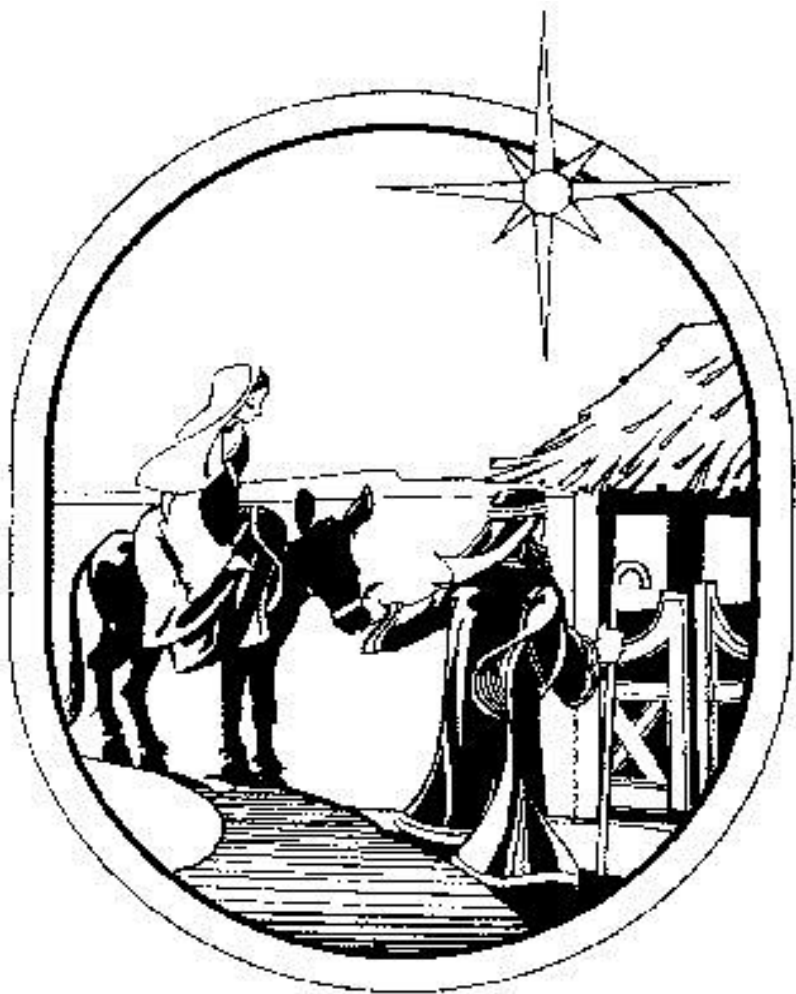


'Gossip' According to St John's

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2017



LIST OF SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2017

Wednesday 1 st	3.15 pm	Smile
Thursday 2 nd	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 5 th	ALL SAINTS' DAY	
	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.45 am	Parish Communion
Thursday 9 th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 12 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.45 am	Parish Communion
Thursday 16 th	10.00 am	Matins
Sunday 19 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.45 am	Parish Communion
Thursday 23 rd	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 26 th	CHRIST THE KING	
	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.45 am	Parish Communion
Thursday 30 th	10.00 am	Holy Communion

December

Sunday 3rd

1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.45 am Parish Communion

4.30 pm

TEAM ADVENT SERVICE AT SAMPFORD ARUNDEL

Tuesday 5th

2.00 pm Mothers' Union Carol Service

Wednesday 6th

3.15 pm Smile

Thursday 7th

10.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 10th

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.45 am Parish Communion

3.30 pm Light Up A Life Service

Tuesday 12th

11.45 am Courtfields School Carol Service

Thursday 14th

10.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 17th

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.45 am Parish Communion

6.30 pm St John's Carol Service

Services continued....

Tuesday 19th 2.00 pm St John's School Carol Service

Wednesday 20th 10.00 am Beechgrove School Concert

Thursday 21st 10.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 24th **CHRISTMAS EVE**

4.30 pm Christingle

11.30 pm Midnight Mass

Monday 25th **CHRISTMAS DAY**

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Communion

LIST OF WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS AND FUNERALS

WEDDINGS

30th September	Paul Hickinbottom and Charmaine Coles	of Brooklands Road, Rockwell Green
21st October	Ashleigh Ford and Carla Winter	of Greenway Road, Rockwell Green

May the love present on our wedding day continue with God's Blessing

BAPTISMS

22nd October	Dougie Martyn Christopher Cseri	Son of Iain and Hannah Cseri of Meyer Close, Wellington
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May Jesus always be there for our child

FUNERALS

29th September	Diane Hedges	Aged 56, of Barns Mead Road, Wellington
13th October	Margaret Hockey	Aged 84, previously of Barns Mead Road, Wellington

Rest in Peace

THE BISHOP'S LETTER

Going to Church is good for you – Research proves it!

