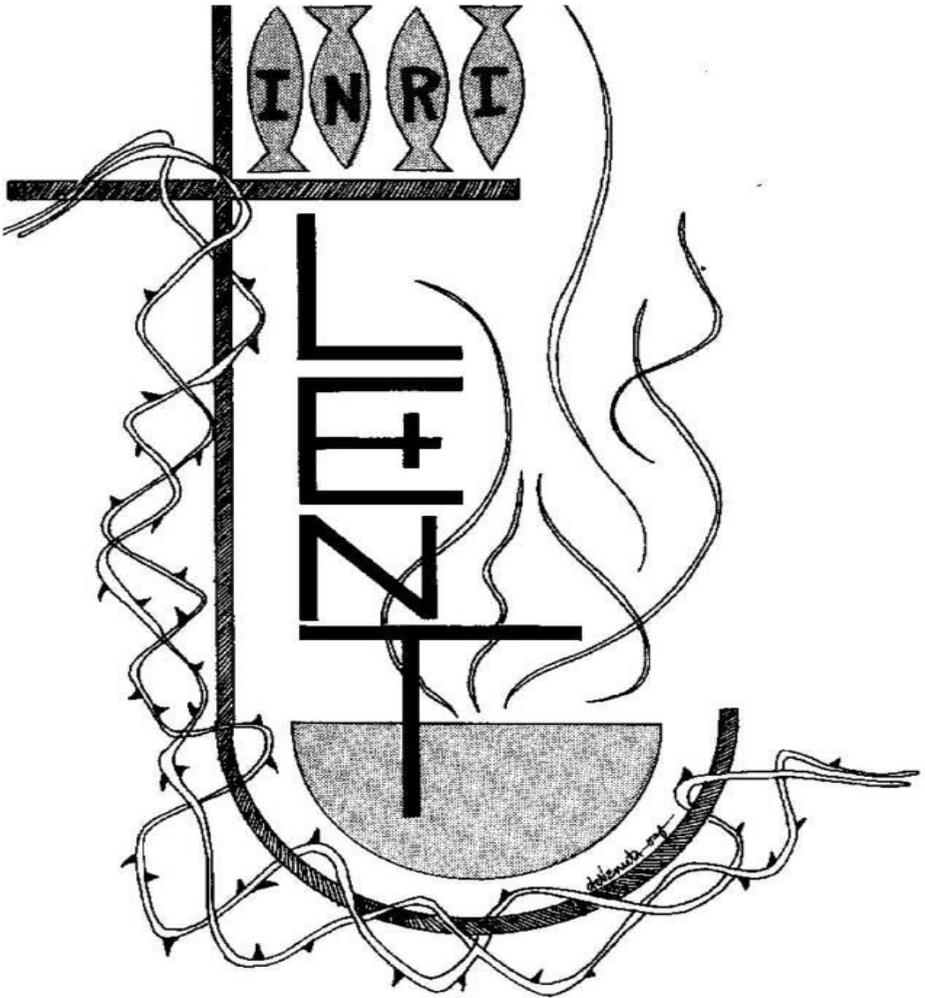


# 'Gossip' According to St John's 2019

MARCH 2019



# SERVICES FOR MARCH 2019

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.45 am	Parish Communion

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>**

## **ASH WEDNESDAY**

**7.30 pm**      **Holy Communion with  
Imposition of Ashes**

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.45 am	Parish Communion
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.45 am	Parish Communion
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.45 am	Parish Communion
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>		<b>MOTHERING SUNDAY</b>
	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.45 am	Parish Communion

## LIST OF WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS AND FUNERALS

### Weddings

### Baptisms

February 24<sup>th</sup> Lars Henry Vestergaard, son of Nils and Philippa  
Vestergaard of Upper Heyford, Bicester

February 24<sup>th</sup> Harvey-Leigh Jack Powell, son of Ellie Jane Powell of  
Lillebonne Way, Wellington

*Loving Lord, we ask that you teach us how to live a Godly life*

### Funerals

January 31<sup>st</sup> Janet Moon, aged 70 years of Oldway Park,  
Wellington

February 1<sup>st</sup> Marigold Norman, aged 78 years of  
Chelston Gardens, Wellington

February 21<sup>st</sup> Olive Hamilton, aged 78 years of Gay Street,  
Wellington

*A Holy rest and peace at last*

## **(WOMEN'S)WORLD DAY OF PRAYER-FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH**

St John's Church will play host to all the other churches in Wellington at 2 p.m. on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at the service for the (Women's)World Day of Prayer. We were to host the service last year but the snow intervened! We have been given a second chance!

