

**'Gossip' According to St John's**

**AUGUST 2019**

Put God  
first and  
you'll never  
be last.

# SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2019

Thursday 1st	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 4th	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.45 am	Parish Communion
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 11th	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.45 am	Parish Communion
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 18th	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.45 am	Parish Communion
	11.30 am	Baptism
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.45 am	Parish Communion
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Holy Communion



## BISHOP'S LETTER

### Always with us

On 20 July 1969 the world watched something extraordinary. This was when the Eagle lunar module landed on the Moon's Sea of Tranquility. This was the very first time that anyone had been to the moon. But astronauts [Neil Armstrong](#) and [Buzz Aldrin](#) had to do something hard. After years of preparation and their long and hazardous flight they had to wait. They were about to open the door of their lunar lander and step onto the unknown surface of a completely different world. But for now, their mission ordered them to take a pause, to wait and prepare for that 'First step'. That hour-long downtime period was designed to let the astronauts recover from their space flight and prepare for their moon walk.

It is now well known that Buzz Aldrin spent his time praying, reading the Bible and taking Holy Communion. Aldrin was an elder at Webster Presbyterian Church, and before he headed into space in 1969, he got special permission to take bread and wine with him into space and to give himself communion. As the men prepared for the next phase of their mission, Aldrin spoke to the ground crew back on Earth. "I would like to request a few moments of silence," he [said](#). "I would like to invite each person listening in, wherever and whomever they may be, to contemplate for a moment the events of the past few hours and to give thanks in their own individual way."

He then reached for the wine and bread he'd brought to space—the first foods ever poured or eaten on the moon. "I poured the wine into the chalice our church had given me. In the one-sixth gravity of the moon the wine curled slowly and gracefully up the side of the cup," he later wrote. The words he read were those of Jesus: 'I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, and I in you, will bear much fruit, for you can do nothing without me.'

Bishop's letter continued.....

After the resurrection, as Jesus ascended back to heaven, he gave a promise to his disciples that he would be with them always, wherever they were and wherever they went. As Buzz Aldrin took communion on the Moon he too was aware of that promise. It is a promise that is also true for us today and so whatever each day may bring let us remember to 'wait' before we step out into the day and ask that Jesus may indeed be with us. As we say in Communion: 'The Lord is here.' 'His Spirit is with us.'

With warm greetings,

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

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

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	

# ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

At St John's School **our vision** is rooted in our firm belief that we are a community where all members are respected, cherished and valued. Our mission is to provide a safe environment in which children can learn, make mistakes and develop their confidence and understanding of the world around them, whilst being supported by their school community.

Jesus told a parable, often called *The Parable of the Prodigal Son* (*Luke 15: 11-33*). It reveals how everyone is part of God's family and everyone is loved for who they are not what they do. We want every member of our community to feel part of a family. A central element of being a family is interdependence: all are needed and valued and each person is important to the whole. We want our children to know that they are needed, valued and important.

We want to spread joy and hope throughout our school and throughout our entire community. We hope that in doing so we can support our children to discover their strengths and passions.

Our Core Christian Values are:

**Respect**

**Compassion**

**Friendship**

**Service**

**Endurance**

# ‘Sharing joy and hope within the community’

At St John’s Church we want to walk alongside our school as partners. We want to discover what sharing joy and hope will mean for us... as individuals and as a congregation.

We will explore this vision in a sermon series entitled:

## *Sharing joy and hope within our community*

<i>4<sup>th</sup> August</i>	<i>Reverence</i>	<i>15<sup>th</sup> September</i>	<i>Endurance</i>
<i>11<sup>th</sup> August</i>	<i>Peace</i>	<i>22<sup>nd</sup> September</i>	<i>Wisdom</i>
<i>18<sup>th</sup> August</i>	<i>Trust</i>	<i>29<sup>th</sup> September</i>	<i>Hope</i>
<i>25<sup>th</sup> August</i>	<i>Forgiveness</i>	<i>6<sup>th</sup> October</i>	<b>Creation Harvest Festival</b>
<i>1<sup>st</sup> September</i>	<i>friendship</i>	<i>13<sup>th</sup> October</i>	<i>Koinonia</i>
<i>8<sup>th</sup> September</i>	<i>Humility</i>	<i>20<sup>th</sup> October</i>	<i>Justice</i>
	<i>27<sup>th</sup> October</i>	<i>Bible Sunday</i>	

