

St John the Evangelist

Signpost Weekly

Trinity 21

21st October 2018

Dear Friends,

This year Liz and Dan are working hard on a Light Party as a fun alternative to trick or treating. We've nothing against Halloween as a bit of fun and I expect we'll have a few witches and skeletons turning up on the 31st..... but we wanted to emphasise the positive aspect of the light against the darkness. If you are in contact with any families with primary aged children do suggest to them that they might like to join the party – however for catering purposes please ensure they book in advance – see below. And I wanted to thank Olga especially for our wonderful autumn harvest flowers - they really have looked stunning. Rev Preb Sharon Crossman



Spread the word.....

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 31 2018



JOIN US FOR A

**MESSY LIGHT
PARTY**

5PM -7PM
ST JOHN'S CHURCH,
HIGHBRIDGE

GAMES, CRAFTS AND FOOD
FOR PRIMARY AGED CHILDREN
ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

TICKETS: £2 PER CHILD, £1 PER ADULT, FAMILY £5
EMAIL REVDANCROUCH@GMAIL.COM OR CALL 01278
780633 TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE

COLLECTS AND READINGS

21st October Trinity 21 Readings: Isaiah 53:4-end; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark10:35-45

Collect: Almighty God, in whose service lies perfect freedom: teach us to obey you with loving hearts and steadfast wills; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion: Father of light, in whom is no change or shadow of turning, you give us every good and perfect gift and have brought us to birth by your word of truth: may we be a living sign of that kingdom where your whole creation will be made perfect in Jesus Christ our Lord.

28th October Bible Sunday Readings: Is 55:1-11, 2 Tim 3:14 – 4:5, John 5:36b – end

Collect: Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion:

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

PRAYER FOCUS

Sunday:

Pray for your needs today

Monday:

Pray today for all commuters, especially those working away from home Monday – Friday

Tuesday:

For The Toddler Group, Little Angels & The Messy Light Party

Wednesday:

For those who need the Foodbank and those who volunteer

Thursday:

The clubs and societies you belong to

Friday:

For your home and your family; near and far

Saturday:

*For Apex Park and the Park Run
A place of laughter and fun*

Our Pastoral Prayers

To include somebody on this prayer list please let Rev Sharon 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, Stevie, Betty Player, Christine Marston

For those who have died

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

Those whose anniversary falls this week:

Gerald (John) Barton,

Messy Light Party

Wednesday 31st October

5-7pm

Church Hall

GAMES, CRAFTS AND FOOD aimed at 3-11's ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

TICKETS: £2 per child, £5 per family, £1 per adult (*as food will be provided for the adults*)

To book: EMAIL REVDANCROUCH@GMAIL.COM

OR CALL 01278 780633, and leave a message

Harvest Supper

Thank you to all who contributed in anyway to this years Harvest Supper and games night.

Christmas Choir

Fancy joining our Occasional choir this Christmas?

We are hoping to gather together for our Carol service on Sunday 16th December at 5pm.

Please let Shirley know if you are able to join us by **Friday 26th October**.

ALL SOULS SERVICE

Our "All Souls" service this year will be held on Sunday 28th October at 5pm. This is an opportunity to remember those with whom we have ministered through our funeral ministry over the past year.

If there is anyone you would like to be remembered by name, please add their name to the list at the back of church.



Shoebox appeal – Operation Christmas Child

Only 3 weeks until our shoeboxes are dedicated, so please start thinking about making up a box with family/friends/groups you belong to. As many of you are aware, we have been supporting the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal for many years. Please see the details in church for what to pack in the boxes – or contact Shirley in the office for details via email.

If you'd rather not go shopping for different items to pack inside a box, why not start knitting toys, scarves or gloves (patterns available) or, if you are handy with a sewing machine, maybe you could make up some cloth bags to pop inside the boxes for the precious goodies to be kept safe and tidy when the shoebox has given up under the strain of its journey. Please remember that hand knitted stuffed toys are no longer permitted and any bought stuffed toys should have a CE label.

CALENDAR

OCTOBER

Sun 21st 9am Said Communion

3pm Communion & Tea

Tues 23rd 10.00am Toddler group in church hall

Wed 24th 9.30am Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall

Thurs 25th 10.30am Little Angels in church hall

7.30pm NO Pilgrim Course tonight

Sun 28th 8am Said Communion 9.30am Sung Communion

5pm All Souls service

Tues 30th Toddler group on Half Term break

7.30pm Baptism Preparation

Wed 31st 9.30am Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank
Listening Place in church hall

5-7pm Messy Church 'Light Party'

NOVEMBER

Thurs 1st Little Angels on Half Term break

7.30pm Pilgrim Course

Sun 4th 8am Said Communion 9.30am Sung Communion 3pm Baptism

Please note no Toddler group on 6th Nov..... as it is the day after carnival and schools are off

Tues 6th 7.30pm OUTLOOK group in Vicarage

Wed 7th 9.30am Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall

Thurs 8th 10.30am Little Angels

7.30pm Pilgrim Course in Vicarage

Sun 11th 8am Said Communion 9.30am Family Communion (SHOEBOXES)

11am Remembrance at Southwell Gardens 3pm Civic Service for Remembrance

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

CALLING ALL KNITTERS.....

Have you got your candle knitting pattern?..... we need hundreds knitted by the end of Nov, ready for distribution before the Christmas Fair!! Patterns available from church, hall and office



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

ANSWER PHONE ONLY AT PRESENT TIME

The office is currently closed until further notice