

St John the Evangelist
3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Signpost Weekly
20th January 2019

Dear Friends,

This Sunday we are invited to a Jewish wedding and experience the abundance of God's love as water is turned into the most extraordinary wine. God takes the ordinary and creates the extraordinary. Next Sunday, we walk with the Jewish Community and others who were exterminated during the holocaust. Let us never forget. Let us rather celebrate our diversity and welcome the difference. For we are all brothers and sisters and children of the same God.

Rev Preb Sharon



CHURCHFIELD BREAKFAST CLUB

Supporting families in Highbridge

We are seeking volunteers who could help serve a simple breakfast in school. This is to ensure children have a good start to the day as part of "Magic breakfast scheme".

Could you offer one morning a week, or even just once a month, 8.10am -8.40am

(All food provided.... It's only serving!)



To offer your support and help please contact Rev Sharon

sharon.crossman@btopenworld.com 07712 117721

Sharon will pass your details on to Churchfield School.

The scheme begins on 28th Jan, so do please get in touch soon.

But don't worry if it's after as we shall always be looking for new volunteers.

THANK YOU

There are varieties of gifts, there are varieties of service, there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone 1 Cor 12:4-6

WE SHALL BE MAKING A COLLECTION FOR REVEREND TONYA NIXON WHO LEAVES THE TEAM ON SUNDAY 24TH FEBRUARY. THIS WILL GO TOWARDS A GIFT TOKEN TO SUPPORT TONYA IN HER NEW MINISTRY IN THE DIOCESE OF BRISTOL

COLLECTS AND READINGS

20th January Epiphany 3 Readings: Isaiah 62.1-5; 1 Corinthians 12.1-11; John 2.1-11

Collect: God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to raise our Lord.

Post Communion: Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

27th January Epiphany 4 Readings: Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a; Luke 4.14-21

Collect: God of heaven, you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion: Generous Lord, in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love: help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Our Pastoral Prayers



To include somebody on this prayer list please let Shirley in the office know by lunchtime on Thursday, making sure the person you wish to be included wants their name in print.

Baptisms: We pray for parents, godparents and those preparing to be baptised.

Those in need of our prayers:

Margaret Moyle, Hazel, Betty Montgomery, Betty Player, Christine Marston, Val & George Crawford Maureen & Ian Thompson

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

Gladys Harwood, Anne Jackson

Those whose anniversary falls this week:

George Dickson, Barbara Reed

PRAYER FOCUS

Sunday:

Give thanks for the moments that make you stop and think

Monday:

For the long commute at the start of the working week

Tuesday:

For Bishop Peter and Bishop Ruth as they lead this diocese

Wednesday:

For those whose only home is a friend's sofa

Thursday:

For our uniformed organisations who seek to support our young people

Friday:

For the bereaved and the lonely

Saturday:

For refugees and those who seek to leave places of persecution

Deanery Confirmation on Thurs 27th June.

Please speak to Rev Sharon if you are interested in being confirmed this year.

Holocaust Memorial Day

Baptism Friends

Your Church Needs you!

Baptism welcomes individuals of all ages from our community into God's local family in Highbridge.

Baptisms are often attended by a large proportion of people who would not normally come to church who appreciate a good, friendly welcome and help.

We are seeking people who would be pleased to join our team of friends who represent the church at our services of baptism.

If you could help, or would like to know more, please speak to Rev Dan



Join the gathering on Sunday 27th January at noon for a short act of remembrance and to lay candles around the Frank Foley Memorial outside Highbridge Community Hall.

As we give thanks and pledge never to forget

STAMPS, JARS, CARDS?.....

If you haven't thrown out all those Christmas cards yet, please bring in to the office/hall/church, along with any old Birthday/Anniversary/Get Well cards for Pat's ongoing recycling of cards for our funds. She would also be very grateful for any jam jars for her preserve making – also a popular fundraiser.

ARCHDEACONRY DAYS

Wells Archdeaconry Day is on Monday 11 February 2019, 1.30pm - 4.30pm

Holy Trinity Frome BA11 3DE
MORE INFO ON NOTICE BOARD
(OR VIA EMAIL)

Churches Together: worship and table tennis

Christian Unity Service TONIGHT (20th Jan)

At the Roman Catholic Church in Burnham-on-Sea at 6.30pm. After the service there will be a shared supper, please take a contribution to the refreshments i.e. cold finger food. Coffee/tea and soft drinks will be supplied.

Neil Olson is hoping to form a **church team of table tennis** players to join the really friendly third division league. (All ages!!) We take the gospel to the people in a whole new way! Give Neil a call: 01278 765953 or email: no1@myphone.coop

200 club subscriptions are now due. Want to know more?.... please speak to Ian Chedzey.

CHARITY COFFEE MONEY
Please suggest a charity on noticeboard in church.

JANUARY 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	325194
Churchwarden: Chris Perry	783753

Sun 20th 9am Said Communion 3pm Shorter Communion followed by tea

4pm Baptism Friends meeting in church

Tues 22nd 10am Toddlers in church hall

Wed 23rd 9.30am Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall

Thurs 24th 10.30am Little Angels in church hall

Sun 27th 8am Said Communion 9.30am ****Probably Service of the Word**
Noon Holocaust memorial Highbridge Hall

Tues 29th 10am Toddlers in church hall

7.30pm Outlook meeting in vicarage

Wed 30th 9.30am Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall

Thurs 31st 10.30am Little Angels in church hall

FEBRUARY

Sat 2nd 10.30am Christian Aid AGM Burnham Methodist church, followed by soup lunch

2pm Deanery Synod – see poster below

Sun 3rd 8am Said Communion 9.30am Communion 5pm Blessing of light service for Candlemas

**3pm Celebration of life for Martin Kleiff at Burnham Baptist church

Tues 5th 10am Toddlers in church hall

Wed 6th 9.30am Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall

Thurs 7th 10.30am Little Angels in church hall

Sat 9th 10am Rainbows in hall

Sun 10th 8am Said Communion 9.30am Family Communion

The next Axbridge Deanery Gathering

2.00-4.15pm on Sat 2nd February 2019
Wedmore Village Hall, BS28 4EQ

Communicating our story

with Gillian Buzzard

Head of Diocesan
Communication Team



This meeting is open to anyone who would like to attend. It will be especially relevant for administrators, webmasters, magazine editors etc.

To submit an article for the Signpost Weekly please e-mail
office@stjohnshighbridge.org.uk or leave a message on
01278 780633 by 8am on Thursday

Parish office opening hours:

Weds 8am-2pm Thurs 8am-10am Fri 8am -noon

Please ring in advance