

# Welcome



*30<sup>th</sup> June to 6<sup>th</sup> July*

## 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 30th June** (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity)

*Holy Communion* 9.30 a.m.

**Presiding** Reverend Colin Simpson

**Readings** 2 Corinthians 8.9-end

Gospel: Mark 5.21-end

**Organist** Simon Forrester

**Hymns** (108) Come, let us join our cheerful songs

(648) There's a wideness in God's mercy

(550) Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

## **Prayer**



***Please pray for***

**David Mills**

**Betty Bell**

**Annie Janes**

**Tim Day**

**David Dufour**

**John Harmsworth**

**Margaret Jennings**

**Emma Peacock**

## **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 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

### 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.

### 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

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July

*Blackdown Community Choir* family and friends concert at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July

*An Evening with author Hazel Prior and her harp* 7.30 p.m. Pizzas and Drinks. Book fair by 'Bookshop by the Blackdowns'. Tickets: £10 in aid of Church Funds, available from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/stjohnswelly](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/stjohnswelly)

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July

*Said Communion Service (BCP)* 8.00 a.m. (in addition to 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion)

*There will be no Evening Prayer* on this day

### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

*St John's Primary School Leaver service* at 1.30 p.m. in church

### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

*Somerset Youth Orchestra Summer Concert* at 7.30 p.m. Tickets: adults £11, Concessions £9. Online details: [somesetmusic.co.uk/events](http://somesetmusic.co.uk/events)

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

*Somerset Youth Concert Band Summer Concert* at 7.00 p.m. Tickets: adults £11, Concessions £9. Online details: [somesetmusic.co.uk/events](http://somesetmusic.co.uk/events)

## Updates

### The Quinquennial Inspection

Every five years the church has to engage an approved Architect to carry out a thorough inspection of the church building and its contents. This year's inspection is not yet complete, and the full report won't be ready for some months.

### Water Ingress Challenges

However, we were already aware of water ingress problems and had already put investigations in train, such as looking at the drainage issues with a specialist company, using a drone to examine the soundness of the roof and the ability of the system to cope with increasing amounts of water from rain. We have discovered a number of factors that contribute to our problems, several of which are maintenance matters that we can and should deal with ourselves. If the desirable escape for the water is blocked or hindered, then it will go elsewhere. It is the walls that are that to a large extent soaking up excess water and its manifestation can be seen in the discolour of the inside walls and the broken plaster. We will not be able to spend money wisely in redecorating the internal walls of our church until we have corrected our water ingress problems.

### Solutions

We must maintain the soakaways and keep the drains, channels and guttering free of debris. It is a year-round job. If you care to look at the area near the walls to the left as you leave the church, you will see what two people cleared in two hours. They uncovered two drains completely blocked and water channels to them below a depth of soil and rubbish. Compare that to the area further on and you clearly see a huge difference. This laborious task requires involvement of more than two people! It is also known that we urgently need to spend money on professionals reorganising our down pipes and hoppers.

### The Churchyard Working Group

On your behalf can we thank our small-in-number but intensely committed churchyard group for the maintenance of the grounds and the Memorials beds. A recent meeting with a representative of the Town Council regarding maintenance help with the churchyard proved to be positive and promising. However, with a list of seventeen aspects to look after the Group need extra volunteers. *Can you give two hours of your time every month to churchyard upkeep?* If so, please see John or Julie Morton or speak with one of the churchwardens.