

'Gossip' According to St John's

MAY 2019



SERVICES FOR MAY 2019

Thursday 2nd	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 5th	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.45 am	Parish Communion
Thursday 9 th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 12 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.45 am	Easter Praise
Thursday 16 th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 19th	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.45 am	Parish Communion
Thursday 23 rd	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 26 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.45 am	Parish Communion
	11.30 am	
Thursday 30 th		The Ascension of Our Lord
	10.00 am	Holy Communion

LIST OF WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS AND FUNERALS

Weddings

Baptisms

April 7th Vincent Nicholas Parkhouse, son of Daniel Parkhouse and
Amanda Whitmarsh of Penny Close, Wellington

Shine as a Light in the World

Funerals

March 25th Edward Alastair George Elloway, aged 42 of Highland Avenue,
Hanwell

April 12th Robert Bowrah, aged 74 of Holyoake Street, Wellington

April 17th Bridget 'Biddy' Blackwell, aged 88 of Seymour Street,
Wellington

May the Lord watch over those who mourn

BISHOP'S LETTER

Finding the best in the world

It's Somerset day on Saturday, 11 May. It is an opportunity to profile some of the delights of our county and develop relationships across our communities. It is on this day that we remember Alfred (a failed 'Bake Off' contestant?) taking on the Vikings from the Somerset marshes and winning, thus spawning a 'make Somerset great again' moment. Now, don't get me wrong this isn't about us in Somerset trying to prove we are better than anyone else. We have seen plenty in recent days which has sought to divide rather than unite us as a country. Rather, this is an opportunity to value the uniqueness of some of our wonderful people, places and possibilities here in Somerset and across the diocese. I do hope you will join in! See www.somersetday.com for more details.

‘And surely that is what the Church should be about too. Celebrating all that is good, joyful and abundant in us. It reminds me of those words from Philippians 4:8...

‘Whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.’

It is so easy to get caught up with negatives, with the glass half empty syndrome, with stuff that brings us down rather than building us up. I wonder if we might make this month one where we encourage ourselves and others to find the best in the world and people around us. Live life in all its fullness! (*John 10:10*)

Rt Rev Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton

The Team Rector's Report

Reflection by the Ministry Team March 2019

In March the Ministry Team reflected prayerfully together on ministry and mission in the benefice in the last year. This is a list of the many things we give thanks for to God. There are so many gifts and signs of encouragement: some long-standing and some new.

We give thanks to God, in particular, for ...

Stewardship

- 100% of Common Fund contributions were made by the 13 parishes in the benefice in 2018.
- Major refurbishment of St Peter' s, Greenham.
- New roof for St Giles' , Bradford-on-Tone.
- Refurbishment of the hall of St John' s, Wellington.
- DAC approval for re-ordering proposals for St Margaret' s, Thorne St Margaret (in outline) and St Peter' s, Langford Budville.
- Heating installed in St John the Baptist, Ashbrittle.
- For the many church members who contribute to PCCs, deanery and diocesan synods.
- The benefice Stewardship team and the high quality training which the diocese is providing for all who need it.

Mwenda Link

- The visit of Bishop Robert, Bishop of Luapula, Zambia in July 2018.
- Construction of the priest' s house in Mwenda is underway.

- The Team Rectors report continued...
- The purchase of a telephone so that June Best and Sharon Smith can communicate with Purity in Mwenda using Whatsapp.

Lay and Ordained Ministry

- The ministry of Elaine McNicholas as ‘Reader-in-charge’ of Ashbrittle, Bathealton, Kittisford and Stawley for 3 years. Also for her continuing pastoral ministry, especially in Bathealton, in this next season of her ministry.
 - Rev Selina Garner’ s return to full-time work at Easter 2018.
 - Rev Julie Scott ordained deacon on 1 July 2018 and her continuing recovery from major, unexpected surgery.
 - Christine Winhall taking over from David Dufour as Team Administrator and for David Dufour’ s service to the Team.
 - Helena Power commissioned as a Lay Chaplain in September 2018. Her ministry is in Rockwell Green Primary School and she also supports family ministry and all age worship in the benefice.
 - Sharon Smith as Children and Family Chaplain in West Buckland.
- .7 people who took part in an exploring lay chaplaincy course, some of whom will be undertaking further training and taking up specific roles in 2019.
- Lay Worship Assistants, in particular those who worship in the East Group, and continuing opportunities for training and gaining experience.

The Team Rector' s report continued...

- The Tone Deanery Pioneer post agreed in Feb 2019. This will be supported by the national church' s Strategic Development Fund for 5 years. The focus of the Pioneer will be to help us grow the rural church younger.

