

# 'Gossip' According to St John's 2019

APRIL 2019



# SERVICES FOR APRIL 2019

Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.45 am	Parish Communion
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Holy Communion

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>      **PALM SUNDAY**

**8.00 am      Holy Communion**

**9.45 am      Parish Communion**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup>      7.30 pm      Creative Reflection for Holy Week

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>      7.30 pm      Creative Reflection for Holy Week

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>      7.30 pm      Creative Reflection for Holy Week

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>      **MAUNDAY THURSDAY**

**10.00 am      Holy Communion**

**7.30 pm      Holy Communion with Foot  
Washing And Vigil**

Services continued...

Friday 19<sup>th</sup>

**GOOD FRIDAY**

**10.00 am Service in Wellington Baptist Church, followed by a walk of Witness to St John's**

**2.00pm Last Hour Contemplation**

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>

**EASTER SATURDAY**

**8.00 pm Easter Vigil with Holy Fire and Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

Sunday 21<sup>ST</sup>

**EASTER DAY**

**8.00 am Holy Communion**

**9.30am Parish Communion**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>

10.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>

8.45 am Holy Communion

## LIST OF WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS AND FUNERALS

### Weddings

### Baptisms

March 17<sup>th</sup> Hendrix James Alfred Hucker, son of Alexander Hucker and  
Samantha Maunder of Wellesley Park, Wellington

March 17<sup>th</sup> Eliza Daisy Chapman, daughter of Dean and Katherine  
Chapman of Mills Drive, Wellington

*May they always know the joy of Jesus' love*

### Funerals

## 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

### He is not here. He is risen!

I heard a wonderful story recently about a Church Sunday School which was putting on a drama telling the story of Holy Week and Easter. All had gone well and the wonderful moment arrived when the angel appeared to the women at the tomb to declare those glorious words: *'He is not here, he is risen.'* (Luke 24:6). Unfortunately, five year old Brian could not remember what to say, and so the Youth Leader had to quietly remind him of his line. He then confidently grabbed the microphone and triumphantly shouted, 'He's not here; He's in prison!'

As we move this month from Lent into Holy Week and onto Good Friday I am sure we are all looking forward to Easter Day when we shall once again hear those words ring out 'He is not here, he is risen!' And we shall rejoice and celebrate again the glorious truth that Jesus rose from the dead. Death could not hold him. When Jesus began his ministry in Galilee he declared that: 'The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And those words from Isaiah help us understand why Jesus came. He came to proclaim freedom for the prisoner and to release the oppressed. He came that we might 'have life and have it to the full'. He came to release us from our sins and set us free from our fears. He came that we might know God and that through knowing God we might have eternal life. 'I am the resurrection and the life' he said. 'Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.'

Bishop's letter continued.....

The good news of the Easter message is that although Jesus died upon the cross he rose again and through his resurrection he overcame the power of sin and the sting of death. That is why Paul could write: 'Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.' (1 Corinthians 15: 57). This Easter let us give thanks that Jesus is not dead. He is not in prison. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**The Right Revd Peter Hancock**  
**Bishop of Bath and Wells**

## **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.

Also any Easter Eggs or toys etc for their Easter celebrations

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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**Dear Friends,**

**I would like to introduce myself to you all;**

**My name is Philip Albrow and most know me simply as Phil! I am an Ordinand studying theology and formation at Sarum College in Salisbury. My diocese is the same as yours i.e. Bath and Wells and my home Benefice is the Seven Sowers just south of Taunton and consists of seven rural parishes.**

**I live near Hatch Beauchamp with my wife Sue and we have three sons all in their twenties and all living away in various parts of the world.**

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**I still work as a director in a house building company and like to relax with my church friends at weekends. Also, when I have time, I enjoy photography, walking the dog, reading and flying.**

**As part of my training for ordained ministry I will be spending some time with you over the coming months and very much look forward to meeting you all and seeing at first hand the good work that goes on in your own parishes. I know that I have a lot to learn from you and feel sure that the Holy Spirit will lead me to share in your visions for growth.**

***“For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body..... “ (1Cor 12:13)***

**See you soon!**

**All Blessings      Phil**

**ANNUAL PARAOCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

**28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019**

The Annual Paraochial Church Meeting (APCM) is being held on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 11.15 after the usual Sunday service.

