

# Welcome



**16<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

## Welcome to St John's

Thank you for being with us here at St John's.

Whether you are worshipping with us for the first time today or have been worshipping for many years, we pray that you will feel the love of God in our midst.

Please stay for refreshments after the service if you wish, all are welcome.

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## **Sunday service for 16<sup>th</sup> February** (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent)

*Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.*

**Presiding** Reverend Colin Simpson

**Readings** 1 Corinthians 15.12-20

Gospel: Luke 6.17-26

**Organist** Ed Jenkins

**Hymns** (300) I heard the voice of Jesus say

(69) Blest are the pure in heart

(324) I, the Lord of sea and sky

## **Prayer**

*Please pray for*

**John Harmsworth**

**Mary Nickerson**

**Jeanette Tucker**

**Jean Morrish**

**Shirley Rayson**

**David Mills**

**Ann Everett**

**Christine Hayes**

**David and Cynthia Bowen**

**Sarah Richbell**

*Rest in peace*

**Eric Greed** (funeral at St John's 2.00 p.m. 25<sup>th</sup> February)

## **West Buckland Services**

This is the usual pattern of services at St Mary's, West Buckland. All are welcome.

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month

Lay-led Morning Worship at 11.00 a.m.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month

Holy Communion at 11.00 a.m.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month

Join St John's Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m.

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month

Holy Communion at 11.00 a.m.

## What's on this week

### Sunday

*Holy Communion* 9.30 a.m.

### Tuesday

*Talking Cafe* 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Advice from the village agent.

*Camelot Care Home* a service of Holy Communion will be taken at 2.00 p.m.

### Wednesday

*Slimming World* in the hall 4.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

### Thursday

*BCP Communion* 10.00 a.m. with Reverend Ian Brierley

*Tea@3* in the hall at 3.00 p.m.

### Friday

*Warm Spaces* 12.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. in the hall.

## Coming Up

### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February

*Funeral of Eric Greed* at St John's 2.00 p.m.

### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March

*Deep Clean of the church* 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Volunteers welcome to help.

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March

*Lent Course* begins 10.30 a.m. in church, see details below.

### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March

*PCC Meeting* 7.00 p.m. in the hall

### Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March

*Wellington Choral Society Concert, 'Mendelssohn's Elijah'* at St John's 7.00 p.m.

## Lent Course 2025

Our Lent Course will meet in the church on Wednesday mornings 12/19/26/ March and 2/9 April. We will start with coffee at 10.15 a.m. and then meet from 10.30 to 11.30 a.m. We shall be exploring the theme of 'Discipleship' and how God calls us to follow in the footsteps of Christ. All are welcome so do feel free to come to as many of the sessions as you can. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church to help know how many to cater for. The course will be led by Reverend Canon Stephen Bowen. If you have any questions or would like to know more please ask Stephen.

## **A 'Vision' for our Benefice of St Mary's and St John's**

On Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> February, the PCCs of both churches met in the church hall and spent an intensive morning working with Reverend Colin and our Lay Reader, Tracey Richbell, on a document that will become the Vision for our two churches.

The morning began - as any morning should - with a convivial coffee. We then shared a short Holy Communion service before embarking on paperwork and discussion to design an agreed Vision. An important part of the process was the detailed feedback that Colin had obtained from the church members who attended the series of 'Tea with the Vicar' meetings at both churches. This was tabulated into a printed table correlated to the four Diocesan themes of Missional Objectives: A. Valuing and cherishing the people and resources we already have; B. Developing new Christian worshipping communities; C. Growing and deepening faith; D. Sharing in ministry and leadership. In small discussion groups, we were asked to prioritise the various themes and ideas that emerged from the contributed 'Tea with the Vicar' statements. The exercise completed, the order of priorities showed a remarkable agreement between the six groups. Under the clear and sympathetic leadership of Reverend Colin, the PCCs reached the stage of finalising a Vision document. The next step is to jointly sign it off, allocate responsibilities, and communicate to everyone the essence of the Vision for the Benefice. It is hoped to do this by Easter.

The meeting concluded with an excellent bread and soup lunch. We thank you for remembering in your prayers the work of the PCCs. We're certain it helped to ensure the progress and success of our work.

*The Churchwardens of St Mary the Virgin and St John the Baptist*

## **The Home Service**

The 'Home Service' is a weekly programme that brings Christian worship into your front room. It is broadcast on 105.3 FM on Wednesdays at 11.00 am. and repeated Sunday at 10.00 am. It's also available via the internet at any time on [www.10radio.org](http://www.10radio.org).

THIS WEEK: Bob House from The Well Christian fellowship in Rockwell Green, reflects on Psalm 23 in our Home Service act of worship. We also look ahead to some of the resources that will be available to help people reflect during the forthcoming season of Lent.