

# Welcome



***22<sup>nd</sup> December to 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025***

## **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.

**<https://www.wellingtonteamchurches.org.uk>**

Parish Office - Tel: 01823 665254 Email: stjohs.wellington@googlemail.com

Reverend Colin Simpson - Tel: 07961 613410 Email: rector.wawb@googlemail.com

Andrew Maddocks, Churchwarden – Tel: 07944 676984 Email: a.maddocks@icloud.com

Jo Leigh, Churchwarden – Tel: 07847 878703 Email: joleigh241@gmail.com

## Christmas and New Year Services

*Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.* (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent)

**Presiding** Reverend Colin Simpson

**Readings** Micah 5.2-5a, Hebrews 10.5-10

Gospel: Luke 1.39-55

**Organist** Simon Forrester

**Hymns** (249) Hark, the glad sound!

(620) The angel Gabriel from heaven came

(671) Thou didst leave thy throne

*Holy Communion 11.30 p.m.* (Midnight Mass)

**Presiding** Reverend Colin Simpson

**Readings** Isaiah 52.7-10, Hebrews 1.1-4

Gospel: John 1.1-14

**Organist** Ed Jenkins

**Hymns** (506) Once in royal David's city

(733) While shepherds watched

(468) O come, all ye faithful

*Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.* (Christmas Day)

**Presiding** Reverend Colin Simpson

**Readings** Isaiah 52.7-10, Hebrews 1.1-4

Gospel: John 1.1-14

**Organist** Simon Forrester

**Hymns** (227) Good Christians all, rejoice

(497) O little town of Bethlehem

(250) Hark, the herald-angels sing

*Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.* (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas)

**Presiding** Reverend Canon Stephen Bowen

**Readings** Colossians 3.12-17

Gospel: Luke 2.41-52

**Organist** Ed Jenkins

**Hymns** (229) Good King Wenceslas

(323) It came upon the midnight clear

(213) God rest you merry, gentlefolk

## *Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.* (Epiphany)

**Presiding** Reverend Colin Simpson

**Readings** Isaiah 60.1-6, Ephesians 3.1-12

Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12

**Organist** Richard Stephens

**Hymns** (42) As with gladness men of old

(78) Brightest and best

(709) We three kings of Orient are

## **Prayer**

### *Please pray for*

John Harmsworth

Jenny Kilgour

Mary Nickerson

Christine Tron

Jeanette Tucker

David Mills

Radi, Amy and extended family

Ann Everett

Sheila Kingshott

### *Rest in peace*

**David Dufour** (funeral at St John's 12 noon on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January)

**John Elder**

## **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 each week**

### **Sunday**

*Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.*

### **Tuesday**

*Talking Cafe.* Please note not on 24<sup>th</sup> Dec or 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. Back on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

### **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

### **Friday**

*Warm Spaces* 12.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. in the hall. Please note not on 27<sup>th</sup> Dec.

## Coming Up

### **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

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

*Momenta Newcastle* health group by invitation 6.00 p.m. in the hall.

### **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January**

*Funeral of David Dufour* 12 noon followed by the wake in the hall.

### **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January**

*Taunton Bellringers AGM and service* at 2.00 p.m. in the church and hall

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January**

*Evensong with In Ecclesia* at 5.00 p.m.

### **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January**

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

## 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 is also available via the internet at any time on [www.10radio.org](http://www.10radio.org)

## Scams

Sadly, scams are becoming harder to recognise all the time

There is a free talk on what to look out for and how to avoid being taken in by them. This will be given by Will McAlpine, of Skipton Building Society at 10 a.m. on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January at Wellington Methodist church. All are welcome and it's fully accessible with refreshments included.

## A Christmas Message from Reverend Colin Simpson

I am writing after two of my three nativity services. These performances always leave me smiling as you can never anticipate how the children are going to react to such a large audience, but these are the moments that make Christmas so special. Of course, there is the special child born in a manger, and we give thanks for and celebrate his living among us as one of us. I don't doubt his parents had special memories of his early years, just as we do with our families. While Christmas is a time for joy many of our friends will have a spare seat at the table, surrounded by grief. Perhaps this year is the one to revive an old tradition of setting an extra place at our festive tables prepared for a visitor who may even be Christ our Lord.

*Every blessing for a wonderful Christmastide.*