

'Gossip' According to St John's

MARCH 2018



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SERVICES FOR MARCH 2018

Thursday 1 ST	Holy Communion	
Sunday 4 TH	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.45 am	Parish Communion
Wednesday 7th	3.15 pm	Smile
Thursday 8 th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 11th	MOTHERING SUNDAY	
	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.45 am	Parish Communion
Thursday 15th	10.00 am	Matins
Sunday 18 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.45 am	Parish Communion
Thursday 22nd	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 25th	PALM SUNDAY	
	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.45 am	Parish Communion

Services for March continued...

HOLY WEEK

Monday 26th 7.30 pm Compline

Tuesday 27th 7.30 pm Compline

Wednesday 28th 7.30 pm Compline

Thursday 29th **MAUNDAY THURSDAY**

10.00 am Holy Communion

7.30 pm Communion with washing of feet and
Stripping of the Altars

Friday 30th **GOOD FRIDAY**

10.00 am Walk of Witness to Baptist Church

2.00 pm – 3.00 pm The Last Hour Reflection

Saturday 31st **EASTER EVE**

8.00 pm Easter Vigil and Fire

APRIL

SUNDAY 1ST EASTER DAY

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.45 am Parish Communion

THE BISHOP'S LETTER

Making space

I remember my father once saying 'as you get older the seconds seem longer, but the years go by faster.' I think he was right. Perhaps that's your experience too? In March 2014 I officially became the Bishop of Bath and Wells and began to 'take up the reins' and it's two years since I was appointed the Lead Bishop for Safeguarding. The time has flown by. Even more amazing is that this year I shall have been ordained for 38 years and I thank God for all that he has enabled me to see and do through those years. In my study there's a picture of a much-younger me, taken at my ordination in 1980. Looking at it reminds me of the Lord's grace and goodness to me and to Jane through those years.

I will be taking some time some study leave in May and June this year. At one time these were called 'sabbaticals' and that word is from the same root as 'Sabbath', which means to take time to rest. I am particularly grateful to Bishop Ruth and the Bishop's Staff who have encouraged me to take this time, especially as it will mean they will have to 'keep an eye on the shop'. This will give me an opportunity to spend time reading and reflecting on what God may be saying about the priorities and opportunities for the diocese and the wider Church - and time to pray and think more about the challenges which lie ahead of us. During this time Jane and I have arranged to go to Israel. Neither of us has been there before and that in itself will be a wonderful experience.

In the midst of busy, noisy and often crowded lives it is hard at times to make space to read and to pray, to make time to listen to God and to build our relationship with him. I am sure that having this precious gift of time will mean that I return renewed and refreshed for all that lies ahead as together we seek to live and tell the story of Jesus.

The Bishop's Letter continued....

Taking care of our spiritual lives is something we all need to do and Jesus took time to be apart with his Heavenly Father. I know not everyone can take study leave, but even a half day will often help to charge the 'spiritual batteries'. I look forward to sharing with you some of what I have learnt when I get back to the desk.

With warm Christian greetings,

Rt Rev Peter Hancock

Bishop of Bath and Wells

MOTHERS' UNION LIST OF SPEAKERS

March 6 th	Rev Tim Potage
April 10 th	John Young & Alan Cook
May 1 st	Rev Hendzel, Wellington Methodist Minister
June 5 th	Poetry Choice
July 3 rd	James Clapham
Aug 10 th	Garden Party
Sept 4 th	Flower Arranging
Oct 2 nd	Knit and Natter
Nov 6 th	James BRadnock
Dec 4 th	Advent Service

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

We would also like to start collecting items towards their Easter celebrations

*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

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THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

**A Coffee Morning will be held in aid of The Children's Society on SATURDAY
7th APRIL 2018 at St John's Parish Church Hall 10.00.am until 11.30 am.**

CAKES, RAFFLE, CARDS AND BRING AND BUY

Please come and support this event

Ann Fry

CHRISTIAN AID IN WELLINGTON 2017

The Baptist soup lunch raised £251.30

The East Africa Emergency Appeal at St.John's raised £504.80

Love East Africa concert raised £443.30

In Christian Aid Week

WBC coffee morning raised £170

Envelope collection £1435

Therefore Christian Aid Week TOTAL = £1595.00

Then...

St.John's Harvest service collection £457.00

WBC/Rockwell Green Fellowship skittles £200.00

Quiz at St.John's + individual donation £180.00

Christmas Appeal (attracting matching grant from U.K. Government

All Saints Rockwell Green £89.35

St.John's Christmas services raised £886.35

TOTAL raised in 2017 (8% up on 2016) was £4597.10

Philip Regan expressed grateful thanks on behalf of Christian Aid to Rev. Tim Treanor and St.John's folk who contributed around half of what was contributed

Christian Aid figures continued....

Two anonymous donors contributed a further quarter.

Christine Salter, as usual, marshalled the Christian Aid accounts excellently.

Two dates for your diary: 1. WBC Friday 9th March 12.00 noon to 2.00 p.m.

2. Christian Aid Week 2018 13th – 19th May.

Finally we all owe a great debt of thanks to Rev Philip Regan who has served Christian Aid for 25 years, 8 of them here in Wellington. He is relinquishing this responsibility, and it is therefore an urgent matter to find someone willing to take on this job, preferably well before Christian Aid Week.

Can anyone reading this take up this challenge?

