

'Gossip' According to St John's 2018

NOVEMBER 2018



SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2018

Thursday 1ST

ALL SAINTS DAY

10.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 4th

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.45 am Parish Communion

3.00 PM ALL SOULS SERVICE

Thursday 8th

10.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 11th

REMEMBRANCE DAY

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.45 am Parish Communion

Thursday 15th

10.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 18th

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.45 am Parish Communion

Thursday 22nd

10.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 25th

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.45 am Parish Communion

Thursday 29th

10.00 am Holy Communion

THE BISHOP'S LETTER

Somerset remembers

Over this last year I have been hearing about the different ways our communities have been coming together to mark the 100 year anniversary of Armistice. Remembrance Sunday is always a poignant time and it will have a particular resonance this year as Remembrance Sunday falls on the centenary of Armistice Day, 11 November 1918.

We will remember them. We must not forget. As Bishop Tim Thornton says in the special Remembrance issue of our diocesan Manna magazine, "Re-membling does not mean going through an intellectual exercise. It means doing everything we possibly can to bring back into the reality of today the horrors of the past so that we do not make the same mistakes again."

I've been moved to hear the stories of how our church communities have used this landmark as an opportunity to research their own Tommies, to rededicate memorials, make spectacular poppy displays or install the Perspex Tommies of the charity, Remembered. And how communities have really come together across the generations through these acts, large and small.

Wells Cathedral's Book of Remembrance contains around 11,300 names. These are the people from Somerset and beyond, listed by community, who gave their lives in the service of their country.

We will remember them.

The Rt Revd Peter Hancock
Bishop of Bath and Wells

BISHOP PETER GIVES THANKS FOR THE CONTRIBUTION AND COMMITMENT OF PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

On Saturday 29 September, safeguarding officers from across the diocese gathered in Wells Cathedral for a special service in which they – and those who support them – were thanked and blessed for their contribution and commitment to ensuring safe churches for all.

Over 100 people attended the service, including safeguarding officers, members of the diocesan safeguarding panel, clergy and Readers, authorised listeners, youth workers, lay pastoral assistants and the diocesan safeguarding team.

The Bishop of Bath and Wells, the Rt Revd Peter Hancock, who also serves as the lead bishop for safeguarding in the Church of England, presided over the service. In the first such service for the diocese, Bishop Peter spoke of the courage, faith and resilience of survivors he has met, he said, “The Church of England is in a unique position in our country. We provide services to children, young people and vulnerable adults. We have a presence in every community. We have a calling and a purpose, a mission to share the Good News of Christ with all, a particular concern for the poor and as the Established Church we have influence and power. We must discern how to use this influence wisely and ensure we do not misuse our power. We need to recognise that for too long the Church has not responded well to those who allege abuse within our church communities. That I believe is now changing and this service today is one of the ways we can signal that change.”

Whilst reinforcing the fact that safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility, Bishop Peter highlighted the valuable role

safeguarding officers play. He said, “In this service we want to thank and commission all those who have come today and are involved as safeguarding representatives,

Safeguarding continued...

in all sorts of different ways, in your own churches and communities. We owe you a huge debt of gratitude and want to express our appreciation for all that you do. You are at the forefront of the Church’s work of protecting and caring for our children and those who may be at risk. In this diocese we are exceptionally well-served by our diocesan safeguarding staff and our diocesan safeguarding panel, but it is in our Cathedral and our parishes, our chaplaincies and our schools, in fresh expressions of church and wherever people gather that the real work of safeguarding takes place. Thank you for all you are doing. Bless you and may the Lord prosper you in this work and ministry.”

Ted Allen, Chair of the Diocesan Safeguarding Panel also spoke at the service, sharing with the congregation details of the work of the panel and the diocesan safeguarding team. He said, “The lessons being learnt are having a massive impact on how we move forward. On what we understand and how we engage, interact, protect and support. We must endeavour to open the minds of those who roll their eyes when safeguarding is mentioned and we must help those to understand when they say, ‘what’s it all about?’

“It has been some journey during these recent decades. A journey that has been a deep learning and awakening expedition through dark, sinister places; places to which we must not go again. This cannot be achieved without us all knowing what it is all about. We need to know how we manage what to do when we hear or are informed about, or see an issue or set of circumstances. Who do we tell and how do we take the next step? How do we enable people to gain that knowledge, that

understanding and that confidence? It can only be through awareness, exposure to information and crucially, through training.”

Safeguarding continued....

