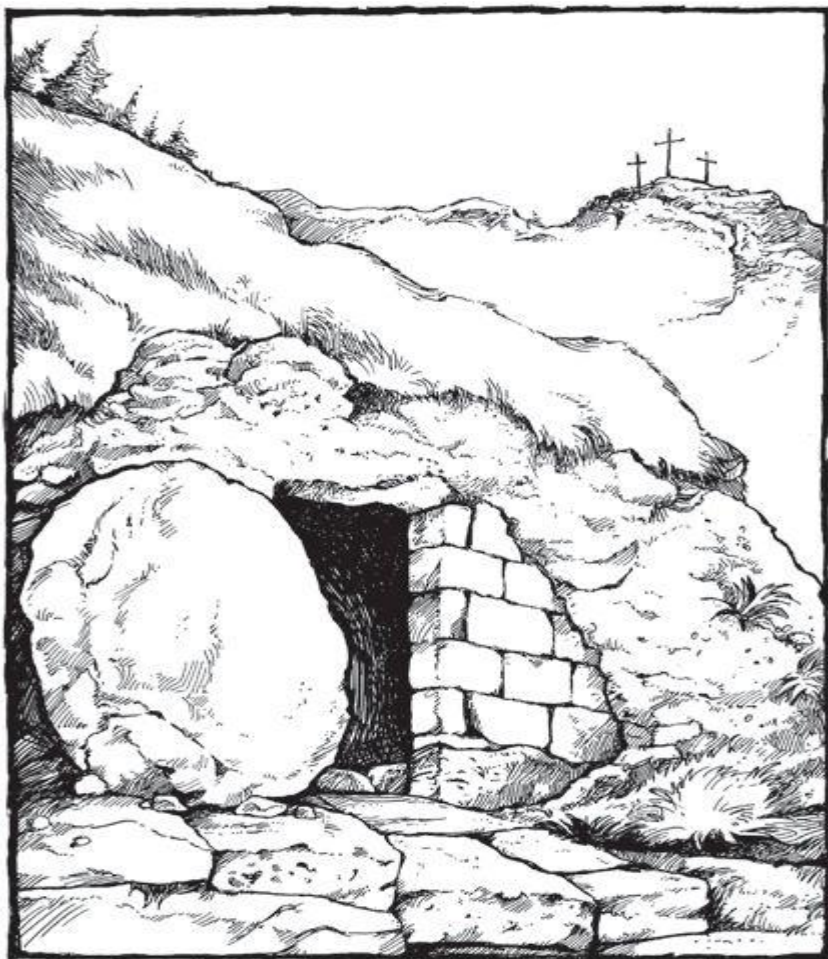


# 'Gossip' According to St John's

APRIL 2018



## SERVICES FOR APRIL 2018

**SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**EASTER DAY**

**8.00 am**

**Holy Communion**

**9.45 am**

**Parish Communion**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>

10.00 am

Holy Communion

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>

8.00 am

Holy Communion

9.45 am

Parish Communion

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>

Smile

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>

10.00 am

Holy Communion

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>

8.00 am

Holy Communion

9.45 am

Parish Communion

11.30 am

Baptism

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

10.00 am

Holy Communion

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>

8.00 am

Holy Communion

9.45 am

Parish Communion

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>

10.00 am

Holy Communion

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>

8.00 am

Holy Communion

9.45 am

Parish Communion

## LIST OF WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS & FUNERALS

### Funerals

7<sup>th</sup> March                      Frances 'Rita' Hitchcock . aged 86, of Oaktree Court,  
  
Wellington

12<sup>th</sup> March                     Jean Brice, aged 86, of 168 Barn Meads Road,  
  
Wellington

*Receive them now in your infinite tenderness and give them peace*

### BIBLE SOCIETY AGM

On Monday April 16th at 7.30 pm at Millway Chapel, North Street, Wellington. There will be a short business meeting followed by a talk by Roy Moody, Bible Society Local Rep., who will be introducing our focus for 2018.

This will be followed by refreshments.

Please can someone from the church represent St John's.

Chris Salter

# THE BISHOP'S LETTER

## Love and foolishness

### **'Christ is Risen! Alleluia! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!'**

April 1<sup>st</sup> is both Easter Sunday and April Fool's Day. Not a bad combination. For 'it is the foolish things of God which confound the wise of this world', so says Paul in his letter to Corinth. The message of the cross itself is foolish he says, and he, Paul, in telling the story of it, does so inexpertly, and through his own weakness. The story of God's grace doesn't make sense to many...

'What does God see that's worth redeeming in this world?' 'Why love me?' And if we get past these questions, then...'How come his forgiveness is for everyone, when ..... evidently doesn't deserve it?'