CHRISTIAN AID SOUP LUNCH

at

Wellington Baptist Church

Friday March 9th 12.00 – 2.00 pm

Come and enjoy delicious home-made soup and support the work of Christian Aid

MESSIAH AT EASTER – WELLINGTON CHORAL SOCIETY

On Saturday 24 March 2018 at 7.30pm Wellington Choral Society will be performing the ever-popular Handel's Messiah at St John's Church, Wellington.

This much-loved oratorio, whilst traditionally performed at Christmas, was originally intended to be sung at Easter. It was in April 1742 that it was premiered in Dublin in aid of debtors incarcerated in debtors' prison (a fate that Handel himself narrowly escaped).

It is now hard to believe how this masterpiece, written in just 24 days (calculated to be equivalent to 15 notes a minute!), had a cool reception when first performed in London. This was, however, rectified when Messiah was put on at the Foundling Hospital on 1 May 1750 as a fundraiser for the Hospital. This charitable event was over-subscribed and was subsequently repeated annually for many years. Thousands of pounds were raised for the Foundling Hospital charity founded to accommodate, care for and educate babies and children abandoned by mothers forced to do so in the face of appalling poverty and high infant mortality in London at that time....

There will be a retiring collection in aid of Somerset Trust for Arts & Recreation (STAR), a charity that provides opportunities for children and young people in need to build and develop resilience through taking part in music, sport, art and recreational activities.

Tickets at £12 (under 18s Free) from Odette's Tearoom, 27 High Street, Wellington (tel. 01823 667919) & Taunton Visitor Centre (tel. 01823 340470) on line www.wellingtonchoralsociety.org.uk or on the door

SOCIAL GROUP PROGRAMME UNTIL MAY 2018

March

Saturday 3rd Coffee Morning

Friday 16th Soup Lunch

April

Friday 20th Soup Lunch

May

Saturday 5th Coffee Morning

Friday 18th Soup Lunch

June 23rd Summertime Cream Tea

Thank you to those members of the congregation of St John's who came and supported us at the Barn Dance on 19th January.

It was a bad night weatherwise outside but a wonderful night inside, so thanks for your support.

Thank you very much for all your support during the past year

THE CHRISTIAN HEALING MINISTRY CONTINUED

WHO ARE THESE HEALING TEAM PEOPLE?

They are all St John's members who have been prepared and authorised. Just as Jesus commissioned ordinary people to minister to the sick and needy, so today lay people as well as clergy can take part in a ministry of prayer and healing. They are not better than, or different from anyone else. **And it is not those who have healing powers. It is our Lord alone who blesses and heals, through the prayers and touch of others.**

CONFIDENTIALITY

All those who minister through prayer and laying-on-of-hands are people of complete integrity and discretion. Nothing you say will be divulged without your permission.

OTHER WAYS OF PRAYING

You can request prayer by using the prayer request board at the back of the church, located above the Memorial Book. The names are included in the 10 a.m. Holy Communion on Thursdays. Or you can light a candle in the Lady Chapel

This is taken from the healing leaflet produced some time ago, the healing team felt it should be put into the 'Gossip' over a period of three months for all to read and digest, just in case they had not read before and to strengthen the healing within the church.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

FRIDAY 2ND MARCH 2018

St John's Church will play host to all the other churches in Wellington at 2 p.m. on Friday 2nd March at the service for the Women's World Day of Prayer.

"All God's Creation is very good" is the theme of the service, drawn up by the women of Suriname, a country on the north east coast of South America. This same service will be held on that day not only here in Wellington, but also throughout the UK and indeed throughout the world.

I should like to encourage you to come along to welcome those coming from the other churches, to learn about Suriname and to participate in this worship together.

Tea and cake will be served after the service.

Maralyn Norman, St John's Representative on the Wellington W/W/DoP Committee

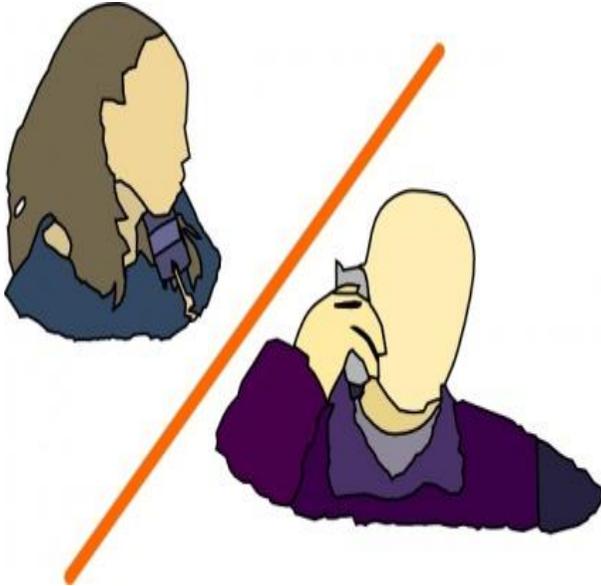
Selina Garner - My Post Stroke Walk, Wed 28 March, Raising money for Campfire Church.

On 28 September 2017 I had a stroke. To thank God for my recovery six months after that day (in Holy week) I am planning to walk at least 5km. Any money I raise will support our new Campfire Church Programme.

Selina Garner Email: Selina@thegarner.me.uk Tel: 01823 662227. Sponsor form at the back of the church.

Thank you

ST JOHN'S PRAYER CHAIN



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Sally650778

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Jaqui 667589

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Barbara and Gikes

Peter 663374

Lois 667971

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.

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