**"Come – Everything is ready!"** is the theme of the service, drawn up by the Christian women of Slovenia, part of the former Yugoslavia and one of the smallest countries in Europe. This same service will be held on that day throughout the UK and indeed throughout the world.

I should like to encourage you to come along to welcome those coming from other churches, to learn about Slovenia and to participate in this worship together. Tea and cake will be served after the service.

The name has been shortened to "World Day of Prayer" which, according to the National Chairman, was the original name and the one used by the rest of the world and reflects the fact that men are warmly invited too!! Come along, chaps: worship, followed by tea and cake!

*Maralyn Norman, St John's representative on the Wellington WDP Committee*

## **EASTER FLOWERS**

As from the 17<sup>th</sup> March there will be a basket at the back of the church for donations towards the Easter flowers, please give generously.

*Lenore Clarke*

# BISHOP'S LETTER

## LET HIM LOOK AT YOU

The other day, someone was speaking about visiting with her elderly mum. She was telling us that whenever she visited she would offer to do any jobs that might be needed and beyond her mum's reach. Her mum's response was to say: "Just sit down and let me look at you". I've been thinking about that conversation ever since.

What a wonderful thing to say to your child. "Just sit down and let me look at you".

She was sharing this vignette, a year after her mum's death. There are no more opportunities for her mum to 'sit and look at her'. How glad she is that she took the time while her mum was alive.

I wonder if I can say the same. Have I made time for the things that really matter or am I so focused on the tasks at hand that I forget the need for space to develop relationship? I have a sense that this isn't just about the people who matter to me but also that it may be Jesus speaking to me as well. "Just sit down and let me look at you".

The story of Mary and Martha opening up their home to Jesus in hospitality perhaps reminds us most of the priority of spending time in the presence of Jesus. Martha complains at Mary's lack of support in helping with the household jobs. Jesus response is to suggest that Martha has become so distracted with the 'tasks' of hospitality that she has missed the point of what welcome and relationship is. We often think of this story as being about Mary and Martha's priorities. Which is of greater significance? Our attitude of service or that of spiritual exploration? However I'm wondering if Jesus was saying something more. "Just sit down and let me look at you". What would Jesus see if He looked at you? How does He look at you?

Bishop's Letter continued.....

March 8<sup>th</sup> is international women's day, often an opportunity to remind us that society's way of looking at women has changed over the years. The Me Too movement has revealed some of the ways in which women have been objectified resulting in forms of abuse. Alongside that growing realisation we are increasingly aware that many women and men feel a sense of dissatisfaction with how they look and can find their mental health affected as a result. Many of us find another person looking at us, uncomfortable.

I'd like to suggest that we might hear these words, "just sit down and let me look at you", as an invitation from Jesus to spend time under his gaze this week. Not as a means of incurring shame but rather to receive the look of love that he so wants us to see.

The Right Reverend Ruth Worsley

Bishop Of Taunton

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## **MOTHERING SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> March**

There will be a list at the back of the church for people to sign up for making posies for distribution during the service on Mothering Sunday. The most anyone needs to make are 10.

*Thank you, Lenore Clarke*

# Dragonfly Easter Project -St. John's Easter 2019.

What is it for ?**For each of us to join in**

**to celebrate the Resurrection as a Church, and to help us reflect on how God is Transforming us.**

Who is making it ?

**Whole Church with Fiona,(AR) Working together as individuals and groups, and rippling outwards.**

Why Dragonflies?

**Dragonflies are used as a symbol- as in poetry.**

I don't understand the connection. Are dragonflies in the Bible ?

**There is a story about Dragonflies commonly used in schools to help children when someone they love dies.I have read this story in school with a Children's Bible, to help answer the question " Why is Good Friday, good?"**

**Whilst the Dragonflies are in Church, we will have copies of the story to read.It is called 'Waterbugs and Dragonflies:Explaining Death to Young Children by Doris Stickney, should you wish to buy a copy.**

How many do we need to make? **About 1,200 -2,000 at least.**

**It needs to be a real celebration that Jesus came to give us life in abundance.**

How are the dragonflies going to be assembled?

