

Welcome



21st to 27th April

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 21st April

Holy Communion 9.30 a.m. (4th Sunday of Easter)

Presiding Reverend Colin Simpson

Readings Acts 4.5-12
Gospel: John 10.11-18

Organist John Young

Hymns (86) Christ is made the sure foundation
(634) The King of love my shepherd is

11@St John's

Presiding Reverend Colin Simpson

Prayer



Please pray for

David Mills

Pat Short

Betty Bell

Joyce Baker

Annie Janes

Tim Day

David Dufour

Rest in peace

Joy Grant (funeral 25th April 2 p.m.)

Peter Walter

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 10.00 a.m.

2nd Sunday of the month

Holy Communion at 11.00 a.m.

3rd Sunday of the month

No service

4th 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.

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Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Worship & Prayer Working Group meeting 7.00 p.m. at the church

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 Reverend Ian Brierley.

Funeral of Joy Grant at 2.00 p.m. in the church.

Blackdown Community Choir 7.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. in church.

Friday

Beech Grove School in church 9.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. to visit and learn about the Popham Memorial.

Coming Up

Sunday 5th May

Annual Parochial Church Meeting after the 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion service.

Thursday 9th May

Ascension Day Communion Service at 7.30 p.m. in St Mary the Virgin, West Buckland. The music sung by *In Ecclesia*.

Friday 10th May

Sung Evensong at 6.30 p.m. in church, details on the back page

Monday 27th May

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

Where have all the benches gone?

You may be aware that over the last twelve months the wooden benches in the churchyard have reduced in number. One was taken away last year suffering from rot and broken slats. The remaining two have been repositioned on several occasions to different locations in attempts to preserve the amenity for visitors to enjoy and at the same time discourage abuse of the facility by those of a rather less well-disposed character. We failed in our attempts. Indeed, the benches became a meeting point for those intent on vandalism, drink, and drugs. Recently, the benches became sleepover points and the grounds used for toileting. Our security CCTV cameras and recorder failed technically when vandalism of a parked car took place, at about the same time, drunken miscreants were enjoying the use of the benches. Yes, the police have become involved, and we are actively looking at the whole issue of security and personal safety. In the meantime, we have relocated the benches to another place outside the churchyard while we seek a solution that enables safe and secure seating to be re-established for visitors to the memorial beds.

Jo and Andrew

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The APCM for St John's will be held in the church on Sunday, 5th May after the 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion. This is an opportunity for everyone who attends the church to look at the finances, activities and worship for 2023. All are welcome to attend however only those who are on our Electoral Roll can vote, if there are any issues to vote on.

We have one space for a Deanery Synod Rep and three spaces for PCC Members for this year. If you would like to be considered for either of these positions you will need to fill in a form and ask someone to support your nomination. Forms are available at the back of the church and, once filled in, should be returned to the office. Please speak to Andrew or Jo if you would like any further information. The annual report for St John's will be available on request soon. Please let Sharon know if you would like a copy emailed to you. There will be some paper copies available in church if you don't have email.

Finally, if you have any questions to raise at the meeting during 'Any Other Business' please could you email these to Sharon by Thursday 2nd May.

Thank you.