# Welcome





10th to 16th December

# 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.

## This Week's Service

Holy Communion (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent)

**Presiding** Reverend Colin Simpson

**Readings** Isaiah 40.1-11

Gospel: Mark 1.1-8

**Organist** Ian Carson

**Hymns** (306) Immortal Invisible, God only Wise

(418) Lord Thy Word Abideth

(550) Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

**Intercessions** Kieven Yim

# **Prayer**



# Please pray for

Richard Elloway Betty Bennett

**David Mills** 

**Lucy Norris** 

**Polly Baker** 

**Pat Short** 

**Jeanette Tucker** 

Rest in peace

**Pamela Elloway** 

**Peter Croudace** 

#### 10radio's Home Service

**This week:** Rev'd Martyn Parry from the Silver Street Evangelical church in Wiveliscombe will be leading the Home Service act of worship. The programme is repeated at 10.00 a.m. on Sunday on 105.3 FM, but can be heard again any time by going to the Home Service page of the new 10Radio

website at <a href="www.10radio.org">www.10radio.org</a> and clicking on the "Listen Again" button.

**Next Wednesday:** Canon Stephen Bowen retired priest from St John's church Wellington will be leading the act of worship at 11.00 a.m. on 105.3 FM, repeated at 10.00 a.m. the following Sunday. It will also be available on Listen Again from next Wednesday.

# What's on this week

#### Daily

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

#### Monday

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

Collegium Singers A Christmas Story concert at 7.30 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.

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 the Reverend Ian Brierley.

Home Education Group 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. in the hall.

St John's Primary School Christmas service at 1.30 p.m.

## **Friday**

Warm Spaces 12.00 to 2.00 p.m. in the hall

#### Saturday

JW3 Spirit of Christmas concert at 2.30 p.m.

## **Coming Up**

# Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December

11@St John's service at 11.00 a.m. following our 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion

## **Tuesday 19th December**

St John's Candlelit Carol Service at 6.00 p.m.

# Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

Service of Nine Lessons and Carols with Popham Voices at 6.30 p.m.

## Sunday 24th December

Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m.

Come to the Manger at 4.00 p.m.

Midnight Mass at 11.30 p.m.

## Monday 25th December

Christmas Day Communion at 9.30 a.m.

## **Help Needed!**

Two wise people are needed for Come to the Manger on Christmas Eve at 4.00 p.m. No previous experience necessary. Please contact Rev. Alison 01823 663181.

# **Donkeys**

A big thank you to all knitters of donkeys. Our local schools have been visited and the children loved them. Each class has been given a donkey to name, care for and write about so they will be well taken care of!





#### Wanted! An Internet Searcher

Is there a volunteer who would help the Church in searching the internet for information on things that we might need, e.g. books, furniture? The person would work to a brief from one of the churchwardens and might include looking for availability, sources and price comparisons. The challenge might be to search for information about a particular topic. The researcher would pass on information to the Churchwarden for consideration and decisions.

Andrew Maddocks, Churchwarden

# Women's Refuge

The Women's Refuge is always very grateful for donations but they don't have the facility to store lots of things. At this time of year, they would like the following donations please – Christmas foods, gifts for women and children, Christmas crackers, Sellotape and gift tags but NO wrapping paper. Thank you.

## St John's Christmas card and flowers

The large Christmas card will be available for signing in church from this weekend. There will also be a basket available to give donations for the Christmas flowers.

## **Churches Together**

Christmas Day Don't be alone on Christmas Day. There will be a meal at the United Reform Church in Mantle Street, arrive at 12.30 p.m. for a meal at 1.00 p.m. There are limited places so early booking is advised, there is a suggested donation of £5. For a place, contact John and Chris Salter on email <a href="mailto:salters@talktalk.net">salters@talktalk.net</a> or by phone on 01823 669043. Please advise of any dietary requirements when booking.