

'Gossip' According to St John's

SEPTEMBER 2017

THE *Lord* IS
MORE CONCERNED WITH OUR
availability
THAN OUR
capability
BECAUSE HE KNOWS OUR
possibilities

LIST OF SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

Sunday 3rd	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.45 am	Parish Communion
Wednesday	3.15 pm	Smile
Thursday 7 TH	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 10 TH	8.00 am	Holy Communion

9.45 am Parish Communion Civic Service

Thursday 14th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 17 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.45 am	Parish Communion
	11.30am	Baptism
Thursday 21st	10.00 am	Matins
Sunday 24th	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.45 am	Parish Communion
Thursday 28th	10.00 am	Holy Communion

Saturday 30th 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the

Priesthood of Iain Ainsworth-Smith

LIST OF WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS AND FUNERALS

Weddings

August 11th James Dominy & Donna Chiles, of Waterloo Road
Wellington

Your greatest gift to us is our love for one another

Baptisms

August 20th Alayna Lorelai Kennaby, daughter of Julie-Anne Cameron
Kennaby of Coleridge Crescent, Taunton

August 20th Felix Christopher Wyatt Kennaby-Baker, son of
Julie-Anne Cameron Kennaby of Coleridge Crescent, Taunton and Benjamin
Baker of Parklands Road, Wellington

Lord, we thank you for the gifts of these children.

Funerals

July 26th Evan Ley, aged 14 months, of Popham Road, Wellington

July 27th Joan Booth, aged 88, of Camelot House, Wellington

August 9th Allan Leonard, aged 84, of Priory Court Gardens, Wellington

August 15th Keith Stevens, aged 74, of Homefield, Wellington

In You alone is our peace

THE BISHOP'S MESSAGE

One of my favourite poems is John Masefield's poem Sea Fever. I read it often as it reminds me of the sea and the joy I find in simply looking at the sea. The second verse is this:

**I must down to the seas again, for the call of the running
tide
Is a wild call and a clear call that may not be denied;
And all I ask is a windy day with the white clouds flying,
And the flung spray and the blown spume, and the sea-gulls
crying.**

There is something liberating, inspiring and energising at being beside the sea and just looking at it, hearing it, smelling it and seeing it move as the waves go up and down and the tides go in and out. And when I am by the sea, whether it is tranquil or stormy, fathomless deep blue or angry and squally, I am aware of the presence of God. As the Psalmist said:

'For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hands are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his and he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.' (Psalm 95) 'The sea is his and he made it.' What inspiring words they are and the psalmist speaks also of singing for joy to the Lord; bowing down before him in worship; and kneeling before him. For he is the Creator of all things. 'We are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care'

The Bishop's Message continued:.....

It was lovely therefore to be able to go to the beach most days during our recent holiday in France. Several times the waves were daunting and the surf intimidating. So much so that one day I didn't even dare to go in. But when I did there was that exhilarating experience of being literally lifted up and carried **along by the surf.**

In the midst of our busy lives it is good to find time to rest and also to find places where we can enjoy the sheer beauty of God's creation. Isaiah speaks about the Lord renewing those who are weary and tired and lifting us up that we might soar on winds like eagles.

Those waves certainly lifted me up physically and we need to look to the Lord each day to lift us up spiritually as we come to him in joy and bow before him in worship.

The Right Reverend Peter Hancock

Bishop of Bath and Wells

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.

A SPECIAL CELEBRATION

**You are warmly invited to a Eucharist to celebrate the
50th Anniversary of the Ordination to the Priesthood
of The Reverend Canon Ian Ainsworth-Smith**

on

Saturday 30th September 2017 at 3.00 pm

at

St John's Parish Church, Wellington, Somerset TA21 8SF

**RSVP by 20th September if you intend to come, refreshments
will be served after the service. Address; Knutsford, Milverton
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CONCERT
IN ST JOHN'S CHURCH, WELLINGTON
SUNDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER
AT 3.00 PM

WALLSCOURT BRASS QUINTET (BRISTOL)

ILSA BAILEY – TRUMPET STEPHEN BODILEY – TRUMPET
DAVE GEE – HORN ALICE BODILEY – TROMBONE
PHILIP CHIDGEY – TUBA JOHN YOUNG – ORGAN

MUSIC RANGING FROM GABRIELI AND HANDEL
TO

PETER WARLOCK AND GEORGE GERSHWIN

FREE ADMISSION

RETIRING COLLECTION FOR ST MARGARET'S HOSPICE
TEA AND CAKE IN THE INTERVAL

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

FORTHCOMING CONCERTS IN ST JOHN'S

Sunday 17 th September	WALLSCOURT BRASS QUINTET (BRISTOL)
Saturday 23 rd September	WHERE - MALE VOICE CHOIR
Saturday 9 th December	WELLINGTON SILVER BAND
Monday 18 th December	COLLEGIUM
Friday 22 nd December	PHOENIX SINGERS

THIS MONTHS RECIPE

TWO FAVOURITE RECIPES FROM TIM AND LORNA BEAUMONT

Chocolate Chip Cookies

Cream together 4 ozs Butter, 4 ozs Caster Sugar, 1 tsp Vanilla, 2ozs Brown Sugar and 1 Egg.

Then mix $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp of Bicarbonate of Soda with $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp Salt and 8 ozs Plain Flour. Mix this into the creamed ingredients, when well mixed add 1 packet of Chocolate Chips. Make into balls and place on a baking tray.

Bake for 7 – 10 mins at 180 C

Chocolate and Banana Muffins

225 g Plain Flour ,100g Caster Sugar, 1 tsp Baking Powder, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp Salt, 85g Chocolate Chips, 1 Egg, 4 tbsp Vegetable Oil, 4 tbsp Milk

2 – 3 Mashed Bananas

Mix the flour, sugar, salt, baking powder and chocolate chips.

