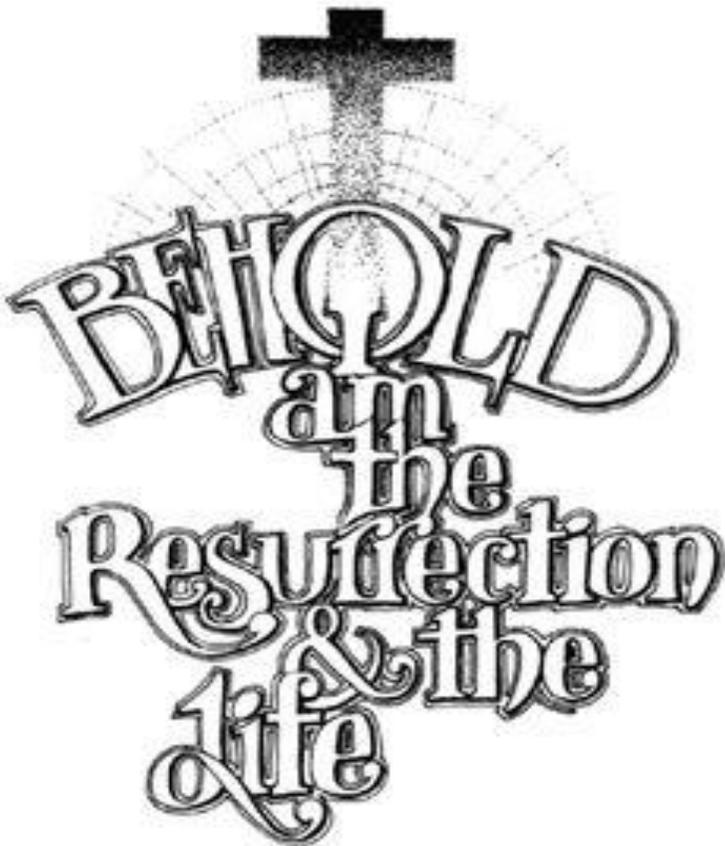


'Gossip' According to St John's

APRIL 2017



LIST OF SERVICES FOR APRIL 2017

Sunday 2nd 8.00 am Holy Communion

9.45 am Parish Communion

Thursday 6th 10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 9th **PALM SUNDAY**

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.45 am Parish Communion

HOLY WEEK

Monday 10th 7.30 pm Reflection and Compline

Tuesday 11th 7.30 pm Reflection and Compline

Wednesday 12th 7.30 pm Reflection and Compline

Thursday 13th **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

10.00 am Holy Communion

7.30 pm Holy Communion with washing of feet

Services for April continued

Friday 14th

GOOD FRIDAY

10.00 am Walk of Witness, starting at St John's and proceed to the Baptist Church. Churches Together

2.00 pm

THE LAST HOUR

Saturday 15th

8.00 pm

VIGIL & EASTER FIRE

Sunday 16th

EASTER DAY

8.00 am

Holy Communion

9.45 am

Parish Communion

Thursday 20th

10.00 am

Matins

Sunday 23rd

8.00 am

Holy Communion

9.45 am

Parish Communion

11.30 am

Baptism

Thursday 27th

10.00 am

Holy Communion

Sunday 30th

8.00 am

Holy Communion

9.45 am

Parish Communion

LIST OF WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS AND FUNERALS

Weddings

Baptisms

March 19th Molly Nicola Hole, daughter of Robert and Fay of
Drakes Park, Wellington

March 19th Reginald David Wherlock, son of Ian and Melissa of
Venn Farm, Cullompton

March 19th Olivia Louise Millett, daughter of Matthew Millett and
Rachael Jackson of Aspen Road, Wellington

May God's Love continue to shine on these children

Funerals

February 8th Iris Alderman, aged 100, of Bulford, Wellington

February 21st Dennis Marshall, aged 90, of Alexandra Road, Wellington

February 23rd Roy Hollis, aged 82, of Barn Meads Road, Wellington

March 15th Gerald Slade, aged 88, of Highfield Crescent, Taunton

Continue to hold all these people in your arms Lord

LETTER FROM THE BISHOP of BATH AND WELLS

I was on the London Underground recently and saw an advert: 'Personal Beauty Delivered to you at your Home'. It was advertising beauty products. It made me think however what it would be like if beauty could be ordered on the internet and delivered to the front door. Could a package that came through our letterbox really transform us? For beauty is of course much more than how we look on the outside. Beauty is a thing of the heart. True beauty is of course much more than how we look on the outside. Beauty is a thing of the heart. True beauty comes from within. Indeed everything in God's creation is beautiful. As Confucius said: 'Everything has beauty, but not everyone sees it.' And the Psalmist declared that everyone is beautiful, for we are all 'fearfully and wonderfully made'. We are all made in the image of God himself and God is the source of all beauty.