A recent article *How to live to 100-plus* caught my eye. It basically crunched the numbers and listed twelve things which researchers believe contribute to a longer life. Some of it comes down to genes, but lifestyle is thought to be the biggest factor in longevity. The Office for National Statistics (ONS) recently reported that Britain now has 15,000 centenarians - twice as many as in 2002 - making this the fastest growing age group. The ONS attributes this largely to improvements in nutrition, lifestyle and living standards.

So what are these factors that influence life expectancy? One is being a woman and another is being Japanese, who have the longest life expectancy of anyone in the world. Family and friends are also very important. In a study from California those with a close family and good friends live longer. 'Getting down with the kids' - whether those are children, grandchildren, nephews, nieces, or the children of our neighbours and friends is a good thing to do. Marriage is also known to be beneficial to good health. Diet is obviously important and although advice on diet seems to change every time the wind changes direction, there is general consensus that dark chocolate, leafy greens, strawberries, chillies and small amounts of wine are good for us. Exercise is obviously important too, as Fauja Singh, now 106, said just after he completed running his latest marathon.

The Bishop's letter continued.....

However, among the list of factors that can lead to longer life was 'Going to Church'. Until her death last year 116 year-old Susannah Mushatt Jones was the world's oldest person. When asked for advice as to how to live a long life she said 'Believe in the Lord'. A recent study by a Public Health School at Harvard supported this. It concluded that those who go to church more than once a week are less likely to die of heart attack or cancer. Staying for coffee afterwards is also likely to be beneficial. Age UK has demonstrated that social contact promotes well-being and helps stave off loneliness in later life.

In the gospels we hear Jesus saying: 'I have come that you may have life and have it to the full.' Life in all its fullness is not however simply about how long we live, but how we live. Jesus' promise is to be with us in this life, in all that life may bring, and also to bring us safely to the life that is to come, life everlasting.

Rt Rev Peter Hancock

Bishop of Bath and Wells

CREATED(TEARFUND) COFFEE EVENING & SALE

Wellington Baptist Church on Saturday 25th November

7.00 pm to 9.00 pm

Buy your Christmas Presents & Support Workers

In poor countries

THE WOMEN'S REFUGE

I have recently met with the ladies from the Refuge and the following is the list they have given me regarding the most urgently needed items:-

Curtains, things for the kitchen

Crockery, cooking utensils ie mixing bowls etc.

Any items that would be useful to ladies moving out of the Refuge and into their own home.

Food including tea, coffee

As the time draws nearer, things for Christmas

Small gift bags containing things such as diaries ,pens, pencils, note books.

They will also need cellotape, gift tags, mince pies, puddings, chocolates

And other gifts.

*Thank you to you all for all your past support for this worthy cause
Lenore*

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

Saturday 9th December WELLINGTON SILVER BAND

Monday 18th December COLLEGIUM

Friday 22nd December PHOENIX SINGERS

ST JOHN'S CHRISTMAS CARD

The card will be available for people to sign to wish fellow members of the congregation Happy Christmas, and if you feel able , to put some money in the box towards the upkeep of the church.

ST JOHN'S CHRISTMAS TREE

The tree will be placed in a different place this year to make it more visible to people coming into church. The Christmas Prayer Angels will again be available on the table at the side of the tree for anyone who wishes to send a prayer for a loved one or any other thing which you feel needs a special extra prayer at Christmas. There will be a basket for donations towards the cost of the tree.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

As usual there will be a basket at the back of the church throughout December for donations towards the Christmas flowers. So, I hope that you will continue to give generously as you have in the past. I hope that the displays have come up to your expectations.