You are most welcome to attend. It will be a very interesting meeting where you can hear all about what went on in the church in the year 2018 and ask questions.

The variety of activities and number of people involved is astounding.

Thank you to everyone who contributes with their time, talents and /or money.

Grahame and I are so grateful for your support as it lightens our load.

Please do come to the APCM to show your support and vote for us again!

*Christine Winhall*

*Grahame Woodward*

*Churchwardens*

*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.**

**Construction Team 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*

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

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	

## **BIBLE SOCIETY ACTION GROUP**

**MONDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL AT 7.30 PM**

The Bible Society Action Group will hold a short business meeting first and then this will be followed by a talk by Mr Roy Moody, the Bible Society local rep, who will be introducing our focus for 2019

Please can someone from St John's go as their appointed representative. Refreshments will be served.

*Chris Salter*

## **SOCIAL GROUP PROGRAMME**

**2019**

April

Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning	Easter Gifts
May		
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning	Plants
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Soup	Lunch
June		
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Society	Coffee Morning
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Patronal	Cream Tea

## **FORTHCOMING CONCERTS**

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

## **LENT COURSE**

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

“The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existence. One cannot help but be in awe when one contemplates the mysteries of eternity, of life, of the marvellous structure of reality. It is enough if one tries merely to comprehend a little of this mystery each day. Never Love a Holy Curiosity.

*Einstein*

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*

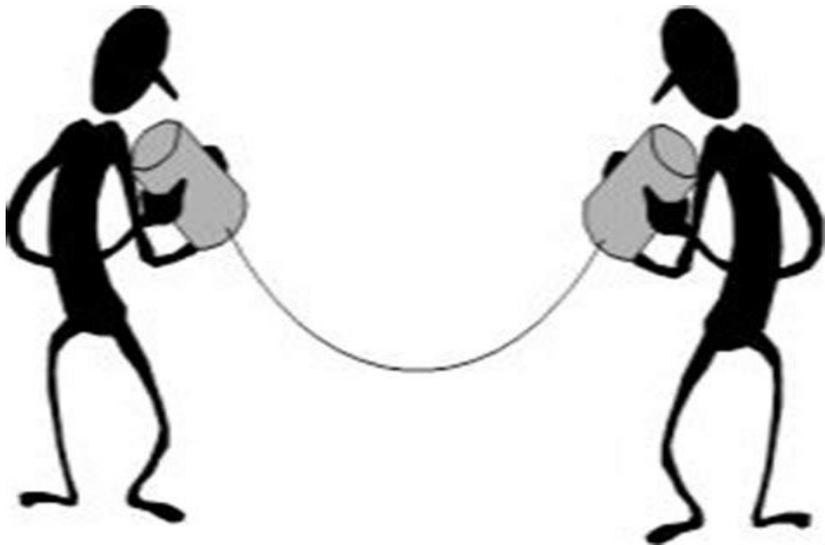
**FLOWER FESTIVAL**

**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.



**ST JOHN'S PRAYER CHAIN**

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Jaqui 667589

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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.

**The Rectors P.A.**

**Mrs Sharon Chorley.**

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Mrs Erica Beaumont      Mrs Julie Morton      Mrs Fiona Brown  
Mr Dean Bowden      Mrs Judith Dufour      Mr John Massey  
Mrs Friederike Reed

Co-opted      Mr Kieven Yim      Mrs Jenny Bache

Members of the Deanery Synod who also serve on the PCC

Mrs Pamela Adams      Mr John Young      Mr Ken Winhall

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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