

'Gossip' According to St John's

JULY 2017

God 
Answers
Prayers

LIST OF SERVICES FOR JULY 2017

Sunday 2 nd	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.45 am	Parish Communion
	11.45 am	Baptism
Wednesday 5th	3.15 pm	SMILE
Thursday 6th	YEAR 6 SCHOOL LEAVERS DAY	
Sunday 9th	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.45 am	Parish Communion
	3.00 pm	Evensong
Thursday 13th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 16th	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.45 am	Parish Communion
	11.30am	Baptism
Thursday 20th	10.00 am	Matins
Sunday 23 rd	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.45 am	Parish Communion
Thursday 27 th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 30 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.45 am	Parish Communion

LIST OF WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS AND FUNERALS

Weddings

June 10th 2017 James May & Donna Bowden of Howard Road

Wellington

Let faithfulness and unselfishness fill the deep relationship you cherish

Baptisms

June 18th 2017 Amelia Grace Sutton, daughter of Stuart & Melanie of

The Brambles, Wellington

June 18th 2017 Oliver James Ford, son of Robert & Diana of

Waterloo Road, Wellington

Lord Jesus Christ, we come to you with our children, we give their new lives into your care

Funerals

June 16th 2017 Margaret 'Jane' Hancock, aged 63, of Humphreys Road,

Wellington

Father of all, we pray to Thee for those whom we love, but no longer see

LETTER FROM THE BISHOP OF TAUNTON

This month I shall make my first visit to Zambia. Mostly we take holidays in Scotland so this sounds somewhat exotic and probably warmer! However it is not intended to be a tourist visit but rather an opportunity to grow the friendship between our diocese and our sisters and brothers in our partnership link with Zambia.

Next year we celebrate 40 years of that friendship and you will be hearing much more of how we hope to mark that milestone and develop and strengthen the partnership. We hope that there will be visits to and fro so that we can learn from one another about how we live and tell our stories of faith and how to share the grace of God in our lives.

In recent months we have seen something of a growing fear and anxiety creeping in to some of the ways in which we as a society respond to people who have a different culture, ethnicity or religious faith than ourselves. Such fear can prevent us from the joy of discovering alternative views or perspectives or engaging in novel experiences. Reticence in taking risks can mean we miss the delight of making new friends.

Trust is something which grows as we step outside of the boundaries of our known world into the unfamiliar territory of another. The call of Christ to follow him is one that takes us beyond ourselves into places of discovery and the expanding of horizons. I'm looking forward to meeting my Zambian brothers and sisters in the shared journey we have committed to walk together.

I hope that each of us will make the most of the opportunities we have both here and abroad to open ourselves to the voice of God as we experience new people, new places and new discoveries this summer.

The Right Reverend Ruth Worsley
Bishop of Taunton

THE BIG TENT

Before half term we had a really positive vision sharing evening at Wellington Baptist Church with around 20 potential volunteers present to hear about this year's plans and to begin to shape them. We're particularly excited to have a good number of teenagers signing up to be part of the team this year, some of whom will be helping me to front the programme on stage whilst others will be working alongside the children in the teams.

On the evening Selina also shared plans for something new we're trying this year. As well as the main marquee we're having a 'Tea Tent' on site, geared at parents (and toddlers) who are dropping off their older children at The Big Tent for the day and might like to stop for a friendly chat and a cuppa before they continue with their day. There will also be the usual Family Celebration on the Thursday evening, 5.30pm, when we invite the whole family to come and find out what we've been doing, plus burger van and bouncy castles!

We also really grateful to Wellington Town Council for giving us a grant of £500 towards costs. If you would like to give something towards the cost and development of this annual event you can send a cheque payable to 'Wellington Churches Together' marked for The Big Tent to the Wellington Baptist Church office, 28 South Street, Wellington, TA21 8NS.

Please do pray for the team as it comes together for this year's event and especially for the children and families in the Wellington area that we are inviting to join us. Having got the core of our team together already we are hoping to fill the tent with 100 children this year, as well as connect with many of the families.

And finally, now is the time to tell any friends, family or neighbours with Primary School-aged children about The Big Tent. They may have been before and they have had a leaflet from their school but in my opinion nothing beats a personal invite.

The Big Tent continued....

There are some leaflets in some of the church buildings and the details can be found online at www.thebigtent.co.uk. And if you are able to publicise The Big Tent in your church/parish magazine please use the text below (rather than this bit of my email) to do so. Have also attached logos you could use. Thanks 😊

Andy Levett

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SMILE

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

Smile dates for the summer term: 5th July.

