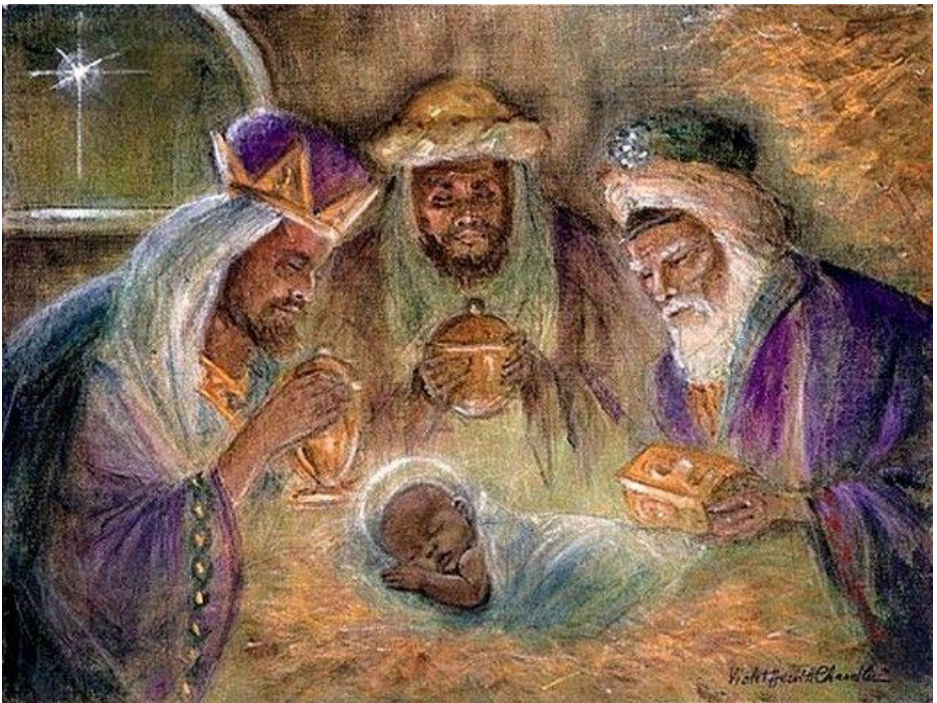


'Gossip' According to St John's 2019

JANUARY 2019



SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2019

2019

Thursday 3rd	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 6th	EPIPHANY	
	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.45 am	Parish Communion
Thursday 10 th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 13 th	BAPTISM OF CHRIST	
	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.45 am	Parish Communion
	11.30 am	Baptism
Thursday 17 th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 20 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.45 am	Parish Communion
Thursday 24 th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 27 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.45 am	Parish Communion
Thursday 31 st	10.00am	Holy Communion

LIST OF WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS AND FUNERALS

Weddings

None

Baptisms

None

Funerals

None

CHURCHES TOGETHER

The Annual General Meeting of Wellington Churches Together is being held at the United Reform Church on Tuesday 29th January at 7.00 pm.

Anyone who is interested is very welcome to attend.

BISHOP'S LETTER

The joy of a return

The country of Ghana is making 2019 'The Year of Return' to mark 400 years of the slave trade. Akwase Agyeman who is heading up this year of celebration said this: 'We will celebrate the resilience of the African. Like Joseph in the Bible who was sold to slavery and later connected to his brothers, there was a celebration and in 2019 there shall be a celebration for Africans in Diaspora'

I wonder how we might make 2019 'a year of return'. I don't mean as a return to things past because we mourn a past glory. I'm thinking of the story of Joseph. Joseph was separated from family because his family were jealous of him. His brothers sold him into slavery, out of sight, out of mind. It's when they have need of food that they inadvertently come across Joseph again, this time he holds their fate in his hands. It would have been so easy for Joseph to seek to get his own back on his brothers. In fact he does play a trick on them. However when all is revealed we find many tears shed and reconciliation is achieved. I wonder how many families in our communities have faced such a fracture in relationships?

Rembrandt's famous painting, 'The Return of the Prodigal' is one of those iconic pictures which draws us into experiencing the depth of feeling the parable speaks of. The embrace of the father to the kneeling son shows us not only the emotion of a family relationship restored but that of God's love for us, his wandering people. Many of us have personal experience of discovering the love of the Father for us, his children. Perhaps this year we could pass on that story to others and help them to find the joy and celebration of a return to the Father who gave everything in order to release them from the slavery of sin. Let's make this not just 'a year of return' but rather a lifetime!

Rt Rev Ruth Worsley

Bishop of Taunton

MOTHERS' UNION LIST OF SPEAKERS

2019

January 1st Annual Party

No other dates given at the moment

FORTHCOMING CONCERTS

2019

Saturday March 30th Wellington Choral Society

THE WOMEN'S REFUGE

Please continue to support this worthy cause, they are so grateful for all that we supply. Particularly household items in good condition.

Thank you for all your support over the past year.

Lenore

SOCIAL GROUP PROGRAMME

2019

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

The Social Group would like to say a big thank you for all the support we have received over the past year and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

JW3 IN CONCERT

On Saturday 15th December JW3 plus 2, gave us THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS concert. It was a wonderful night with Carols and Christmas songs, it was amazing how many Christmas songs there were, although there wasn't a huge audience, due to many factors i.e the weather, the final of Strictly and other events, those of us who were there had a lovely evening.

