



Letter from the Rector

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Welcome to our new-look magazine – except that it is not a magazine! There is a letter from the Magazine Team explaining how we have decided on the magazine's future, which will be given to all worshippers today, 29 January, and over the next couple of Sundays, and this bulletin (any better titles are welcome – contact the editor, Beth Goodhand with ideas) is similar to the bulletin that will now come out quarterly.

Sunday readings will be available in advance on a notice-board in church, and the readers will receive them as well.

Lent

Ash Wednesday falls this month on the 22nd, and begins the gradual lead up to the events of Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter. Our morning services will have their usual pattern, but on every Sunday for the six weeks of Lent there will be a 4:30 p.m. Service, in place of evening prayer, of words and music. The services will follow a theme, with different sorts of music -- and different musicians -- each lasting between 30 and 45 minutes. All are most

welcome to come to as many or as few of these as you wish, and they will be services to which you can invite people of any church background or none.

May you experience something of the nature of God in his divinity and his humanity this Lent.

Colin Randall

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The bulletin will include the services and significant diary events over the ensuing quarter, as well as "From the Registers" and a few short items. You won't escape the clergy letter, either! The



**Mr John Massey
Church Warden**

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY AND LENT see weekly newsletter for more details

Morning prayer 8.30 am weekdays. Thursday morning Communion 10.00 am

Sunday 5 February

8.00 am and 9.45 am normal services
4.30 pm—With Choir.

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Sunday 12 February

8.00 am and 9.45 am normal services
6.30 pm Said Evening Prayer in the Church Hall

Sunday 19 February

8.00 am normal service
9.45 am All Age Communion With Sunday SMILE

No evening service at St John's. **Martin Perry being licensed as associate Vicar at Ashbrittle at 6.30 pm**

Ash Wednesday 22 February
10.00 am and 7.30 pm

with ceremony of Ashing at both services.

Sunday 26 February

8.00 am and 9.45 am normal services. Through Lent the Evening Services will be at 4.30 pm Service of words and music.

Readings pinned up in the Church



Mr John Young
Director of Music



SOUP LUNCH

at

St John's Hall

On

Friday 3 February

12 noon—1.30 pm



Coffee Morning

In St John's Hall
on
Saturday 18 February
10.00 am
To
12 noon

DVD's, CD's and
books

FROM THE REGISTER

BAPTISMS

18.12.11
Isabelle Hansard daughter of Charles and Natalie of Westford, Wellington

15.01.12
Orla Pyne daughter of James and Nicola of Pear Tree Way Wellington

MARRIAGES

17.12.11
Alexander Starr and **Rosemary Dale** both of Plymouth

FUNERALS

24.11.11
Margaret Warren of Bulford Wellington, Aged 74

23.12.11
Betty Jennings of Jubilee Court, Wellington, Aged 83

29.12.11
Winifred Hayes of Priory, Wellington, Aged 78

3.01.12
Molly Gear of Bishop's Court, Wellington, Aged 91

6.01.12
Reginald Hold of Victoria Street, Wellington, Aged 88

26.01.12
Edith Pickersgill of Lodge Close Wellington, Aged 86

27.01.12
Joyce Relf of Chelston Gardens Wellington, Aged 91

A Fact 2 Act On Fact No 4 from Christian Care for One World (CCOW)

Heating our homes consumes on average 70% of the energy we use, a fair proportion of it going to waste through inadequate insulation. For the EU as a whole, that accounts for 14% of total greenhouse gas emissions.

for a bedroom. Turning your thermostat down by just 1C could knock 10% off your heating bill, and reduce your annual domestic carbon dioxide output by over 300kg.

Also, many homes are kept unnecessarily warm. Living rooms need be no warmer than 21C, while 18C is fine

For more information on practical steps you might want to take, contact the South West Energy Saving Trust on 0800 512 012; email warmstreets@cse.org.uk

**Prayer in Church
Thursdays**

11.30 a.m—12.00 midday
Informal meeting for prayer, reading and chat to assist those in need of help and comfort.

LENT GROUPS

Please see weekly newsletter for details



Mum, Dad, Granny or Granddad can enjoy a cuppa and a chat while the SMILE team run a fun programme for children under 12. Sometimes its so much fun that the adults want to put down their cuppa and join in too.

Come and join in the fun.

FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH

At St John's Parish Church, Wellington
For anyone under 12 accompanied by an adult
From 3.15 pm—Drinks, snacks and games
3.45 pm—4.30 pm—Songs, story craft and prayer

Next SMILE Wednesday 1 February 2012 and then 7 March 2012

For further information contact: Rev James Clapham 01823 64841
www.wellingtonteamchurches.org.uk

Celebrating our common humanity—Bishop Peter of Taunton

Celebrating our common humanity

I am surprised at how caught up I became in the Stephen Lawrence case which offered some closure to his family with the conviction of two of his killers at the turn of the year. I was a parish priest in South London at the time of Stephen's murder and was Vicar of a parish in Surrey Docks in which racism was never too far from the surface – indeed for some black members of our congregation exposure to racism was a daily occurrence.