So as we finish our journey through Lent we need to remember that giving up alcohol, biscuits or chocolate alone won't make us beautiful. And as we come to Easter and the shops are filled with chicks and eggs and Easter bunnies we need to remember that it is not ultimately what we do, how we look, or what we have that makes us beautiful. Beauty, true beauty, comes through the cross and resurrection. Our lives are changed not by what we stop eating, or what creams we might put on our faces. It is the Holy Spirit who truly transforms our lives, so that we become the people God is calling us to become. When Jesus spoke to the woman at the well he said that the water he gives is like a spring of water welling up to eternal life. Her response was to say to Jesus 'Give me this water'. May that be our prayer too: 'Lord, give us the water of life, that we might become more like Jesus'.

Rt Rev Peter Hancock

Bishop of Bath and Wells

SMILE

Especially for children and families, after school on the first Wednesday of the month at St John's.

In March we had two Smile gatherings as the first Wednesday of April is in the school holidays. At the first one on Ash Wednesday, we explored Jesus' parable of the unforgiving servant, the story being acted out brilliantly by some of the children and all taking part in activities involving floating paper boats, fixing broken biscuits (with lots of icing!) and competing in a pancake race time trial. We ended with prayers, thanking God for his forgiveness of us and asking him to help us forgive others, as we dropped shells into a big bowl of water.

Then on March 29th we gathered again, this time exploring the story of Mary anointing Jesus' feet (Mark 12:3-9 . Coming at the Easter story from a different angle we asked the question 'what is Easter really all about?' and got involved in the usual variety of activities, culminating eating our smiley face pizzas that we created earlier!

Smile dates for the summer term: No Smile in April (due to Easter holidays), 3rd May, 7th June and 5th July.

All welcome. More info from Jean, Sally, Barbara, Anne and John at St John's

The Smile Team

THE BIG TENT

The Big Tent summer holiday club, organised by the Wellington churches, will be back in Wellington on August 15th, 16th and 17th and is open to all Primary school-aged children.

Lots of teams needed as always, working with the children and behind the scenes. Come along and hear more about what's happening this year on Thursday 11th May and Thursday 15th, June, 7.45 pm at Wellington Baptist Church hall.

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're encouraging churches to include special prayers for schools at their usual Sunday service. More information and resources can be found at www.prayforschools.org including an inspiring video that's worth a watch .

In addition, we're planning to run a number of midweek events around the Deanery where the nearby school will come and join us in praying for their school in creative ways.

Wednesday 10th May - **St Bartholomew's oake** with Oake, Bradford & Nynehead
Primary School.

Thursday 11th May – **St Mary's Bishop Lydeard** with Bishops Lydeard
Primary School.

Wednesday 17th May – **St John's Wellington** with St John's Primary School

Each church will be available at lunchtime for those who'd like to come and join in prayers for our local schools. At St John's, we also hope to have the choir from Court Fields School performing a short lunchtime concert at 1 pm. Please do come to pray and support.

Andy Levett. Youth and Children's Work Coordinator for Tone Deanery.

07595 311183 andyjlevett@btinternet.com

EASTER FLOWERS

There will be basket at the back of the church for anyone who wishes to contribute towards the cost of the Easter Flowers, all your donations are gratefully received.

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR EASTER

We will be decorating the church for Easter on Saturday 15th April at 9.30 am. Anyone who wishes to come and help are very welcome, as is any greenery you may have to donate

No flowers are required as we hope that the congregation will have donated enough money towards the cost of flowers.

As is usual their will be tea/ coffee and cake supplied.

Lenore Clarke

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COFFEE MORNING

ANN FRY WILL AGAIN BE HOLDING A COFFEE MORNING SUPPORTING THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY. IT WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY 29TH APRIL, 10 AM UNTIL 12 NOON.

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT THIS VERY WORTHY CAUSE, IF YOU HAVE ANY REALLY NICE ITEMS FOR ANN TO SELL PLEASE CONTACT HER, OR BRING TO CHURCH, SHE IS ALSO LOOKING FOR RAFFLE PRIZES

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

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@thegarnerers.me.uk

CHURCHES TOGETHER SPRING MEETING

WEDNESDAY APRIL 26TH AT THE URC CHURCH

AT 7.00 PM

ANYONE INTERESTED ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

THIS MONTH'S RECIPE

CHEESE AND MUSTARD SCONES

225g/8 ozs	Self Raising Flour
1 tsp	Baking Powder
Pinch of Salt	
50g/1 ¾ ozs	Butter, cut into small pieces
125g/4 ½ ozs	Mature Cheese, grated
1 tsp	Mustard Powder
150 ml/ ¼ pint	Milk
Pepper	

Method

Lightly grease a baking tray/sheet

Sieve the flour, baking powder, and salt into a bowl. Rub in the butter with your fingers until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs. Stir in the grated cheese, mustard and enough milk to form a soft dough.