As a Church community we would like to thank John Walker and his friends for providing an evening to start our Christmas celebrations, and for helping the Social Group raise the sum of £430.

They have said they would like to do another Christmas concert this year, so, keep looking for the publicity nearer the time.

SOMERSET SIGHT

SUPPORT NEEDED FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED PEOPLE IN YOUR AREA

Somerset Sight is 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!

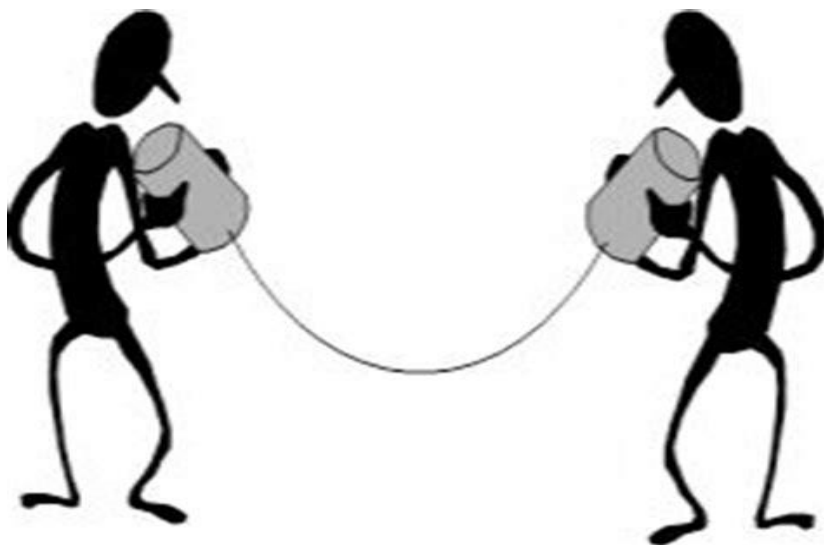
Sandra Harris: - phone- 01823 325785

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

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ST JOHN'S PRAYER CHAIN

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Sue 664592

Iris 664613

Jean 669622

John 07530689700

Jaqui 667589

Jane 07775663385

Barbara and Giles

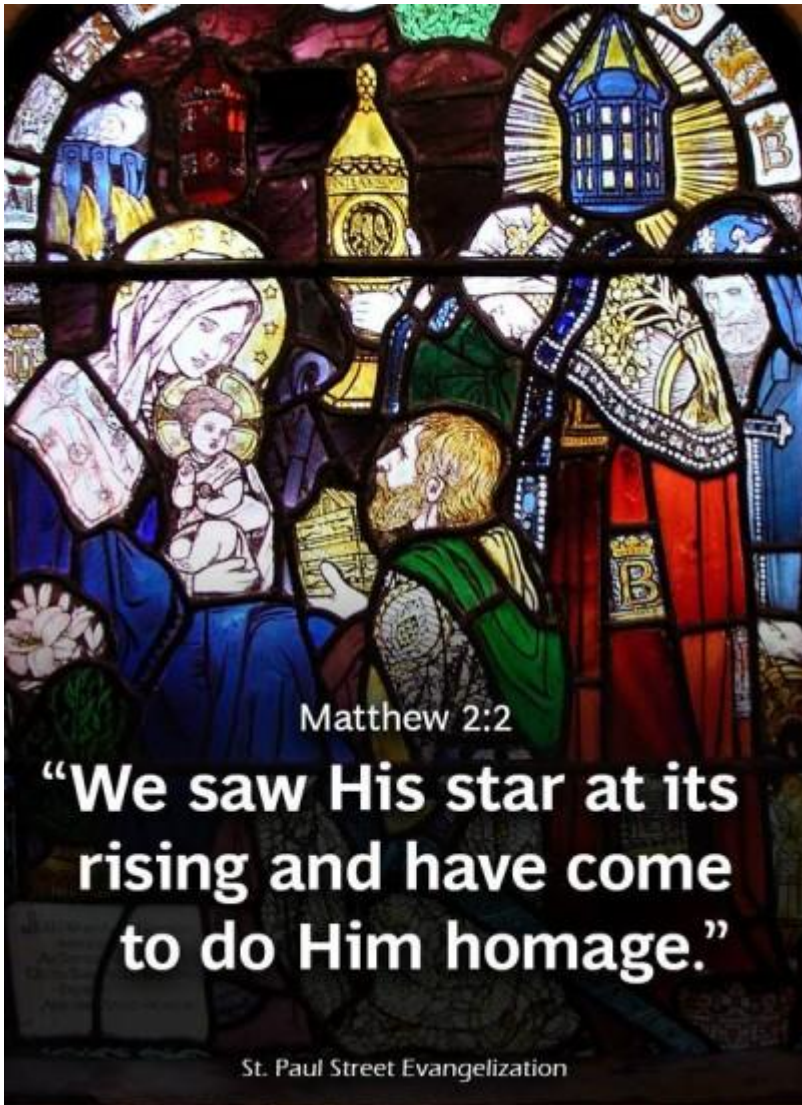
Peter 663374

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.

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PCC Secretary		
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669633		
Electoral Roll Officer	Mrs Julie Morton	01823 661996



Matthew 2:2

**“We saw His star at its
rising and have come
to do Him homage.”**

St. Paul Street Evangelization