**They are to be hung on lengths of gauze ribbon, suspended from lines of wire.**

**There will be a formation above the Font, and across the Nave at the foot of the Sanctuary steps.**

**Dragonflies continued.....**

What date do we need the dragonflies by? **17<sup>th</sup> March.**

When are we going to start constructing it?

**17-20<sup>th</sup> March - AR to construct formations for the Font and Nave.**

**And meet with Craft and construction teams. (Volunteers please)**

**Craft Teams to start cutting ribbons in different lengths ready for putting in lines.**

**ConstructionTeam meeting to attach fittings ready for wires and lighting.**

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April ( day before Palm Sunday)

**\*\*Dress Rehearsal All hands on deck**

**Dragonflies in sections in Hall, Construction team in Church.**

**Getting the lines ready just to lift onto fittings, and final check with fittings, wires and lights.**

**Regular Groups will not be using the Hall during Holy Week so it is planned to use the rafters**

**In the Hall for the ribbons to hang down, and possibly the Choir Vestry.**

**Good Friday- 500 Hot cross buns being buttered in the hall- with strings of dragonflies in the rafters.**

**Easter Saturday- Afternoon only- as Flower arranging Team need to decorate the Church first between 9-1.00.**

After Good Friday-Late Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April ( time to be confirmed depending on help offered)

**Dragonflies continues.....**

**Lines to be lifted in place in Church if possible before the 9.45 Sunday Service.**

Viewable after **the 21<sup>st</sup> April until Pentecost.**

**We are inviting as many people as possible to make dragonflies for Easter,**

**as a symbol of Hope in the Resurrection.**

We are hoping for 2000 by 17<sup>th</sup> March.

**They are ‘rippling out’, and people are joining in at home, or in their groups.**

**We have set up a core group to invite people to, collect materials, help assemble packs to give out, and bring finished Dragonflies.**

**The Core-Group meets Fridays** between 2-4 in St John’s Church Hall

**Friday 15 February,**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February,**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March Women’s World Prayer Day-NB materials only, to do at home.**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March.**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March after the Soup Lunch**

*Opportunities during Lent for reflection.*

**St. John's Church Hall and Sanctuary Space in Lady Chapel.**

*Dragonflies continued.....*

Creative Prayer Days

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 10- 2.00**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 10- 2.00**

**Reflective Space in the lady Chapel during Lent.**

What do you do on a Creative Prayer Day?

**It's a bit like a mini-retreat . We start with a short prayer, Then there are a choice of 4/5 activities, and you choose what you feel comfortable with. You don't need to be able to draw or have any prior experience.**

**You can stay an hour, or all the session (bring a packed lunch but drinks are provided.)**

Why is it called Creative Prayer ?

**It is a way of praying when you are making something with your hands, but what is happening in your head and your heart, is the prayer.**

*Fiona Brown*

# **WELLINGTON CHORAL SOCIETY**

## **J.S. BACH ST MATTHEW PASSION**

**SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019**

**7.00 PM AT STJOHN'S CHURCH, WELLINGTON**

Generally regarded as one of the gems of classical sacred music, Wellington Choral Society last performed the St Matthew Passion over 65 years ago.

This challenging work, with its double choir and double orchestra, promises to be an unforgettable experience.

Tickets: £14(under18s free) from Odette's Tearoom, 27 High Street, Wellington(01823 667919), online at [www.wellingtonchoralsociety.org.uk](http://www.wellingtonchoralsociety.org.uk), from choir members or on the door.

## **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

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

March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Exmoor Search & Rescue	
April 2nd	Adrian Scott	Book Binding
May 7th	Rev Jeremy Hellier	Islam
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	John Young & Alan Cook	Favourite Hymns
July 2nd	Poetry	
August 9 <sup>th</sup>	Garden Party	
September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kieven Yim	Tsunami -Thailand
October 1 <sup>st</sup>	James Bradnock	
November 5th	Knit & Natter	
December 3rd	Advent Service	

## **CHRISTIAN AID SOUP LUNCH**

We are raising funds for Christian Aid to help people in poverty around the world. We would love you to come and join us at the Wellington Baptist Church on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 12 noon until 2.00 pm.

