# Welcome





26th May to 1st June

## 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 26<sup>th</sup> May (Trinity Sunday)

## Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.

**Presiding** Reverend Colin Simpson

**Readings** Romans 8.12-17

Gospel: John 3.1-17

**Organist** Ed Jenkins

**Hymns** (652) The Spirit lives to set us free

(141) Father, hear the prayer we offer

(673) Thou, whose almighty word

## **Prayer**

## Lord, Hear Our Prayer

## Please pray for

David Mills Betty Bell Joyce Baker Annie Janes

Tim Day

**David Dufour** 

Rest in peace
Pauline Howell

## **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 10.00 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 No service

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month Holy Communion at 11.00 a.m.

## What's on this week

#### **Daily**

Morning Prayer on Zoom. Contact Rev'd Ian Brierley to join – 01823 666101.

#### Sunday

Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.

#### Monday

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

Visiting Bell Ringers ringing between 4.30 p.m. and 5.30 p.m

#### Tuesday

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

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

#### Wednesday

Babies & Toddlers 9.30 a.m. to 11.45 a.m. & 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

#### Please note there is no toddler group on Wednesday 12th June.

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

Health Visitors' child clinic in the hall 12.45 p.m. to 2.45 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**

#### Tuesday 12th June

Quinquennial Inspection of St John's throughout the day

#### Saturday 15th June

Visiting Bell Ringers ringing between 11.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.

#### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

St John's Patronal Festival coffee morning 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

#### Sunday 23rd June

St John's Patronal Festival Holy Communion 9.30 a.m and Evensong 4.00 p.m.

#### Tuesday 25th June

PCC Meeting 7.00 p.m. in the hall

## Parish Office Closed until 11th June

The parish office will be closed from Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May and will re-open again on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 10.00 a.m. This is because the administrator, Sharon Chorley, will be on annual leave. If you have any non-urgent queries then please email as usual and these will be answered on her return. During this time if you have matters to discuss about the church, please contact one of the churchwardens, Andrew or Jo. If you are in urgent need of a priest, please contact Reverend Colin Simpson. All contact details are on the front of this sheet. Thank you.

## Patronal Festival Weekend 22-23 June Saint John the Baptist

The Patronal Festival Weekend starts on the Saturday morning 22<sup>nd</sup> June with a special coffee event from 10 a.m. The theme for the stalls and raffle will be **Garden and Gardening**. Lenore Clarke has very kindly agreed to organise the event and will be looking for our support and help. Offers of plants for the plant stall; gardening equipment e.g. gloves, trowels, forks, for the garden stall; cakes for the cake stall; pots of jam, marmalade, honey etc for the preserve stall. Raffle prizes please!! Cakes should be suitably wrapped and labelled. All offerings to be brought to the church on Friday afternoon 21<sup>st</sup> June. The occasion is an opportunity to raise funds for fabric and improvement work required for our wonderful church dedicated to St John the Baptist. Please speak to Lenore or a churchwarden if you have an idea for a personal contribution to the coffee morning.

On the Sunday there will a Festival Eucharist at 9.30 a.m. and a Festival Evensong at 4 p.m.. The latter will be led by the choir, In Ecclesia, Music Director, John Young and Organist Simon Forrester. Of course, ALL are invited including members of other churches.

Let's celebrate the Patronal Festival with the spirit and energy of our patron Saint!

## Did you know?

John the Baptist (c. 1st century BC – c. AD 30) is mentioned by the Roman Jewish historian Josephus and he is revered as a major religious figure in Christianity, Islam, the Bahá'í faith, the Druze faith, and Mandaeism, the latter in which he is considered to be the final and most vital prophet. He is considered to be a prophet of God by all of the aforementioned faiths, and is honoured as a saint in many Christian denominations. According to the New Testament, John anticipated a messianic figure greater than himself; in the Gospels, he is portrayed as the precursor or forerunner of Jesus. According to the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus himself identifies John as "Elijah who is to come", which is a direct reference to the Book of Malachi (Malachi 4:5), as confirmed by the angel who announced John's birth to his father, Zechariah. According to the Gospel of Luke, John and Jesus were relatives.