Each week, you are invited to reflect upon what we have been learning together. You Might find this method helpful:

**Window**      Where do I notice (eg. hope)in my everyday life?

**Mirror**      What does this reveal about God?

**Door**      How does this change how I choose to live?

# Diocese backs campaign to protect homeless from modern slavery

As part of its work to combat modern slavery the diocese is supporting a new campaign to protect homeless people from becoming victims of modern slavery.

The campaign by the [Anti-Slavery Partnership](#) aims to reduce and prevent exploitation among rough sleepers and homeless communities and to encourage people to report concerns to the Modern Slavery Helpline on 08000 121 700.

Anti-Slavery Partnership reports that the links between modern slavery and homelessness/rough sleeping are widespread across the UK, with every British county having reported at least one occurrence. It believes that and only by ensuring everyone is aware of the indicators and understands their responsibility in safeguarding individuals, can we stop exploitation of the most vulnerable.

David Maggs, Mission Team Leader at the diocese says, “Homeless people and rough sleepers are frequently targeted by exploiters who see them as easier targets due to their situation. In addition, some individuals have mental health issues, or alcohol and drug addictions which exploiters can use as methods of control to keep them in situations of exploitation.”

“Our churches, volunteers, street pastors and the community networks they are part of are uniquely placed to look out for signs of exploitation among the homeless. Many of our churches work to support the homeless by running drop in centres. Traffickers can target these same drop-in centres and night shelters, looking for workers to exploit. Any church or community running outreach for homeless people needs to know about the risks to their guests.

Anti-Slavery campaign continued.....

“We encourage all those networks to look out for signs of exploitation and report concerns to the helpline. We are also adapting our modern slavery training courses to include the particular vulnerability of homeless people.”

The Modern Slavery Helpline 08000 121 700 is free to call, available 24/7, confidential and independent. It has translators available in over 200 languages. There is also [a website to report concerns](#).

In addition, [the free Unseen App](#) available to download, can help spot the signs of modern slavery and allows users to easily report concerns to the Helpline.

## A Message to All

As some of you know, we are leaving Somerset for Lancashire. Erica is starting her new job in Preston on 5<sup>th</sup> August. Time has crept up on us and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July is the Last one that we think we will be with you all before we move. We wanted to say thank you for all the love, care and support we have received from you, our church family. We have been worshipping at St John's now for 6 years. We are going to miss you all.

We will keep you in our prayers and would appreciate your prayers for the logistics of our move, a new job for Erica, relocation of her father (aged 88 with mild dementia), finding the right school for the children and finding a new local church family to worship with.

Please keep in touch ([ericabeumont@doctors.org.uk](mailto:ericabeumont@doctors.org.uk). 07989 976464).

Love Erica, Geoff, Tim and Lorna Beaumont

## **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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## **FRIENDS OF WELLINGTON PARK**

### **SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAMME 2019**

Aug 4 <sup>th</sup>	Double Deaking	Country & Western
11 <sup>th</sup>	Yorkie	Popular Music
18 <sup>th</sup>	West Country	Country Music
25 <sup>th</sup>	Deane Big Band	Big Band

## **WOMEN'S REFUGE**

I have received a request from the Women's Refuge for toys for the children, mainly role play toys such as things for a toy kitchen also cars and lorries for them and dressing up clothes.

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

# **THE BIG TENT AT WELLESLEY PARK SCHOOL ON 13, 14 & 15 AUGUST**

The Wellington Churches holiday club 'The Big Tent' is fast approaching. Back in a large marquee on the school field at Wellesley Park in the middle of August. This year's theme is "Backpackers" - another way of telling the Easter Story – is based on new material by Scripture Union and promises to be a lot of fun as the children journey through the events of Jesus' final week with his friends.