He noted 2000 people across the diocese have undertaken the [Church of England on-line training](#) for Safeguarding, level C0, since its launch in 2017, and over 2000 people have attended face-to-face training run by the [diocesan safeguarding team](#) since March 2017, when Diocesan Safeguarding Trainer, Vicky Christophers, was appointed. Vicky gave a reading from the Book of Psalms at the service and Wells Cathedral Safeguarding Adviser, Miranda Young, read from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

You can listen to Bishop Peter’s sermon on Soundcloud or download it, along with the order of service.

MOTHERS’ UNION LIST OF SPEAKERS

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| Oct 2 nd | Knit and Natter |
| Nov 6 th | James Bradnock |
| Dec 4 th | Advent Service |

JW 3 in CONCERT

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

**WELL KNOWN AND POPULAR CHRISTMAS
CAROLS & CHRISTMAS SONGS**

ON SATURDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2018

AT 6.30 PM

TICKETS COST £5.00 ADULTS,

£2.00 FOR CHILDREN

AVAILABLE FROM:-

Julie Morton 01823 661996

**Lenore Clarke 01823 667929 Iris Ellins 01823
664613**

Or on the door on the night.

Light refreshments provided.

FORTHCOMING CONCERTS

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| Saturday | November 17th | Taunton Male Voice Choir Reminiscence Learning |
| Saturday | November 24 th | Wellington Choral Society |
| Saturday | December 15 th | J.W.3 Spirit of Christmas Concert |
| Monday | December 17 th | Collegium |
| 2019 | | |
| Saturday | March 30 th | Wellington Choral Society |

THE WOMEN'S REFUGE

Please continue to support this worthy cause, they are so grateful for all that we supply.

As Christmas is approaching the requirements have changed as they would like all things Christmassy, i.e. Wrapping Paper, Gift Tags, Sellotape, Children's Toys (both for Girl or Boy)Toiletries etc for the ladies including Toilet Bags

Vouchers from, Asda, Morrisons, Lidl and Aldi

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

Lenore

SOCIAL GROUP PROGRAMME

November

Saturday 3rd Coffee Morning Bring'n'Buy

Friday 16th Soup Lunch

December

Saturday 1st Big Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday 15th JW3 Christmas Concert

2019

January T.b.c

February

Saturday 2nd Coffee Morning Surplus Gifts

Friday 15th Soup Lunch

March

Saturday 2nd Coffee Morning Bring'n'Buy

Friday 15th Soup Lunch

April

Saturday 6th Coffee Morning Easter Gifts

June

Saturday 8th

Children's Society Coffee Morning

ST JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH, WELLINGTON

COFFEE MORNING

AND SALE OF

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

ALSO

CARDS, CAKES, CRAFTS AND RAFFLE

SATURDAY 1ST DECEMBER

10.00 A.M UNTIL 12 NOON

**COME AND BUY YOUR PRESENTS, CARDS AND
DECORATIONS**

COME AND ENJOY

A COFFEE/TEA AND CAKE AND CHAT

REMEMBRANCE: 100 YEARS

It is 100 years since the end of the First World War, the Great War, the war which, as we now know, was not the war to end all wars despite all desperate hopes to the contrary.

On Saturday 24 November, Wellington Choral Society will be honouring the memory of lives sacrificed and the wounded, both physically and mentally, over the past 100 years of human combat through poetry, organ music and choral singing in a Concert of Remembrance. This commemoration from the Great War and World War II through to Korea, the Falklands, Iraq and Afghanistan and the many intervening conflicts promises to be poignant, thought-provoking and uplifting. Casualties of both World Wars are listed on War Memorials throughout this country and abroad, but it is sobering to consider that in Wellington alone the names of 178 men are listed on the War Memorial in Wellington Park as having been killed in the First World War together with 50 men and one woman in World War II.

Although this year marks the centenary of the end of World War I, the many conflicts that have been endured since then should not be forgotten and the poetry featured in Wellington Choral Society's Concert will recognise this. The programme will also include the evocative choral works of Geraint Lewis ("The Souls of the Righteous") and John Ireland whose "Greater Love Hath No Man" was written shortly before the First World War. With the onset of war in 1914, it is believed that the words would have resonated with the audience as casualties from the Front increased inexorably. The celebrated composer, Ralph Vaughan Williams, served in the Royal Army Medical Corps and the Royal Artillery during the Great War and the Concert will

also feature his “Lord Thou Hast Been Our Refuge” written in 1921 in the aftermath of that War.

Remembrance continued....

The Remembrance Concert will end with Maurice Duruflé’s Requiem which is based on the old tradition of plainsong and is generally regarded as a masterpiece. Duruflé was regarded as the greatest organist of his day in addition to being a well respected composer. He was a perfectionist and the Requiem took him some 6 years to complete. Having been originally commissioned by the Vichy regime, the Requiem was completed in 1948 when contemporary audiences heard the Requiem as a memorial to French victims of the War.