Going on Growing in Later Life

- The (on average) 10 services held each Sunday in the benefice which sustain the faith of our (mainly) older congregations.
- The faithful ministry of those who visit and hold services in residential homes, including Camelot House and Lodge, Chelston Park and Gardens, Ivy House, Nynehead Court, Oak Tree Court, The Old Vicarage flats, Popham House and Court, Priory Court and Wellington House.
- The opportunities to share Holy Communion with those who are housebound and the ministry of those lay people who are trained and authorised to do this.
- Judith Dufour developing a role as a Pastoral Chaplain in Wellington.
- The quiet ministry of kindness exhibited by so many to neighbours in need.
- The Bible Studies led by Rev Stephen and Margaret Bowen arranged to be particularly suitable for those in the second half of life.
- 77 funerals in 2018 and the opportunity these give to comfort around 4000 people who mourn and to speak of the hope we have in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- Rev Ian Brierley receiving PTO in 2018 so that he can offer pastoral care and oversight of the Midweek Holy

Communion congregation at St John' s, Wellington.

- 4 new members of The Mother' s Union enrolled by the Diocesan President in March 2019.
- The Team Rector' s report continued...
- The confidential ministry to those in a time of difficult transition led by Vivienne Sutton and the members of The St John' s Community Support Group.
- Recycled teenagers at All Saints' , Rockwell Green.
- Knit and Natter groups at Rockwell Green and Langford Budville.
- Regular Soup lunches at Langford Budville and Wellington.
- Regular Coffee mornings at Bradford-on-Tone, Sampford Arundel and Wellington.

Growing the Church Younger

- The 60 baptisms and 17 weddings in 2018 and the opportunity to be alongside around 4000 family and guests as they celebrate and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with family and guests.

Rockwell Green Primary School awarded Outstanding SIAMS grade in July 2018. (SIAMS assesses the quality of the Christian ethos of the school.)

- Those who serve as Foundation Governors at St John' s, Rockwell green and Langford Budville Church of England Primary Schools.
- Opportunities to lead Collective Worship in our Church schools and assemblies in other schools.
- The 'Open the Book' Team led by Rev Alan and Catrina Ellacott and Jackie Buttrick and the expanding

opportunities to share the Bible stories in Langford Budville, Rockwell Green, Stawley and West Buckland Primary Schools. Also for the way that ‘Open the Book’ helps those in later life to grow in fellowship and to encourage a new generation.

The Team Rector’ s report continued...

- The success of ‘Campfire Church’ at Stawley and for the administrator, Barbara Roll, and Rev Selina Garner as next steps are discerned.
- The 3 day ‘Godly Play’ training in July 2018 attended by 8 people from the benefice and for the pilot of this in Rockwell Green Primary School.
- Year 6 day hosted at Wellington and attended by more than 100 children in July 2018.
- Involvement in ‘The Big Tent’
- Christmas Experience at Wellington and Easter Experience at Rockwell Green for children.

Telling the Christian Story through Creative Arts

- Sue Horsington’ s ‘I AM’ banners which have been displayed in Wellington, Rockwell Green, Fishponds in Bristol and West Buckland as well as at a Diocesan event.
- The ‘Soulful Messiah’ project enabled by Annie Musgrave in 2018 which is being displayed in Thorne St Margaret in 2019
- Flower festival at Thorne St Margaret in August 2018..
- John Young’ s ‘Find Your Voice’ workshops in Lent 2019.
- The dragonfly installation project enabled by Fiona Brown, Artist-in-residence, which is helping people to explore the idea of transformation during Lent 2019.

An open letter from Christine Winhall

Dear members and friends of St John's,

What an encouraging report from our Rector, and what a lot of things are going on. Our church and the team are generally very busy and getting busier! Tim does have a Personal Assistant (Sharon Chorley) to help, however her work load is also getting heavier each year. There are some things we can do to help, which I would like to put to you.

If Sharon is having to concentrate, she has been encouraged to put a notice outside the door to that effect. If the notice is there please don't interrupt her. If you do have business in the Parish Office, please keep your time to a minimum to avoid disruption to her work, and possibly go in the morning, when she is doing lighter duties. If you need to see Sharon, please make an appointment with her.

If you wish to have some photocopying, laminating or other tasks done, ask to be shown, so that you can learn to do it yourself. Sharon isn't there to take on work from everyone.

The office is her own working space, so please don't dump things in there, or leave them for other people to collect. Make use of the pigeon holes if you can or leave things on the table outside the office, labelled with the person's name. If something needs to be locked away, it can go in the choir vestry.

If you have messages ideas or comments for other people, please don't expect Sharon to pass them on. Write them out and put them in the post box or the pigeon holes.

I think you probably get the idea – it really comes down to being considerate of Sharon's needs.