Lenore Clarke

SOCIAL GROUP PROGRAMME UNTIL MAY 2018

November

Saturday 4th Coffee Morning Bring and Buy

Friday 17th Soup Lunch

December

Saturday 9th Christmas Coffee Morning Christmas Gifts etc

January 2018

Friday 19th **BARN DANCE**

February

Saturday 3rd Coffee Morning

Friday 16th Soup Lunch

March

Saturday 3rd Coffee Morning

Friday 16th Soup Lunch

April

Friday 20th Soup Lunch

May

Saturday 5th Coffee Morning

Friday 18th Soup Lunch

BARN DANCE

FRIDAY 19TH JANUARY

ST JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH

DANCING TO SQUEEZUM

**SUPPER CONSISTING OF HOT VEGETABLE
SOUP, BREAD, APPLE PIE AND CREAM**

SOFT DRINKS

**IF YOU WISH SOMETHING ALCOHOLIC TO
DRINK PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN WINE**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM SOCIAL
COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

£6.50

THIS MONTHS RECIPE

TAMSIN'S MINCE PIES DE LUXE

Orange Pastry:

500 g Plain Flour

175g Icing Sugar

375 g Butter

Juice and Zest of 1 Orange

Filling:

250g Full Fat Cream Cheese

50 g Caster Sugar

500 – 615 g Mincemeat

Method

Sift the flour and sugar into a mixing bowl. Cut the butter into small pieces rub into the flour and sugar until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs ,stir in the grated orange zest and juice until the dough begins to stick together.

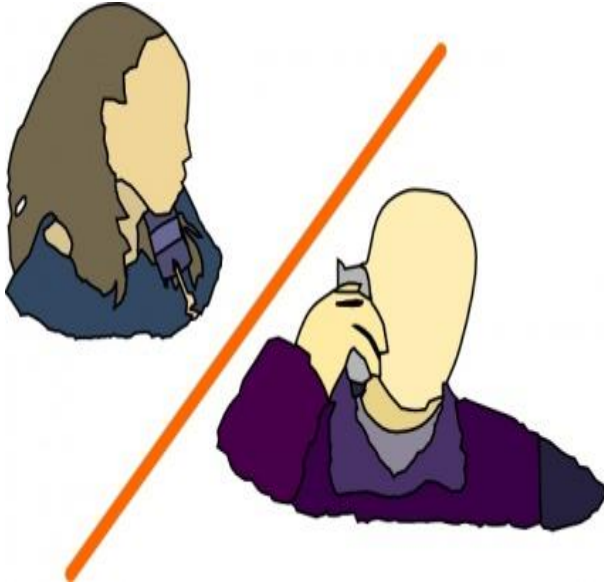
Pat the dough into a ball, wrap it in clingfilm and refrigerate for 30 mins before using.

Put the cream cheese and sugar into a bowl and beat until smooth. Knead the pastry lightly and roll out thickly, cut 24 rounds with 3 inch cutter. Fill to half depth with mincemeat, top with tsp of cream cheese and put on pastry lid, brush with milk and leave a small slit in the top. Bake a 220C for 15 -20 mins. Dust with sugar when cooled.

Another lovely recipe from the Beaumont family, thank you to you all

Lenore Clarke, editor

ST JOHN'S PRAYER CHAIN



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If you are in need of prayer please use the 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 the need. This does not in any way take the place of the Sunday Healing Prayer ministry but is in addition to it.

ZAMBIA ANNIVERSARY

Parishes in Bath and Wells and Zambia have supported each other to live and tell the story of Jesus in their communities since 1978.

We will be celebrating this milestone with a programme of thanksgiving and celebration in 2018. Events will begin in Zambia in April with 'Live the Link' which will see a group of Bath and Wells' folk visit Zambia on an immersive, educational experience. Special services will be held in the five Zambian dioceses and our Bishops will visit Zambia to give thanks for the partnership and be welcomed to a national celebration on 29 April. In Bath and Wells, celebrations are planned for July, including a service at Wells Cathedral on Saturday 14 July and a tour of link parishes by our Zambian bishops. The programme culminates with a summer youth exchange in August.

In preparation for the 40th celebrations, Bishop Ruth travelled to Zambia in July. It was her first visit to the country and speaking of her time there, Bishop Ruth says, "I felt the presence of God speaking to my heart and encouraging me and challenging me in terms of seeing what our brothers and sisters in Zambia are doing.

"We have such an opportunity with next year's celebrations, opportunities to learn and experience each others communities and societies and how we live as people of God in the world today...Living and telling the story doesn't just happen in Bath and Wells, there is so much we can learn about how they do it over there."

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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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