

Welcome



22nd to 28th September

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 22nd September (17th after Trinity)

Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.

Presiding Reverend Canon Stephen Bowen

Readings James 3.1-12

Gospel: Mark 8.27-end

Organist Simon Forrester

Hymns (479) O God beyond all praising

(605) Take my life, and let it be

(465) Now thank we all our God

Prayer

Please pray for

John Harmsworth

David Mills

David Dufour

Sylvia Waymouth

Annie Janes

Ray Tyler

Jenny Kilgour

Barry Salter

Michelle Bailey

Jeannette Tucker

Betty Bell

Jane Exell

Jean Figg

Norma Hayes

Maralyn & David Norman

St John's Primary School

Rest in peace

Martin Beaumont

Kay Hawkins

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.

Monday

Health Visitors in the hall 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

Tuesday

Healthy Little Ones drop-in session in the hall 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

Talking Cafe 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Advice on any topic.

NCT Group 6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. in the hall

PCC Meeting 7.00 p.m. in the church

Wednesday

Health Visitors by invitation in the hall 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

Health Visitors by appointment only in the hall 12.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.

Oaktree Court a service of Holy Communion will be taken at 2.30 p.m.

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.

Coming Up

Sunday 29th September

Baptism of Elijah Palk-Maunders 2.00 p.m. in the church

Saturday 5th October

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

Friday 11th October

Duo Correa-Andrews concert in church 7.30 p.m.

Thursday 17th October

St John's Primary School Harvest Festival in church at 1.30 p.m.

Saturday 19th October

NCT Group 9.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. in the hall

Sunday 27th October

Bible Society Songs of Praise 3.00 p.m. in the church

Cleaning

The inside of the church recently benefitted from the Deep Clean team of about ten people who took to mops, vacuum and carpet cleaners, dusters, and cleaning materials to reduce the number of cobwebs and amount of dust as well as restoring the shine on many surfaces and glass.

Thank you to all who took part. The next scheduled 'Deep Clean' is Saturday 5th October 10-12 noon. All are invited!

Congratulations to Patrick and Lenore

Patrick and Lenore Clarke are currently celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. Both have been tremendous stalwarts of St John's for many years and have always shown great energy and commitment to the church, carrying out numerous duties and volunteer work in order to sustain the activities that go on in the life of St John's. The church membership owes Patrick and Lenore our total gratitude and thanks. We join in their marriage milestone by offering our very warmest congratulations.

Fabric and Churchyard Updates

Maintenance work continues to take place on the outside of the building and in the churchyard.

1. After some hard work unearthing the whereabouts of the drain covers and the soakaway channels, a drain company will soon be flushing out these to make it easier for the rainwater from the roof to escape into the surrounding land.
2. The water deflector on the old vestry will be installed before the serious winter rains begin. Overtime this will enable the wall at that point to dry out inside and outside.
3. Falling leaves from the large trees at the front of the church which are filling the porch roof gutters and then being washed down the pipes into the drain channels, will hopefully be cured by clearing out the gutters either side and a plastic mesh being fixed into the guttering to prevent leaves clogging them up.
4. We will be contracting a firm to clear the main roofs of tree debris about twice a year in order that the hoppers and down pipes do not become blocked.
5. You will notice that the east perimeter of the church yard has had growth and invasive ivy stripped from the gravestones and the grass has been recently cut.
6. The large hedge to the north bordering the houses is about to receive a long-overdue 'haircut'!
7. The ongoing care of all the above and the borders in the vicinity of the Hall and the Memorial Beds is thanks to the hard work of your Fabric and Churchyard Working Group.