





24th to 30th September 2023

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 (16th Sunday after Trinity)

Presiding	Reverend David Burton
Readings	Philippians 1: 21 - 30 Gospel: Matthew 20: 1 - 16
Organist Hymns	Ian Carson(141) Father hear the prayer we offer(550) Praise my soul(675) Through all the changing scenes of life
Interessions	lana Evall

Intercessions Jane Exell

Prayer



Please pray for

Pamela & Richard Elloway Betty Bennett Barry Salter John Massey David Mills Lucy Norris

10radio's Home Service

This week: We welcome David Rhodes, Lay Reader for the Deane Vale benefice, whose theme is about Thanksgiving and re-dedication – two prominent themes which, at the moment, feature strongly in the village of Cotford St Luke where he resides. The programme can be heard any time via 10radio's Listen Again service on <u>www.10radio.org</u>

Next Wednesday: Our act of worship will be led by John Salter representing the Churches Together in Wellington group. This Home Service act of worship can be heard 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

Sunday

Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.

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.

A Dress Rehearsal for the Licensing Service 6.00 p.m. For ALL those who have a role to play before and during the service.

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. Yoga class in the hall 7.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

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.

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

Friday

Race Night 7.30 p.m. in West Buckland village hall. Tickets £5 to include supper, available from the Churchwardens, Tracey 07824 516615 or Colin 07753 146191.

Saturday

Cleaning and making tidy in preparation for the Licensing Service.

Coming Up

Thursday 5th October 7 p.m.

Service for licensing the Reverend Colin Simpson

Vicar of St John the Baptist and St Mary the Virgin.

ALL church members are warmly invited. Your presence in numbers will be much appreciated and give Colin huge amounts of spiritual encouragement. Thank you.

Those attending the service are asked to be seated before 6.45 p.m. Saturday 28th October

St John's Coffee morning 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. in the church hall.

Upcoming Events at West Buckland

Saturday 28th October

St Mary's Autumn Fair 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. in the village hall.

Harvest Lunch Saturday 23rd

"All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above"

The Harvest Lunch takes place between 12 noon and 2 p.m. this coming SATURDAY. A choice of four hot soups, home-made puddings, and drinks will be available. Made and brought together by a wonderful team of church members, the lunch is FREE and open to people of the general community as well as church members. We do ask you to obtain a tick from Judith Defour to assist in estimating numbers. Thank you

Cleaning for the Licensing Service

Can you help to give the church a good clean in preparation for the Licensing Service? We are hoping to get a team of volunteers together to tidy-up the church on SATURDAY, 30th September. The task of cleaning will start at 11 a.m. and finish about 2.30 p.m. If you can help us for some of that time, please speak to Jo Leigh or Andrew Maddocks. It's suggested that cleaners bring a snack and we all have a meal break at 1 p.m. Cleaning materials will be provided. Many thanks.

Volunteering your support for the Working Groups

PLEASE, PLEASE consider volunteering some of your time to helping the church's six Working Groups. There are those in our church community who give regularly of their time to improve the looks, facilities and running of the church that we are all privileged to share. There are those who reach out to the needs of other members of the wider community with hospitality activities in this church. Will you help them a little? As an occasional volunteer you are always in control of how much time you can give. You can be part of our 'reserve force' or be part of a regular team, it is up to you. There may be limitations for your physical ability to help, but there is no restriction placed on your imagination and creativity. This church belongs to ALL of God's people. The church is for ALL time, not just Sunday worship. Thank you.

General information sheets and reply slips are available from the Churchwardens, Stewards, and the back of the church.

British Sign Language sessions

Lay Chaplain for the Deaf, Diane Donohue, is providing BSL tuition sessions in the church hall. The first one will be on Monday, 2nd October at 6.00 p.m. and will continue every Monday at the same time. This will be charged at £5 per session, please see Diane for more details.