Beat the egg, oil, milk and bananas.

Mix together and bake at 180C for approx. 20 minutes.

Thank you very much for these Tim and Lorna

Lenore, Editor

CHURCH TEAM GATHERING

For the first time ever we are inviting people from all the churches in the team to gather and pray and share together. I really hope you can come - but if not please do pray about this time together.

You are therefore warmly invited to a CHURCH TEAM GATHERING on 12 September

Working Together - The Team Mission Plan

Langford Budville Village Hall Tuesday 12th September

7 pm refreshments and meeting one another

7.30 - 9.30 pm 'consultation' and prayers

'Selina Garner has been our Team Missioner for nearly one year. All members of all PCCs in the Wellington & District Team (indeed, all church members) are invited to an evening about the progress that has been made. There is a really exciting 'buzz': bids have been made to grant-making bodies and new initiatives have begun. We want to share with you, to give you the opportunity to share with one another your ideas for the coming year and to join in prayer.'

Rev Tim

Church Team Gathering continued.....

Please also pray for wisdom as the Diocesan Mission Growth Team meet to consider our funding bid on 20th September and for me as I present our vision and hopes to the Rural Ministries trustees on 28 September. (If these bids are successful they could well unlock lots of other resources to help us as we live and tell the Christian story and explore and communicate the extraordinary love of God in all our communities.)

Give thanks that lots of people are already coming together and listening and seeking a way forwards across the Team and responding to God's call on their lives.

Give thanks that St John's have also agreed to become a resource church for the wider team to support our team fundraising.

Praying with you that God's Kingdom Comes here on earth as it is in heaven!

Selina

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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

SOCIAL GROUP PROGRAMME AUGUST – JANUARY 2018

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

SAFEGUARDING

Are you aware that the Church of England has a safeguarding policy, and do you know what is meant by this?

Basically in our Churches, we are committed to the safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults. The Church accepts and endorses the Children Act 1989 & 2004 and The Protection of Freedom Act 2012.

Christian communities should be places where all people feel welcomed, respected and safe from abuse.

The Church is particularly called by God to support those less powerful and those without a voice in our society.

Our Parish is working towards creating a safe and non-discriminatory environment by being aware of some of the particular situations that create vulnerability. Such issues to be considered include both the physical environment and the attitudes of workers and volunteers.

If you are concerned about the safety or well being of anyone in our church community, be it abuse, bullying, neglect or disrespect, undignified behaviour or whatever, then please tell someone about your concerns.

The Rector is there to listen, as are your Safeguarding Officers namely, Patrick Clarke, Rev Selina Garner and Mrs Sharon Chorley.

Thank you.

GO TEAM ADVISOR FOR TAUNTON ARCHDEACONRY

At the end of August my Deanery post will come to an end and I will be taking up a new full-time post as Youth * Children's Work Advisor for the Taunton Archdeaconry as part of the Diocese's new 'Go Team' on 1st September. I am excited about stepping up to the new role and also glad not to be leaving Tone Deanery altogether as you remain in my new(larger) patch.

Thank you for all the support and encouragement you have given me in Tone Deanery over the last years. In the short term the change will inevitably have an effect on some of the things I'm directly involved in but there are many other changes happening too and I genuinely believe there is much to be excited about at this time.

This certainly won't be the last you'll hear from me, and I look forward to continuing to support, encourage and resource the work with children and young people across this area in my new role, and as part of the new Diocesan team.

Blessing

Andy Levett

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PRESS RELEASE: Big Tent Space Academy

The Big Tent was back in Wellington last week (Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th August). The 3-day holiday club run by Wellington's churches for Primary School aged children took place take in a large marquee on the sports field of Wellesley Park Primary School.

This year's theme was 'Space Academy' and 95 children joined the Starship Crew each day as they travelled through space to share the "Goodness, kindness, generosity, honesty and mercy of Mission Command". Each day ran from 10am until 3pm with an action-packed programme of games, competitions, songs, videos, craft activities and Bible stories; using the 30 metre Big Tent and the excellent outdoor space at Wellesley Park to the full.

The programme was run by a team of over 20 volunteers from local churches led by Church of England youth worker Andy Levett, who was joined on stage by Court Fields students Isaac Jones, Micaela Sellick and Andrew Power with 'DJ' Dan Thorne in control of the audio/visuals.

New to The Big Tent this year was the 'Tea Tent' open on site each day after drop off and before pick up for parents and younger siblings to enjoy a drink and a cake with space to chat and toys to play with. This popular addition to the event was hosted by Team Missioner Selina Garner and an enthusiastic band of helpers.

TheBig Tent continued.....

Revd Sam Griffiths, Pastor of Wellington Baptist Church and Big Tent Coordinator said:

“I’d like to give a massive thanks to our superb team of volunteers who gave one hundred percent and were simply the best. And a special thanks to our upfront team led by Andy Levett. We had the largest number of children we’ve had in recent years and their enthusiasm and energy just made for a very special year. And a big thanks to the churches of Wellington who supported, gave and prayed, and to the community of Wellington, to Wellesley Park Primary School for hosting us, and to Wellington Town Council for giving us a grant to help make this happen.”

Revd Selina added: “Thanks to the first ever Tiny Tea Tent team for putting up the tea tent, making cakes, listening, praying, laughing lots, making great coffee and washing up... Thanks to the Toy library for the toddler toys and to all the new babies, toddlers, parents, grandparents, teenagers and carers who stopped for a cuppa and a chat during this year's Big Tent.”

Highlights of this year’s event can be found on *The Big Tent Wellington* Youtube channel.

Andy Levett

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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