Some commentators have suggested that the Lawrence case marked a watershed for race relations in this country. 'Britain', said one, 'is a much more tolerant and open country. We have new laws to prevent the stirring of racial hatred and our public institutions are better representative of and responsive to all the people.' It is certainly true that the determination of Doreen Lawrence to get justice for her son did lead to a root and branch review of policing through the McPherson Inquiry and that has seen some change for good.

However, as Doreen Lawrence herself has said, 'The fact is that racism and racist attacks are still happening in this country and the police should not use my son's name to say that we can move on.' Around the week that Stephen's trial concluded a young Indian, Anuj Bidve,

was shot and killed on the streets of Salford and a young black footballer from Oldham was racially abused by an opposing supporter at Liverpool's ground.

Why do I raise all of this now? At the beginning of February the church celebrates the Feast of Candlemas and we hear again the prophetic message of Simeon who declares that Jesus is to be a light for all the nations – Jews and Gentiles. It is a radical message that requires all of us, in the words of Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, 'to see God's image in the one who is not in our image.'

As the Bosnian born theologian, Miroslav Volf says in his award winning book, 'Exclusion and Embrace', it may not be too much to claim that the future of our world will depend on how we deal with identity and difference. So, on the feast of Candlemas let us light a candle in celebration of our common humanity.

FILM CLUB

Showing this month

Alfred Hitchcock's
Rebecca

Friday 3 February at
7.30 p.m.

In the Church Hall
All very welcome, no charge

Somerset Chamber Choir

Sunday 19 February
in King's College Chapel,
Taunton at 3.00 pm.

The Choir will perform some inspiring choral works from Russia and the Baltic Countries, interspersed with piano pieces played by pianist Anita D'Attellis,

*Tickets: £11, £15, £18 from Taunton
TIC: 01823 336344 or book online
at
www.somersetchamberchoir.org.uk*

Prayer Board

Available for anybody's use

All names are prayed for at the Thursday Communion Services and often by others using the Church



January's Connect

is available now at <http://www.bathandwells.org.uk/static/connect/January2012/index.htm>.



The Phoenix Singers

Jubilation!

To celebrate the Jubilee
The Phoenix Singers with
John Young at the organ
will be performing a host of
well known musical works

**at St John's on
Saturday 10 March 2012**

To whet your appetite two well known pieces 'Zadok the Priest' and 'I was glad. Other items include the beautiful Tudor anthem 'O clap your hands' by Gibbons and a contemporary setting of 'The King of Love my shepherd is' by English composer and choral director Philip Stopford.

*Tickets are £10 (children/
students free) and are
available from Judith Salter
01823 666445, or from the
choir website
www.thephoenixsingers.co.uk*



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WHAT ST JOHN'S GAVE TO CHARITIES IN 2011

David Dufour. Convenor, PCC Mission Giving Working Group—December 2011

Although St John's is finding it difficult to cover all its financial costs and is now faced with the need to replace its gas fired boiler (after some 37 or more years of service!) at around £10,000 we have continued to give to charities both local, national and international believing that this is in accordance with Our Lord's teaching, "It is more blessed to give than to receive". (Acts 20. v 35). Listed below are the organisations that have received donations:

- £500. St John's C of E Primary School
 - £300. The Wellington Stroke Club
 - £500. Open Doors (International)
 - £300. The Church Urban Fund
 - £500. Christian Aid
 - £300. Women's Refuge in Taunton
 - £500. Shelter Box
 - £300. Children's Hospice Southwest
 - £500. USPG
 - £300. Dame Hannah Roger's Trust
 - £750. Wycliffe Bible Translators (KJB celebration)
 - £300. The Bible Society
 - £300. British Legion (Wellington branch)
 - £300. The Children's Society
 - £100. Wellington Brownies
 - £750. Mwenda Priest's House, Zambia
 - £250. Mwenda General Fund, Zambia
 - £200. At Rector's discretion (to Street Pastors etc)
- £6,750.00 Total given in 2011**

At the next meeting of the PCC proposals will be put forward for the amount to be allocated to giving and recipients in 2012.

www.wellingtonteamchurches.org.uk

Epiphany Service



SUNDAY SMILE
at St John's
on the third Sunday of
every month, at 9.45 a.m

Under 12's welcome
Under 5's welcome with an
adult.

19 February, 18 March, 15
April, 20 May, 17 June.

Contact Sue at
sus_ant2001@yahoo.co.uk

BOILER FUND

After 35 years service our boiler needs replacing. This will mean spending more than £10,000 .

A *Boiler Replacement Fund* has been set up. If you would like to contribute to the cost of a new one, please pick up an orange form from the back of the Church.

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY
OF PRAYER**

Friday 2 March 2012

Prepared by the women of
Malaysia

Theme: Let Justice Prevail

10.00 am: St Margaret's,
Thorne St Margaret
TA21 0EQ
6.15pm: United Reform
Church, Mantle Street,
Wellington

Please come, all welcome,
men, women and children

*Light refreshments will be
available after both services*