The planning group were encouraged by the number of volunteers who have signed up to be part of this year's event (almost 20 so far!) but we could still do with a few more. We're looking for all kinds of people to join the team, some behind the scenes and others working with the children or leading things up front.

The Big Tent Continued.....

We're also looking for someone to head up games outside and to be in charge of refreshments each day. It's a great team to be part of and always a week to remember. Volunteers aged 14 – 104 can apply! All subject to the usual Safer Recruiting process.

## **How can you help support The Big Tent?**

- Pray: for the team, the resources needed and most of all for the children and families who will be involved in this year's event.
- Give: each year The Big Tent happens through the generosity of local churches and individuals. A big thank you to all who supported last year!
- Join the team: to find out more about what's involved contact Karen Mullen at Wellington Baptist Church office on 01823 663713 or email [bigtent@wbchurch.biz](mailto:bigtent@wbchurch.biz)

Booking information can be found online at [www.thebigtent.co.uk](http://www.thebigtent.co.uk) or by calling the WBC office and highlights from last year's event on The Big Tent Wellington Youtube channel are here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MOwnJJ2UrsU>



**Andy Levett**

Go Team Adviser (Youth & Children) for the Taunton Archdeaconry

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## **ROCKWELL GREEN SPIRE APPEAL**

ART EXHIBITION AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

AUGUST 16th & 17th 10am -4pm

£4 adults, children free (includes tea coffee with cakes available).

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BARN DANCE AND SUPPER AT THE BEAMBRIDGE

WITH STICK THE FIDDLE

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 6th,

TICKETS £12.50 FROM BEAMBRIDGE or ODETTE'S TEAROOM

Both events in aid of the Spire Appeal.

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# SOCIAL GROUP PROGRAMME

September

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>                      Coffee Morning

Friday 20<sup>th</sup>                      Soup Lunch

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

October

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>                      Coffee Morning Books and Puzzles

Friday 18<sup>th</sup>                      Soup Lunch

November

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>                      Coffee Morning tba

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

December

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>                      Coffee Morning Christmas Gifts etc

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>                      JW3 Christmas Concert



## FORTHCOMING CONCERTS

November

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>

Collegium

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>

Wellington Choral Society

December

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>

JW3 Christmas Concert

Monday 16<sup>th</sup>

Collegium



## **Minutes of St John's PCC Meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 15 July (St Swithun's Day) 2019 in St John's Church Hall chaired by The Rector.**

- 1. Apologies:** Jenny Bache, John Elder, John Massey, Julie Morton, Julie Scott.

**Minutes of last meeting 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019:** Item 7(d) should have listed Judith Dufour as having spoken. Approved.

- 2. Matters Arising: a) Artist-in-Residence Update.**

Dragonflies installation was extend by TT until end of school term. The installation to be taken down on Friday 19 July. FBrown thanked PCC for its generosity in sharing the space with the insects. She was amazed how many people had got involved in the way the project report out into the community. It was a wonderful witness for the church and community with people wanting to be involved. Some dragonflies are now going to live in St John's School. In August, some will reappear in Thorne St Margaret's Church. Some to West Buckland Church in September. Two rings given to Tim and Lorna Beaumont to take to their new home in Preston. Some are to be given to Saint John school leavers. Donations have also been received from visitors. The installation was enjoyed by many people who perhaps would not otherwise have visited the church. Fiona has entered the project in a national art competition (further detail from her). She also suggested a breather from larger projects for a while and she is now planning some creative prayer workshops. Tim thanked Fiona for a really good project. He has also invited her to create a banner "Sharing Hope and Joy" to tie in with sermon series. A review of project is available from FBrown on request.

**b) Volunteering** PCC to put out feelers to encourage ideas. CWinhall to ask Revd Stephen Bowen to allude to this in sermon on 21 July. Comms Group to discuss further.

- 3. Clergy Plans:**

TT attending residential course as part of Pastoral Supervision Course in Cambridge (August).

SG proposed sabbatical Feb/Mar/April 2020

TT proposed sabbatical May/June/July 2020

SG has applied for a team pioneer curate

PCC minutes continues.....