*Chris Salter*

## **LENT COURSE**

Do you encounter mystery in your life and faith? The theme of the Lent Course is “The Mystery of God”

We shall delve more deeply into the mystery of Good and Evil, Suffering and Hope, Relationships and Reconciliation, Love and Sacrifice, Joy and Salvation.

Do join us as we follow Jesus through the Lenten readings, allowing Him to draw us, in love and wonder, into the mystery of God’s plan of salvation.

The St John’s Lent Course will be held in the Church Hall on Wednesday mornings March 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 10.30 am. With coffee from 10.00 am.

*Steven Bowen*

# **SOCIAL GROUP PROGRAMME**

**2019**

March

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>                      Coffee Morning Bring'n'Buy

Friday 15<sup>th</sup>                      Soup Lunch

April

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>                      Coffee Morning Easter Gifts

June

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>                      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.

## **AN EASY RECIPE**

### **RECEIVED FROM SUSAN RACKLEY**

Like toasted sandwiches? Then you'll enjoy these only take 20 minutes.

Don't be put off by the name! These are very simple to make and I've made them recently with my class who enjoyed preparing the ingredients they and thought they were delicious. Something to get children involved in making.

Flour tortillas, 2  
Cooked chicken (optional)  
Spring onions, 2 sliced ( or sliced red onion)  
Coriander leaves, chopped (optional)  
Red chilli, finely chopped  
Cheddar, 50g, grated

Put one tortilla in a heated non- stick pan. Scatter over chicken, cheese, chilli and coriander. When tortilla is brown, place another tortilla on top and flip over and brown this side. Remove from pan and cut into quarters and serve with salad leaves and a dressing of your choice.

*Susan Rackley*

Thank you Susan, anyone else have a recipe they would like to share with us.

## FLOWER FESTIVAL

### THE SHROUD OF TURIN

Over the Easter weekend, the **11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> April 2020**, a full size official replica of the Shroud of Turin (of which there are only 10 and just one touring the UK) plus other informative items, will be exhibited at **ALL SAINTS', ROCKWELL GREEN**. A Flower Festival themed on the days of Holy Week will tell the story of events leading up to the empty tomb and the Resurrection.

We are so lucky to have been able to secure the Shroud booking, so please pray that this outreach will sow seeds in the minds of all who visit.

During 2019 please look out for and do support the many fund raising events planned.

### FORTHCOMING CONCERTS

March 30 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Wellington Choral Society
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Christian Aid
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Blackdown Early Music
July 6 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Amici

November 30<sup>th</sup> Saturday

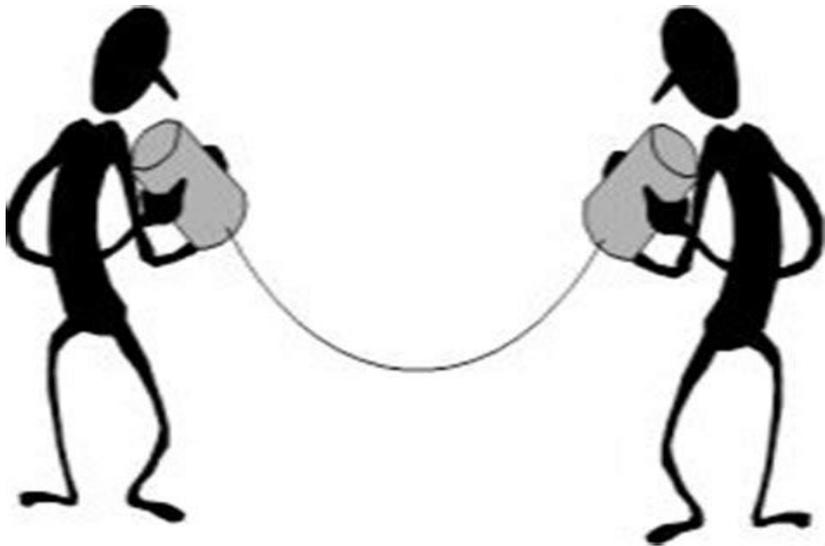
Wellington Choral Society

November 16<sup>th</sup> Saturday

Collegium

December 16<sup>th</sup> Monday

Collegium



## ST JOHN'S PRAYER CHAIN

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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



Items for the 'Gossip' 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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