

Welcome



19th to 25th January

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 services for 19th January (2nd Sunday of Epiphany)

Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.

Presiding Reverend Colin Simpson

Readings 1 Corinthians 12.1-11

Gospel: John 2.1-11

Organist Ed Jenkins

Hymns (146) Father of heaven, whose love profound

(333) Jesu, lover of my soul

(223) Go forth and tell

11@St John's

Presiding Reverend Colin Simpson

Baptism Amelia Rene Leech

Prayer

Please pray for

John Harmsworth

Jenny Kilgour

Mary Nickerson

Jeanette Tucker

Christine Hayes

David Mills

Radi, Amy and extended family

Ann Everett

Judith Dufour

Rest in peace

Betty Bell (funeral at St John's 11.30 a.m. on Friday 14th February)

John Elder (funeral at St John's 12.30 p.m. on Wednesday 22nd January)

Baptism

Amelia Rene Leech (19th January)

West Buckland Services

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

1st Sunday of the month

Lay-led Morning Worship at 11.00 a.m.

2nd Sunday of the month

Holy Communion at 11.00 a.m.

3rd Sunday of the month

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

4th Sunday of the month

Holy Communion at 11.00 a.m.

What's on this week

Sunday

Holy Communion 9.30 a.m. followed by *11@St John's* including *Baptism of Amelia Rene Leech* at 11.00 a.m.

Churches Together Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at Wellington Methodist Church at 3.00 p.m. All are welcome.

Tuesday

Talking Cafe 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Advice on any topic from the village agent.
Camelot Care Home a service of Holy Communion will be taken at 2.00 p.m.
PCC Meeting in the hall at 7.00 p.m.

Wednesday

Wednesday Sings 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the hall.
Funeral of John Elder at 12.30 p.m. in the church followed by the wake in the hall.
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
Blackdown Community Choir 7.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. in church

Friday

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

Coming Up

Saturday 1st February

Joint PCC meeting of St John's and St Mary's 9.30 a.m. in St John's Hall.

Tuesday 4th February

Carers Group in the hall 1.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Friday 14th February

Funeral of Betty Bell in the church 11.30 a.m.

Saturday 15th February

St John's Winter Fair in the church, more details on the back page.

The Home Service

The 'Home Service' is a weekly programme which 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. This week, our act of worship on the theme of 'Journeying' is led by Revd. Preb. Helene Stainer of the Trinity All Saints group of churches. It includes an interview with Lucy Faulkner, the General Manager of the New Inn at Halse, about her planned journey to the Vatican in the Roman Catholic Jubilee Year of Hope. We also anticipate the week of prayer for Christian Unity which begins on Saturday 18th January.

ST JOHN'S WINTER FAIR IN AID OF CHURCH FINANCES
SATURDAY 15TH FEBRUARY
9.45 AM -12.30 PM

Sue Rackley has once again kindly proposed to lead a group of friends and volunteers in holding a fund-raising WINTER FAIR. By February most of us have some form of 'winter-blues' and an event like this can help us to cope. There will be the usual sumptuous cake stall, raffle, book and 'unwanted Christmas gift' stalls, crafts stalls, refreshments, and hot food.

Sue is looking for volunteers to make and bake before the day, and to assist on the day itself. Please step forward to play your part. Please speak to Sue. Her mobile is 07795 221159 Email: sus_ant2001@yahoo.co.uk

It is an initiative like this that gives us ALL opportunities to address our serious 'running costs' problem. Please support and spread the word. Get family and friends – and strangers - to come.

Thank you all!

ST JOHN'S QUINQUENNIAL AND DRAINAGE REPORTS 2024-25

The report of the obligatory 5-year inspection by the architect Jonathan Rhind and Associates came to us during December. It is a thorough appraisal of the church fabric and the churchyard. The report contains recommendations for immediate action, and lists for the next two-year period, five-year period, and the period beyond that. It is a 51-page document, a copy of which will be available at the back of the church for general scrutiny but not to be taken away. In addition, there will be copies of a four-page summary of some of the most salient points, available to be read and can be taken.

The recent Drainage Report carried out by Corbel is the most thorough inspection and report done for many years. Using experts with line-camera, computer data, and flushing equipment we have been confronted with a greater understanding of the drainage system that relies almost entirely on soak-aways. They have become very inefficient and seriously silted just as climate change is handing our beautiful building much more rainwater!

A four-page extract, from what is a very technical document, is posted on the board nearest the font.