Remembrance 100 Years will take place at St John’s Church, Wellington on Saturday 24 November 2018 at 7.30pm. Tickets at £12 (under 18s free) will be available from Odette’s Tearoom, 27 High Street, Wellington (01823 667919), online at www.wellingtonchoralsociety.org.uk and on the door.

There will be a retiring collection for SSAFA Somerset, the Armed Forces Charity.

FAIRTRADE CRAFTS & COFFEE EVENING

AT WELLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 10TH FROM 7.00 UNTIL 9.00PM

Buy your Christmas presents and cards and support workers in poor countries.

Proceeds of the Coffee Evening will to Tearfund's Indonesian Tsunami Appeal

Chaplaincy Training

Chaplains can be found in education, healthcare, armed forces and police, places of work and leisure. Every day they are living and telling the story of God with sensitivity, generosity and grace. Chaplaincy is a missional and pioneering ministry based in our communities and serving the 95% of people who do not come to church on a regular basis.

Would you like to explore lay chaplaincy?

Rev Mike Haslam (Chaplaincy Development Advisor) is running an 8 session chaplaincy course over 3 days for people from Tone Deanery (This will involve one full day and two half days and an individually arranged placement with a local chaplain)

Saturday 12 January Mill House

Sunday 27 January venue tbc

Sunday 3 February venue tbc

If you would like to find out more or be considered for this course contact:

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Chaplaincy in Bath and Wells

'Be part of the story'

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SOMERSET SIGHT

SUPPORT NEEDED FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED PEOPLE IN YOUR AREA

Somerset Sight are looking for new volunteer befrienders to help a number of visually impaired people in the Wellington area.

Our volunteers are in a unique position to see at first-hand how companionship and support makes a positive difference to someone's life.

Regular visits from a friendly volunteer for a couple of hours a fortnight can help alleviate effects of loneliness and isolation.

Being taken out for a cup of tea locally or helped to get some shopping can offer the opportunity of change and stimulation for someone unable to leave home on their own.

In addition, support to deal with correspondence, making appointments and suchlike offer peace of mind when you are visually impaired.

Please contact me for an informal chat about the opportunities to help someone in your area live a more fulfilling and independent life.

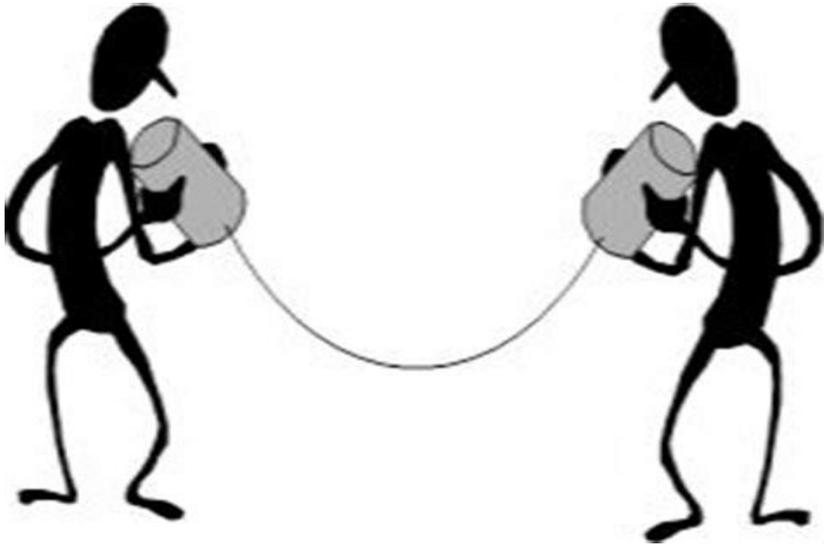
Thank you!

Sandra Harris: - phone- 01823 325785

Email- Sandra@somersetsight.org.uk

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



ST JOHN'S PRAYER CHAIN

Judith 666633

Sue 664592

Iris 664613

Jean 669622

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.

,REV TED

I was unable to print the pictures in the Gossip so have printed them and they will be put up on the notice board at the back of the church. *Editor*

I have permission to use this photo with the children on the church website or in our publicity – the one with just the teddies can go on our facebook page! They were taken at Langford Budville school harvest on Friday. Do us this good news story and the photos to make people smile!

Pat Andrews has knitted some coloured cassocks for Rev Ted to help the children at Langford Budville School explore the Christian story through the colours that tell us about the life of Jesus. Rev Ted was presented complete with all his coats at the harvest service by Rev Selina.

Pat has also knitted a Rev Ted for Rockwell Green School and has just been commissioned to knit a Rev Ted complete with the four coloured coats for St John's School! Thank you Pat for blessing our church schools across the team!

Selina

The Revd Selina Garner

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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