

# Welcome



***7<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> September***

## **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 7<sup>th</sup> September** (12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity)

*Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.*

**Presiding** Reverend Colin Simpson

**Readings** Philemon 1-21

Gospel: Luke 14.25-33

**Organist** Richard Stephens

**Hymns** (22) All people that on earth do dwell

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

(238) Great is thy faithfulness

## **Prayer**

*Please pray for*

John Harmsworth

David Mills

Mary Nickerson

Ann Everett

Valerie Nuttall

Jean Kinch

Shirley Rayson

Diana Smith

Polly Baker

Jeanette Tucker

Christine Hayes



*Rest in peace*

Elizabeth Wilkinson

## **West Buckland Services**

This is the usual pattern of services at St Mary's, West Buckland. All are welcome.

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month

Lay-led Morning Worship at 11.00 a.m.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month

Holy Communion at 11.00 a.m.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month

Join St John's Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m.

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month

Holy Communion at 11.00 a.m.

## What's on this week

### **Sunday**

*Holy Communion* 9.30 a.m.

### **Tuesday**

*Talking Cafe* 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Supported by CCS, Village Agents and Waitrose

*Slimming World* in the hall 6.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.

### **Wednesday**

*Morning Prayer at St Mary's, West Buckland* at 9.00 a.m.

*Wednesday Sings* 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the hall

*Slimming World* in the hall 4.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

### **Thursday**

*BCP Communion* 10.00 a.m. with Reverend Ian Brierley

### **Saturday**

*Men's Breakfast* 9.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. in the hall

## Coming Up

### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

*NCT Group* 9.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. in the hall

### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

*Blackdown Community Choir* return to weekly rehearsal in church 7.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

### **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

*Chen Pure Harmony Sound Bath* 3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. in the hall

### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

*NCT Group* 9.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. in the hall

### **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September**

*Armed Forces Outreach Service* 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. in the hall

### **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

*Prayer for the Parish* 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. in the church

### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

*NCT Group* 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the hall (final Sunday booking for this year)

## Colin Randall 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination

You might remember Reverend Colin Randall who used to be Incumbent at St John's. He would like you to know that he'll be celebrating the 50th anniversary of his ordination on Sunday September 28, by taking the 10 am service at St Peter's Budleigh Salterton, The Lawn, EX9 6LT. If anybody wants to join him on that day, they would be very welcome, or otherwise please keep in him in your prayers.

## The View from the Rectory

We are creatures of habit. We like to do familiar things at regular times. We meet a friend for coffee, go to the cricket, tennis, or football in season, we do our food shop, the household chores, read our books and listen to our music, we have favourite programmes on the radio or television, and of course we 'do our social media'. All these activities provide a framework around which we build our individual lives. But where do we put God? We come to services in church, we join in with social and fundraising activities, perhaps we attend a Lent group, but do we praise Him – in George Herbert's beautiful phrase – "seven whole days not one in seven"?

Our modern lives, whether we are working or retired, looking after children or on our own, are amazingly busy. To a great extent, this business is influenced by what our society wants from us, how the people around us want us to be, but if we are not careful, this can soon become all about us and what we want. Once we let our ego have full rein, God finds it hard to get a look in; in fact, we *Edge God Out*.

This is where a "rule of life" comes in. Not rule as in a book of rules that we might use playing golf or football, but more like a ruler, something we measure ourselves against to see how we are doing fulfilling the promises we have made to ourselves. When we have this sort of rule of life in place, we have that trellis or framework to build our lives around (made up of all the things that are important to us) which will support us in the journey we call life, just as a trellis supports a rose or clematis as it grows. If we include in this framework those things, like reading the bible, prayers, and works of charity, that draw us closer to God so that, through a closer walk with Him, He may mould us to become the person He created us to be, and we can find all the business and distractions fall away and we can become more and more aware of God as He walks alongside us and supports us in our life journey.

A group of us, under the name of the Community of Christ the Cornerstone, are exploring how we might develop a basic framework for us and our churches to help us grow. We meet at 7pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month in St John's. September's meeting is on 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you are interested, come and join us.

Some of us are looking at what faith means to us and are reading together a book by John-Francis Friendship called "The Mystery of Faith". This looks at the creeds and how they apply to our lives. This group meets on the third Sunday of the Month, again in St John's at 4pm. September's meeting is on 21<sup>st</sup>. All are welcome, no question too silly. We have two regular times of prayer. Each Wednesday morning in St Mary's, West Buckland, a group meets to say morning prayer at 9am. All Welcome. This welcome applies to the monthly "Prayer for the Parishes" that happens from 9am to 11am on the last Saturday of the month in St John's. In September, we will meet on 27<sup>th</sup>.

Finally, please pray for the five people from our congregations who are preparing for Confirmation in Wells Cathedral on 18<sup>th</sup> October. The service is open to all, and it would be lovely to see a good number join in supporting our newest members make this commitment to God.

Every Blessing, *Colin*