Perhaps like Paul we find it difficult to communicate the message of the cross well to others. We may feel we lack theological understanding, be unfamiliar with all the atonement theories, find it hard to put into words. But the simple fact is that the best way of telling the story, the message of Easter is through you, yourself.

As people look at the way you live, do they see someone with faults and failings, flawed and yet someone who knows that God loves them. Do they see you accepting the grace of God shown through his giving of himself on a cross for us? Do they see someone who now lives in the freedom of that forgiveness, living a life in all its abundance and fullness?

I have to confess that I find myself often continuing to strive to earn God's love and grace. My life becomes full of all that I seek to do in ministry for him. Forgetful that the message of the cross is the expression of his love for me, freely given, without strings. All I need do is receive his love. What foolishness!

Such love!

The Right Reverend Ruth Worsley Bishop of Taunton

## **MOTHERS' UNION LIST OF SPEAKERS**

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

## **THE WOMEN'S REFUGE**

Would you please note that I will not be taking any items in for the Women's Refuge during the months of April and May, as I am having my operation for a new knee.

I will start collecting up again in June.

Many thanks for all your contributions in the past, they are always gratefully received.

*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

## **THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**

**A Coffee Morning will be held in aid of The Children's Society on SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Two dates for your diary: 1. WBC Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 12.00 noon to 2.00 p.m.**

**2. Christian Aid Week 2018 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> 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?

## **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](http://www.wellingtonchoralsociety.org.uk) or on the door

## SOCIAL GROUP PROGRAMME UNTIL MAY 2018

April

Friday 20<sup>th</sup>                      Soup Lunch

May

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>                      Coffee Morning

Friday 18<sup>th</sup>                      Soup Lunch

June 23<sup>rd</sup>                      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 19<sup>th</sup> 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*

**SELINA GARNER**

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](mailto:Selina@thegarner.me.uk) Tel: 01823 662227. Sponsor form at the back of the church.

Thank you



## **FORTHCOMING CONCERTS**

Monday	May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Blackdown Early Music
Saturday	July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Amici
Friday	October 26 <sup>th</sup>	Royal British Legion Concert
Saturday	November 17 <sup>th</sup>	Taunton Male Voice Choir
Saturday	November 24 <sup>th</sup>	Wellington Choral Society
Saturday	December 15 <sup>th</sup>	J.W.3 Spirit of Christmas Concert
Monday	December 17 <sup>th</sup>	Collegium Singers

## **ST GILES CHURCH PRESENTS A MUSICAL TEA PARTY**

**ON SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL**

**IN BRADFORD ON TONE VILLAGE HALL**

Come and join us for a show of well know, memorable, foot tapping music. Professionally played by

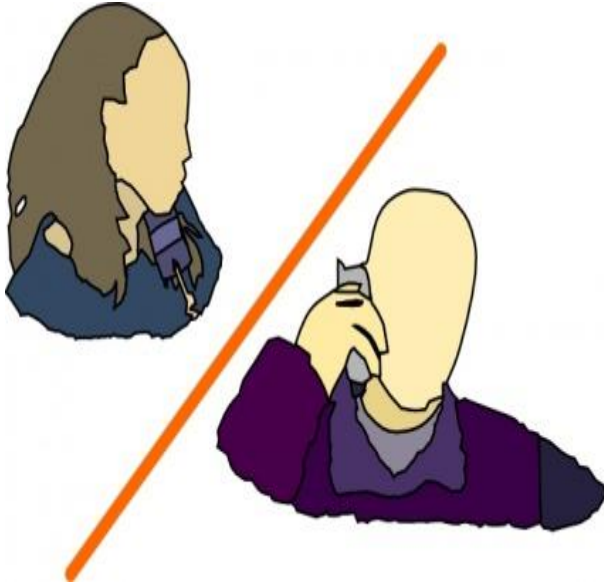
**TERRY HODSON**

With a delicious CREAM TEA tickets are £8.00 and you can call Jill Venn on 01823 461643 to get your ticket.

The doors open at 1.45 pm and the show starts at 2.00 p.m.

Book soon to avoid disappointment. All proceeds for St Giles Roof Fund

## ST JOHN'S PRAYER CHAIN



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John 07530689700

Jaqui 667589

Jane 07775663385

Barbara and Giles

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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**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 Erica Beaumont                      Mr Patrick Clarke                      Mrs Julie Morton**

**Mr Dean Bowden                      Mrs Lenore Clarke                      Mrs Judith Dufour**

**Miss Nicola Reed                      Mrs Pamela Adams**

**Co-opted                      Mr Richard Sellers                      Mrs Jenny Bache**

**Members of the Deanery Synod who also serve on the PCC**

**Mr David Dufour                      Mr John Young                      Mr Ken Winhall**

**Items for the Newsletter please contact Lenore Clarke 667929 or email [labubby72@outlook.com](mailto: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 22<sup>nd</sup> of the month before.**

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