On a lightly floured surface, knead the dough very lightly, then flatten it out with the palm of your hand to a depth of 2.5 cm/1 inch. Using a cutter cut out your rounds, brush each one with a little milk and sprinkle with pepper to taste. Bake in a preheated oven, 220C/425F/ Gas Mark 7, for 10 – 15 minutes until the scones are golden brown. Transfer the scones to a wire rack and leave to cool slightly before serving.

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

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

BIBLE SOCIETY AGM

MONDAY APRIL 24TH AT MILLWAY CHAPEL, NORTH STREET AT 7.30 PM

A SHORT BUSINESS MEETING FOLLOWED BY A TALK BY MR ROY MOODY, THE BIBLE SOCIETY LOCAL REP, WHO WILL BE INTRODUCING OUR FOCUS FOR 2017

FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS

A REPRESENTATIVE FROM ST JOHN'S IS NEEDED

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!

NEW B.R.F. NOTES

‘ Bible Reflections for Older People’

B.R.F. have a new addition to their sets of notes which a number of you already use.

‘Bible Reflections for Older People’ consists of 40 reflections written by older people, and amongst other topics it tackles issues such as independence, decision making, dementia and disability.

The notes are published three times annually in January, May and September but are otherwise undated. A year’s subscription costs £14.97.

There is one sample copy on the bookstand. Please let me know if you would like to subscribe.

Thank you. Tessa Bradnock

WOMEN'S REFUGE

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

Any item suitable for the kitchen, mixing bowls, washing up bowls, wooden spoons, large serving spoons etc. etc. Also Rugs, Curtains, items for the bathroom, such as bath mats, toothbrush holders etc.

Any cleaning materials but not bleach, dish cloths etc.

As usual a big thank to everyone of you who give so generously.

Lenore Clarke

THE ST MARGARET'S LECTURES 2017

'FINDING MEANING IN LIFE AND DEATH'

'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'

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	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.

FORTHCOMING CONCERTS

Monday 29 th May	Blackdown Early Music
Saturday 8 th July	Amici

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:

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

THE FOOD BANK
URGENTLY REQUIRED

TINNED FRUIT 400GRMS

TEA BAGS 80'S

DRIED PASTA 500 GRMS

UHT MILK 1 LITRE

BREAKFAST CEREALS

Other items required are:-

Soup, Rice, Pasta Sauce, Tinned meat, Tinned Vegetables, Coffee, Sugar, Biscuits and Snacks.

If you are not already giving perhaps you could look at the above lists and supply something.

The Food Bank Box is it at the back of the church, if you could supply something please bring on either a Sunday or Thursday.

Thank you

FRIENDS OF WELLINGTON PARK SPRING FAYRE

To be held on Sunday 30th April 2017

in Wellington Park, Courtland Road

it will be officially opened at 1.30 pm

by the Mayor of TDBC Cllr Vivienne Stock-Williams,

the Mayor of WTC Cllr Bob Bowrah

and our

M.P. Rebecca Pow

escorted by the Wellington Majorettes

Entrance is free and there will be stalls, music, refreshments and lots more.

This Event is held for the benefit of the community to come along and see our award winning historical park and have an enjoyable afternoon.

For further information contact Iris Ellins 01823 664613

or at ellinsiris52@talktalk.net.

The Rectors P.A. Mrs Sharon Chorley. 01823 665254

Email. Stjohns.wellington@googlemail.com

Office hours. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9 am to 1 pm.

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Bell Ringers Mr David Grabham 01823 664946

Baby& Toddler Group Mrs Joyce Norrish 01823 669633

Flower Arrangers Mrs Lenore Clarke 01823 667929

Bible Reading Notes Mrs Tessa Bradnock 01823 662572

Members of the PCC

Mrs Pamela Adams.	Mrs Jennifer Bache	Mrs Erica Beaumont
Mr Dean Bowden	Mrs Lenore Clarke	Mrs Judith Dufour
Mrs Iris Ellins	Miss Nicola Reed	Carol Waterman-Smith
Miss Sylvia Waymouth	Mrs Christine Winhall	

Members of the Deanery Synod who also serve on the PCC

Mr David Dufour	Mr John Massey	Mrs Julie Morton
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Items for the Newsletter please contact Lenore Clarke 667929 or email labubby72@outlook.com or leave in the pigeon hole at the back of the Church in the Meeting Room. The closing date for any article is the 22nd of the month before.

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PCC Secretary	Mr David Dufour	01823 666633
Mothers' Union	Contact Pat Andrews 664857 or Joyce Norrish 669633	
Electoral Roll Officer	Mrs Julie Morton	01823 661996



When Mary came to Jesus' grave it was opened and He was gone. He had risen. Matthew 28:1-7