Many thanks, Christine

DRAGONFLIES UPDATE

Thank you all for supporting and joining in with our Easter Creative Prayer Installation, in so many ways.

Whilst the installation is in place during May, we have a few events planned and will soon produce a little flier of events to go with the pew sheets. **(Children's Choral and Craft workshops, Concerts, Displays to give you a flavour) Do encourage others to come and enjoy it.**

Recycling Plastic

If you have been wondering what to do with the colourful plastic mesh bags that go around fruit and veg, then please save them for Ruth Fielder, who is experimenting with fusing plastic. There will be a shoe box on the smaller table in the library as a collection point.

Some of you have met Ruth at the Friday Dragonfly Group. She has been making 3 large dragonflies(one in the front porch and one on the way into the hall, the third one I am reserving for the children's concert). She has also been busy making dragonflies for us with her Nursing Home and Memory Café Groups.

Some of you have been admiring the huge dragonfly she has made on the way to the Church Hall. Amazingly, it is all made of recycled plastic, and if you look closely, you might now see what the wings are made of.

Fiona Brown

FRIENDS OF WELLINGTON PARK SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAMME 2019

June 2 nd	Taunton Concert Band	Big Band
9 th	Pedro	Country & Western
16 th	Elvis in the Park	Elvis Tribute
23 rd	Dart Valley Stompers	Jazz
30 th	Ray Denning	Keyboard Singalong
July 7 th	Thunderbridge	Blue Grass
13 th Saturday	Wellington Silver Band(Evening Event- Proms)	
14 th	Monopole	60's plus Music
21 st	Take A Chance On Us	Abba Tribute Duo
28 th	Turnette Uppe	50s,60s Pop Music
Aug 4 th	Double Deaking	Country & Western
11 th	Yorkie	Popular Music

18th

West Country

Country Music

25th

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Big Band

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.

Continued...

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

MOTHERS' UNION LIST OF SPEAKERS

May 7th	Rev Jeremy Hellier	Islam
June 4 th	John Young & Alan Cook	Favourite Hymns
July 2nd	Poetry	
August 9 th	Garden Party	
September 3 rd	Kieven Yim	Tsunami -Thailand
October 1 st	James Bradnock	
November 5th	Knit & Natter	
December 3rd	Advent Service	

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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SOCIAL GROUP PROGRAMME

May

Saturday 4th Coffee Morning Plants

Friday 17th Soup Lunch

June

Saturday 8th Children's Society Coffee Morning

Saturday 22nd Patronal Cream Tea

September

Saturday 7th Coffee Morning

Friday 20th Soup Lunch

*****Date to be Decided A Harvest Quiz Night*****

October

Saturday 5th Coffee Morning Books and Puzzles

Friday 18th Soup Lunch

November

Saturday 2nd Coffee Morning tba

Friday 15th Soup Lunch

December

Saturday 7th Coffee Morning Christmas Gifts etc

Saturday 14th JW3 Christmas Concert

FORTHCOMING CONCERTS

May

Saturday 18th Christian Aid

Sunday 19th Blackdown Early Music

July

Saturday 6th Amici

November

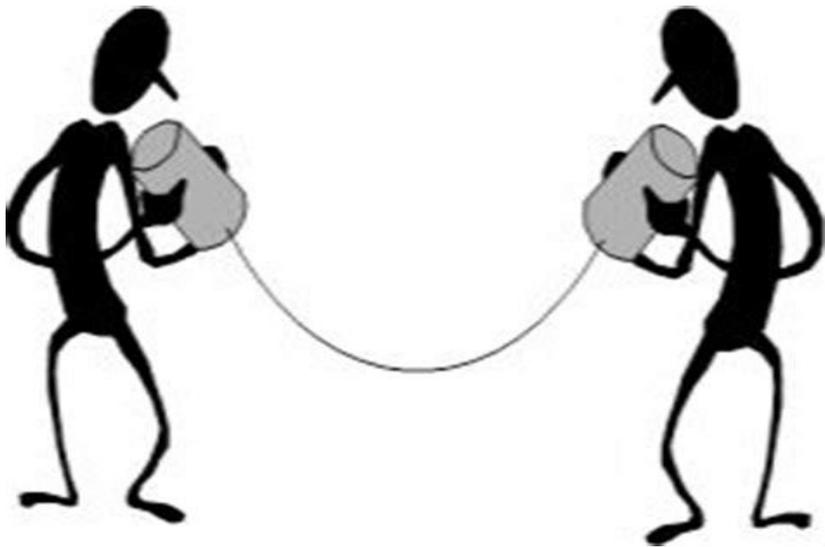
Saturday 16th Collegium

Saturday 30th Wellington Choral Society

December

Saturday 14th JW3 Christmas Concert

Monday 16th Collegium



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.

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