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

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

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

As an advance notice, I will be collecting the Children's Society boxes for emptying earlier this year, partly because the old £1 coins go out of circulation in October and partly because I will be on holiday.

I will remind you again in the August Gossip and will start collection in September.

Thank you once again for all your support for The Children's Society.

Ann Fry.

THE WOMEN'S REFUGE

URGENTLY REQUIRED:- Any books, articles or magazines in Portuguese/Brazilian for a lady who would love to be able to read things in her own language.

Also ladies pants and tights(new), ladies clothing all these items in size 14/16/18. Boys clothing all sizes (not older teenage) and any kitchen items.

NO Toiletries required at the present time.

Thank you as always for your support for this worthwhile cause,-.

Lenore Clarke

YEAR 6 LEAVERS' DAY

Our Year 6 Leavers' Day is set for Thursday 6 July at St John's Church. When the church will be closed to the public including Thursday Communion.

Wellesley Park, Langford Budville, St John's, West Buckland and Rockwell Green Primary Schools are all keen for their Year 6 pupils to be involved again, just over 100 children in total.

Andy

A short reflection from Bishop Peter in the light of the Manchester attack

Not just in Britain or Europe but around the world vigils have been held this week to remember all those whose lives have been touched by the tragic event in Manchester on Monday night.

People have gathered in public places, in homes and at work, in churches and cathedrals to remember all those whose lives have been turned upside down by violence.

People of all nationalities, ages and creeds have come together in a shared longing for peace and justice in our world.

But underneath the shock and anger and grief there has been a determination by the people of Manchester to stand together, to support those most affected and to unite across their diversity. They have resolved to rebuild and repair the damage to their city and to face down the fear that terrorists seek to instil in our lives.

Incidents like this raise many questions, including the question: ‘where is God in the midst of all this?’ At moments like this I am reminded of something I read many years ago and which has remained with me: ‘In Jesus, God did not come to explain suffering, or to remove it, but to fill it with his presence.’ In this life we may not get all the answers we seek to the pain and problem of suffering. We live in a world which continues to be torn apart by suffering in many ways. But I believe we live in a world which is held and shaped by the love and light of God. Jesus came to fill the world with his presence.

Let us make that the focus of our prayers

Rt Revd Peter Hancock, Bishop of Bath and Wells

Bishop Peter’s message of peace continued....

An ancient prayer for peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord,
to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom:
Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies;
that we, surely trusting in your defence, may not fear the power of any
adversaries;
through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CAMELOT HOUSE & LODGE CARE HOME

SUMMER FETE

ON

SATURDAY 8TH JULY AT 2 .00 P.M.

**STALLS INCLUDING CAKES, BOOKS, PLANTS,
TOMBOLA.**

A RAFFLE BBQ/PIZZAS

ENTERTAINMENT

**THE MAYOR OF WELLINGTON WILL BE
ATTENDING**

AMICI

SONGS AND MUSIC FROM STAGE AND SCREEN

Our musical director Andrew Trehwella isn't just a brilliant conductor in what might be termed the 'standard choral repertoire' – he is also accomplished and very enthusiastic in the genre of music theatre. So, it's probably not surprising that his fertile mind came up with the idea of linking an SATB chamber choir to the repertoire of the Hollywood and Broadway music scene.

Many award – winning numbers from the great stage and screen musicals have been arranged for four-part choir and Andrew has done his best to come up with a set of songs which all come from productions which have taken the honours at the Oscars and other award ceremonies over many years. All the big names are there – Gershwin, Bernstein, Kern, Mancini, Rodgers and Hammerstein are all rubbing shoulders with Sondheim and Lloyd-Webber. Even ABBA gets a look in.

We will be performing these great songs in:

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, WELLINGTON

ON

SATURDAY 8TH JULY AT 7.30 PM

Tickets £12 – under 12's admitted free, from the Amici website, www.amicichoir.org.uk, Taunton Visitor Centre 01823 340470 or Interiors and Flowers by Design in Wellington 01823 662143

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

FRIENDS OF WELLINGTON PARK

Are starting their Summer Concerts all at 2.30pm – 4.30 pm

Sunday July 2 nd	Double Dealing	Country & Western
July 9 th	Monopole	60's Plus Music
July 16 th	Kingsbury Episcopi Band	Big Band
July 23 rd	Turnette Uppé	50's & 60's Pop Music
July 30 th	The Friendly Spirit	
	Swing Quintet	30's & 40's Swing
Sunday August 6 th	The Right Side of the Track	Gentle Jazz
August 13 th	Dark Town Strutters	Traditional Jazz Band
August 20 th	Yorkie	Popular Music
August 27 th	Deane Big Band	Big Band

Come and enjoy the live outdoor musical entertainment. IT'S FREE !

