

St John the Evangelist

Signpost Weekly

Trinity 5 1st July 2018

Dear Friends,

It is a real pleasure to welcome Dan and his family today. Dan and I have already begun to get to know each other on a number of pre-curacy meetings. We have discovered a similar sense of humour (sorry!!). It is a special delight to be with Dan at his ordination this morning as it is 25 years ago that I was ordained on 3rd July 1993. There may be some years of experience I can share with Dan, but I am also looking forward to his fresh ideas.

Rev Preb Sharon



DAN, SARAH & MARTHA - WELCOME!

Congratulations to Reverend Dan Crouch ordained Deacon in Wells cathedral this morning at 10.30am.

We welcome Dan, his wife Sarah and daughter Martha to St John's today.

Please do stay to meet them and share in our celebration with a buffet supper after this service as we give them a typical warm welcome to Highbridge.

Introducing Dan, Sarah & Martha



Dan, Sarah and Martha Crouch are excited about joining St John the Evangelist church in Highbridge. Both Dan and Sarah grew up in Keynsham and met in the choir at St John the Baptist Church. Dan was the youth worker there for eleven years (2005-2016) before following God's call to ordination and training over the last two years at Trinity College, Bristol. Dan is a big sports fan, enjoying football, cricket and rugby; his football team is Manchester United. He also enjoys reading and sharing a glass or two of whisky with friends.

Sarah has worked for the last eight years as a public-sector Auditor for Grant Thornton in Bristol. The Bristol office covers a large portion of the South West, so she can continue working by adopting clients nearer Highbridge. Sarah enjoys spending time with friends, problem solving, sewing and singing.

Martha is sixteen months old, born in February 2017, and is a bundle of energy. She is excited to get to know a new church community and making friends at Churchfield Nursery. We are delighted that God has called us to minister alongside you all and look forward to the future in faith and trust.



COLLECTS AND READINGS

1st July Trinity 5

Readings: 2 Corinthians 8.7-15; Mark 5.21-43

Collect: Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion:

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

8th July Trinity 6

Readings: 2 Corinthians 12.2-10; Mark 6.1-13

Collect: Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion: God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Pastoral Prayers



Baptisms

3rd June Billie-Mae Green

"May they grow in the faith into which they have been baptised"

Marriages

"May their love for each other grow and deepen"

26th May Cherylyn Purnell & Anthony Finka

2nd June Jamie-Lee Reilly & Lawrence Webb

Funerals

"Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord"

14th June Michael Hicks (84)

Those in need of our prayers:

Margaret Moyle, Hazel, Betty Montgomery, Stevie, Betty Player, Josie Dolan

We pray for those who have recently died and their loved ones who grieve their loss.

Years Mind:

Lawrence Lillycrop, Pamela Lawrence, Jane Brown

PRAYER FOCUS

Sunday:

For all those recently ordained

Monday:

For the place you are spending your time today

Tuesday:

For the people you meet today

Wednesday:

For those discerning a call to ministry

Thursday:

For the service & BBQ preparations

Friday:

For those about to begin training for ministry

Saturday:

For those to be commissioned as lay ministers

PCC

The PCC will be meeting on 24th July. We shall be looking ahead and thinking about the shape of the year to come. If you have any ideas for social activities, special services, fund raising events and projects you would like to see us tackle as a church community please speak to either Rev Sharon, Chris Perry (Church warden) or Shirley Vickery-Mills PCC Secretary. You can also toss around a few ideas with Rev Dan (but be gentle he's only just arrived!).

Family service & BBQ



Keep your fingers crossed for a gorgeous sunny day on Sunday 8th July as we are intending to have our 9.30am family service outside on the lawn!

It will be followed by our annual barbecue and games. This is a chance to bring family/friends/neighbours to share in some fun and fellowship. There is (another!) sign-up sheet in church if you are able to supply a salad or pudding to have alongside the meaty stuff - veggie options will be available – please let us know. Donations will be gratefully accepted on the day. Please bring your own drinks.



MUSIC MARATHON

What a fabulous day! - we hope you enjoyed the varied music from performers at our Marathon who gave up their time to entertain us and our very grateful thanks go to them all. Huge thanks also to Liz Davies who co-ordinated all the musicians and timetabling over several months, to Ollie Davies, Harvey and Ieuan for setting up all the staging and equipment and to all who helped with various tasks on the day.

With generous donations, sale of refreshments and the revenue from the Draw tickets, we managed to raise a whopping £1055.88 Thank you to you all.



Deanery & Diocesan News

ZAMBIA LINK To continue the celebrations of the 40th birthday link with Zambia, there is a thanksgiving service at Wells cathedral on Saturday 14th July at 2.30pm, followed by a picnic in the grounds of the Bishop's Palace – all welcome. Visiting Zambian bishops and clergy will be speaking at services in Bath Abbey, Backwell, Frome, Minehead, Taunton & Wellington.

For more information see: www.bathandwells.org.uk/zambia40

PREACHING IN WELLS CATHEDRAL – Sunday 29th July 3pm. Preacher: Our very own Rev Preb Sharon on the topic of “patience” (!). St John's is invited to a tour of the Cathedral before the service at about 2pm. Please sign up to let us know if you can make it.

DEANERY EVENSONG Sunday 8th July 5pm, Holy Cross church, Mark. To include the commissioning of new Lay Worship Assistants (four from St Johns). **YOU ARE ALL VERY WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.**

CALENDAR

Who's Who at St John's:

Vicar: Rev'd Preb Sharon Crossman 789290

Associate Priest: Rev'd Tonya Nixon 793950

Training Curate: Rev'd Dan Crouch no. TBC

Churchwarden: Chris Perry 783753

- Sun 1st 10am Service at St Peter's West Huntspill
6pm Welcome service for Dan**
- Tues 3rd 10.00am Toddler Group in church hall
7.30pm Churches Together AGM & Social, St Andrews, B-o-S
- Wed 4th 9.30am Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall
- Thurs 5th 10.30am Little Angels in church hall
- Sat 7th 10.30am Visiting bell ringers
- Sun 8th 8am Said Communion 9.30am Family Communion followed by Family BBQ**
- Tues 10th 10.00am Toddler Group in church hall – last session before Summer Holiday break
- Wed 11th 9.30am Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall
- Thurs 12th 10.30am Little Angels in church hall – last session before Summer Holiday break
- Sat 14th 2.30pm Thanksgiving service for Bath & Wells / Zambian link in Wells cathedral,
followed by picnic in grounds of Bishop's Palace
- Sun 15th 9am Said Communion 3pm Shorter Communion followed by tea**
- Wed 18th 9.30am Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall
- Friday 20th School Services in morning
- Sat 21st 4.00pm Renewal of vows
- Sun 22nd 8am Said Communion 9.30am Sung Communion
5pm Creative Worship**
- Tues 24th 7.30pm PCC meeting in hall
- Wed 27th 9.30am Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall
- Sun 29th 10am Team Service at St John's Noon Baptism
3pm Rev Preb Sharon Crossman preaching in Wells cathedral**

APEX FAMILY FUN DAY

**Wednesday 1st August
10am till 4pm**

This year we shall have a story tent at the family fun day. A small group of volunteers from local churches will be reading stories and having fun with simple craft activities.

If you are taking children or grandchildren along, do come and find us.



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