Welcome





24th December to 7th January

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.

Christmas and New Year Services

Holy Communion (4th Sunday of Advent)

Presiding Reverend Colin Simpson

Readings Romans 16.25-27

Gospel: Luke 1.26- 38

Organist Ian Carson

Hymns (620) The angel Gabriel from heaven came, (475) Of

the Father's love begotten, (612) Tell out, my Soul

Holy Communion (Midnight Mass)

Presiding Reverend Colin Simpson

Readings Hebrews 1.1-4

Gospel: John 1.1-14

Organist Ian Carson

Hymns (506) Once in royal David's city, (580) Silent night,

(468) O come, all ye faithful (not v4)

Holy Communion (Christmas Day)

Presiding Reverend Colin Simpson

Readings Titus 2.11-14

Gospel: Luke 2.1-14

Organist Richard Stephens

Hymns (53) Away in a manger, (130) Ding dong, merrily on

high!, (250) Hark, the herald-angels sing,

(227) Good Christians all, rejoice

Holy Communion (1st Sunday of Christmas)

Presiding Reverend Canon Stephen Bowen

Readings Isaiah 61.10-62.3

Gospel: Luke 2.15-21

Organist Ian Carson

Hymns (323) It came upon the midnight clear, (229) Good

King Wenceslas, (213) God rest you merry, gentlefolk

Holy Communion (Epiphany)

Presiding Reverend Colin Simpson

Readings Ephesians 3.1-12

Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12

Organist Ian Carson

Hymns (537) O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,

(318) In the bleak mid-winter, (709) We three kings

Prayer



Please pray for

Richard Elloway
Betty Bennett
David Mills
Lucy Norris
Polly Baker

Pat Short

Jeanette Tucker

Rest in peace

Pamela Elloway

Pamela's funeral will take place at 1.30 p.m. at St John's on Monday 8th January.

What's on each 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.

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Talking Cafe Please note not on 26th Dec and 2nd Jan – returns on 9th Jan.

Wednesday

Babies & Toddlers Please note not on 27th Dec and 3rd Jan – returns on 10th Jan.

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.

Friday

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

Coming Up

Tuesday 16th January

PCC meeting 7.00 p.m. in the church

Thursday 1st February

Deanery Synod meeting 7.00 p.m. in the hall

Friday 2nd February

Candlemas Evensong 6.30 p.m. in the church

Come and Sing Evensong

You are invited to a Candlemas Evensong on Friday 2nd February 6.30 p.m. here at St John's.

There will be the opportunity to sing an appointed Psalm, Preces and Responses and share in the singing of the Canticles and seasonal hymns. A choral group of experienced singers will provide the Anthem and join in the singing throughout. The format will be that from the Book of Common Prayer (1662). The service will be conducted by Reverend Colin Simpson. Everyone is welcome including family, friends, persons from other churches and strangers to Evensong.

It would be good to have many of the congregation familiar with the music of the Preces and Responses, the Psalm, Magnificat and hymns. To that end we will be holding rehearsals as follows:

* Sunday 28th January 2.30 - 4.00 p.m. and * Friday 2nd February 5.00 - 6.00 p.m. (Evensong at 6.30 p.m.)

If you are hoping to be with us on Friday 2nd February, could you please register your interest by signing the clip board sheet at the back of the church during the next two weeks. This will help us to print enough copies of words and music in time for the first rehearsal on Sunday 28th January.

Speak with Andrew or Jo if you require further details.

JW3

John Walker of JW3 has given us the great news that £400 was raised towards St John's church funds and the S.U.R.E charity bucket raised £120.85 at their concert on Saturday. Thank you to everyone who supported this!

John Elder

John's family thought that the congregation would like to know that he has recently moved into Dunkirk Memorial House at Bishops Lydeard.