For more information ring 01823 356362

FRIENDS OF WELLINGTON SCHOOL

THE WURZELS

Wellington School Marquee, School Field Gates open 6.45 pm

Tickets are now on sale for The Wurzels Concert on 8th July 2017.

Use the link <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BTQ> or call 01813 668850.

Tickets cost £16 in advance or £18 on the door. Cash bar with a selection of local ciders.

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

COURTFIELDS SCHOOL

The School allotment crew needs a bit of help with repairing the front fence and the shed. We would be grateful to hear from any volunteer who might have the skills to do this, who has some free time on a Friday morning around 11.30 – 1300, and who is happy to work with boys aged 11 to 14. For reasons of safeguarding, it needs to be someone you know/ recommend or who has a current DBS certificate.

If anybody has any tools they don't need, we are on the lookout for a couple of smallish spades and some shears.

Helena Power, All Saints', Rockwell Green

John Myers, Living Light Church

SOCIAL GROUP PROGRAMME AUGUST – JANUARY 2018

August 19th Summer Time Cream Tea 3.00 – 5.00 pm

September

Friday 15th Soup Lunch

Saturday 23rd Coffee Morning Seasonal Produce

October

Saturday 7th Coffee Morning Books and Jigsaws

Friday 20th Soup Lunch

November

Saturday 4th Coffee Morning Bring and Buy

Friday 17th Soup Lunch

December

Saturday 9th Coffee Morning Christmas Gifts etc.

January 2018

Barn Dance, details to follow

Please note that the days we hold the Coffee Mornings and Soup Lunches. Have changed due to clashing with other events in the town

THIS MONTHS RECIPE

ORANGE MADEIRA

2 Eggs, separate

Their weight in margarine, sugar and flour

1 tsp baking powder

1 Orange, rind and juice

For the icing,

6 oz Icing Sugar and 1 small Orange

Method

Cream the margarine, add the sugar and grated orange rind and beat well. Separate the eggs and beat the yolks and juice alternately with the sifted flour and baking powder. Beat the egg whites stiffly and fold into the mixture. Bake in a greased loaf tin for about 30-40 minutes in a moderate oven.

When cold, ice with orange icing made by dissolving sifted icing sugar in juice of orange, add the rind, heat and beat, cool till stiffening, pour gently over the cake.. A layer of apricot jam will help to hold it on top of the cake.

This is another recipe from the book supplied by Sylvia Waymouth, thank you Sylvia.

More recipes needed, please give to editor.

A SUMMER TIME CREAM TEA

ON

SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST

IN THE

CHURCH HALL

3.00PM – 5.00 PM

Come along and enjoy an afternoon of friendship with your friends and enjoy some quiet background music

There will be a Raffle

TICKETS:- Cream Tea £4.00

With a glass of Pimms £5.00

The Tickets are available from any member of the Social Committee

PAUSE FOR PRAYER

In June the licensed team: Tim, Maria, Sandra, Elaine, Alan and Selina cooked a delicious breakfast for many of our wonderful Churchwardens to say thank you for all the work and support they offer our communities.

PRAYER POINTS

Pray for the new 'Campfire Church Network' starting on Monday afternoons in Ashbrittle.

Pray for a funding application to the diocese to support a Learning Community in our team. This will help us offer training and support to people in all our parishes who are running groups, services and activities that place mission at the heart of all we do .

RURAL MINISTRIES

Pray for our partnership with Rural Ministries as they help us to communicate the Christian faith.

CREATIVE CHRISTIANITY

Pray for those seeking to find ways to explore Bible stories, Christian values and faith through creative arts.

Pray for the Big Tent, Yr 6 Transitions day and the new parenting café we are setting up at St John's next term.

Pray for coffee mornings, Knit and Natter, Soup and a Bite, Recycled Teenagers, home visits, nursing home communions and support that we run for the elderly across the team.

Rev Selina Garner

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Electoral Roll Officer	Mrs Julie Morton	01823 661996

Happy moments,
Praise God.

Difficult moments,
Seek God.

Quiet moments,
Worship God.

Painful moments,
Trust God.

Every moment,
Thank God.