**4. Financial Matters:**

**St John's Community Support Group.** TT reported that Vivienne Sutton has drawn this to a professionally managed conclusion. It has been a very effective piece of ministry over the last five years. Viv Sutton offered her services to the church as a counsellor and this has been a really positive experience. Thank you to be sent to Viv and key volunteers. TT will write to them. Residual funds will go to support work of Pastoral Companions.

In the absence of Jenny Bache, CW distributed finance documents and updates. We are still spending more than we are getting in. The Gift Aid refund (when it arrives) should amount to £5000 (£1250 for Learning Community).

CW feels volunteers should be refunded for expenses (coffee mornings, soup lunches). At present they claim nothing.

SG encouraged us to think about ways of raising money from a wider pool of givers.

The possibility of using contactless technology especially at weddings and baptisms was mooted.

TT suggested we include an item on next agenda to discuss modern giving in more detail (contactless, GivingMachine, etc).

TT also wished to record thanks to Jenny Bache for her hard work with financial matters.

**5. Update on building works:** Quinquennial update. The money is available for immediate work. Progress hampered by awaiting of the go ahead from DAC. Once received, Kevin Bowden and team will be contacted to start work.

Project work on bigger long term work will require partnership funding. GW reported that Viridor are keen to see what efforts those applying for grants have made to do their own fundraising within the church and local community.

PCC meeting minutes continues...

We should be thinking of this project needing to raise £100,000 (inc. VAT and architects' fees). SG suggested we should plan for something even bigger (doubling that sum). TT reminded us that SG had successfully been involved in £250K at a previous church. SG also said this fundraising needs to work hand in hand with "Hope and Joy" project, to encourage the wider community to be involved and to let people know exactly what are the needs. Fundraising needs to be not just for the fabric but also for Mission!

PAdams raised the issue of safety of the carpet tiles around the font. GW to have a look and investigate health and safety implications.

- 6. Inspiring Classroom Project.** SG talked about her vision that St John's School should see the church as an extension of the school: an extra classroom for them to explore the Christian story in this space. She is holding meetings with the school Head and key people on Wednesday 17 July.

PCC held a very encouraging and inspiring meeting with Head and staff in June in which the Head (Olly Priestley – we love the name) explained his vision and talked about the consultation done by the school with pupils, staff, parents and governors about their values and vision. SG distributed a document which is available as an attachment with these minutes!

SG also talked about an idea (foreshadowed by Olly Priestley at the meeting in June) from Mike Haslam (Diocesan Chaplaincy Advisor) about developing pupil chaplains. Helena Power (from Rockwell Green) is keen to help out with this.

The whole "Hope and Joy" vision has come from St John's School and we are joining in with them to make it happen.

A donation of £5000 (£6250 with gift aid) has been received to be released as and when matched funds are made available or raised. (See proposal below)

Pcc Minutes continues...

**Proposals:**

CW proposed that PCC gives its permission to pilot the school using the church building and grounds as an Inspiring Classroom for our school and community.

Seconded by Pamela Adams. Agreed by all present.

TT proposed that the PCC agrees to underwrite the matching £6250 and will also seek to invite contributions to this exciting project.

Seconded by Friederike Reed. Approved by all present.

**7. AOB**

a. New mop for Myra approved. Jenny Bache and Grahame to investigate getting steam mop.

b. Julie Morton asked for a small float for Social Group to buy coffee, tea, biscuits, etc. Approved.

c. Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 6 October. The theme is Creation and TT has asked Christine Silverlight to speak on climate change. Social Group not organising harvest supper but planning a quiz night.

The meeting closed with the sharing of The Grace at 9.15pm

## **St John's School links with St John's Church Wellington: Growing the church younger**

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*Bringing Hope and Joy into the Community*

*Learning about friendship, compassion, service, respect and endurance together.*

**Developing the church and grounds as an Inspiring Classroom for our school and community**  
Vision: To open up churches as 'creative classrooms' – spaces in which pupils can enjoy cross-curricular learning inspired by their fabulous surroundings.

St John's school continued.....

**1. The outdoor area behind church**

Developing this for outdoor worship and forest school worship.

**2. Children's area at back of church**

Developing this as a children's library area and exploring the Christian traditions and stories space for early years. Dressing up, creative play , signs and symbols, sacraments...

**3. Area round the piano**

Imagine as a space for class music for toddlers, KS1, KS2 and sing alongs...

**4. Current library refurbishment and home for the church mice and storage of resources**

Resources for staff to teach Christianity as well as for children

**5. Developing a Godly Play Storytelling space.**

This could involve developing the blue carpeted we call the lady chapel, reordering the current library area on way to the hall, putting new storage into the hall and using this or reordering the choir vestry for storytelling and creative art.. or a combination of those ideas which are all being explored.

**6. Developing the choir vestry as a flexible classroom, storytelling space, health and wellbeing room and art workshop**

This is a bigger project and is already being discussed by the church and has started in some form – but can we dream dreams with the school before we spend money on reordering this area?

**General: Developing resources throughout the church building to support exploration, awe and wonder for children in early years, KS1 and KS2.**

St John's school continued.....

- New Church Noticeboards for school art and communications
- Church mice to find and explore stories of saints and church life
- Pop up creative prayer spaces!
- Treasure hunts around the church to explore the story using the textiles and stained glass and objects

## **Other ways to link with the school and staff to consider in**

### **redevelopments:**

#### **Offering staff health and wellbeing support:**

Freddy and Debby Thursday afternoons: 1-1, after school fitness and fun session on the front lawn:

staff retreat

#### **Ongoing: Supporting RE teaching through Godly play and creative projects as they are discerned.**

Helping school set up creative reflection spaces in each classroom.  
Helping organise a joy festival at harvest, Easter, Pentecost and outdoor church/summer celebration? (A school suggestion need to explore further!!).

## **Developing pupil chaplaincy at St John's:**

*“Clifton Diocese have teams of pupil Chaplains in all of their schools (over 900 pupil Chaplains spread across about about 75 schools). The Chaplains are from yr 1 to yr 11 (although the primaries engage better than the secondary schools). The pupil Chaplains are supervised by a member of staff, or governor. They do everything from leading thought for the day in class, to whole school collective worship, to projects (refugees is one for this year) to peer mentoring and buddy benches. They are trained each year and then commissioned by the Bishop in the Cathedral. They would be happy to share their M5 corridor training hub (Taunton to Weston) with us (date tbc but in Sept) and to invite a few Anglican teams to Clifton Cathedral (in Nov) to be commissioned.” Mike Haslam*

### *St John's School continued....*

Mike Haslam keen and has offered £500 for us to pilot this with St John's

Helena Power is keen and could be employed for an additional session each week to pilot this with Mike in St John's if they are interested.

### Pupil chaplaincy roles we could explore

- Eco chaplains
- Health and wellbeing chaplains
- Service and social action chaplains
- Social action chaplains
- Chaplains to bring joy to the elderly
- Godly Play chaplains
- Assembly chaplains
- School services in church chaplains
- Friendship chaplains
- Creative arts chaplains
- Music ministry chaplains
- Forest church chaplains
- Communications chaplains
- Server chaplains
- Reading chaplains using our Christian library

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**Office hours                      Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10.00 am to 4.00 pm**

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**Bell Ringers                      Mr David Grabham                      01823 664946**

**Baby & Toddler Group                      Mrs Joyce Norrish                      01823 669633**

**Flower Arrangers                      Mrs Lenore Clarke                      01823 667929**

**Bible Reading Notes                      Mrs Tessa Bradnock                      01823 662572**

**Members of the PCC**

**Mrs Julie Morton                      Mrs Fiona Brown                      Mr John Massey**

**Mrs FreiederikeReed**

**Co-opted**

**Mr Kieven Yim                      Mrs Jenny Bache                      Mrs Judith Dufour**

**Members of the Deanery Synod who also serve on the PCC**

**Mrs Pamela Adams                      Mr John Young                      Mr Ken Winhall**

**Items for the 'Gossip' – closing date 22<sup>nd</sup> of the month before. If you have any items please email Lenore Clarke on [labubby72@outlook.com](mailto:labubby72@outlook.com), phone 01823 667929 or leave in the pigeon hole in the Church meeting room.**

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