

St John the Evangelist

Signpost Weekly

Trinity 17

23rd September 2018

Dear Friends,

Just around the corner is harvest.... Do buy your Harvest Supper tickets very very soon! Our service is on 14th October, when we shall once again collect for our local foodbank. We have been reminded this year, of how hard our farmers work, and how precarious the job of growing our food, as yields are low due to hot and dry summer. But also, now, how farmers in the Philippines and elsewhere have been devastated by floods and landslides. Harvest may seem an old-fashioned festival in 2018 – but there is absolutely nothing old fashioned about our total reliance on our land and seas for all the gifts.... Rev Preb Sharon Crossman



Pilgrim Course

A scenic photograph of a river flowing over large, mossy rocks, creating a small waterfall. The water is clear and the surrounding area is lush with greenery.

Your next step?

Find out more about the Christian faith

pilgrim

A COURSE FOR THE CHRISTIAN JOURNEY

The next six-week Pilgrim course will be Thursday evenings from 11th October led by Rev Dan and will explore The Bible.

Please add your name to the list.

COLLECTS AND READINGS

23rd September Trinity 17 **Readings:** Jeremiah 11.18-20; James 3.13-4.3, 7-8a; Mark 9.30-37

Collect: Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion: Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

30th September Trinity 18 **TEAM SERVICE at WEST HUNTSPILL, 10am**

7th October Trinity 19 **Readings:** Genesis 2:11-18, Heb 1:1-4; 2:5-12, Mark 10:2-16

Collect: Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion: Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Pastoral Prayers



Baptisms

We pray for parents, godparents and those preparing to be baptised. For Oakley, to be baptised today.

We also continue to pray for Cherylyn & Anthony following their recent confirmation.

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.

Michael Biddiscombe, Angelina Leyshon

Those whose anniversary falls 23rd Sep - 6th Oct:

Sharon James, Desmond (Peter) Dyer, Bob Taylor, Anne (Dulci) Bowles, Ernest Dicks, Wendy Conibeer, Susan Loxton

PRAYER FOCUS

Sunday:

Find five minutes today to pause and be still.....

Monday:

Give thanks today for our ongoing relationship with Churchfield and pray for all the families engaged in this community

Tuesday:

Think of someone who "works behind the scenes" and pray for them today

Wednesday:

Pray for those who are struggling with their mental health

Thursday:

Think of all the uniformed youth organisations of our owns and pray for their leaders

Friday:

For all caught up in the recent storms

Saturday:

Today, pray for the people who live in your street

Harvest supper & Games

Friday 12th October

Come and join us for some fun games and a traditional harvest supper of Cheese /Ham Ploughman's. Games start at 6.30pm, followed by supper and then more games! An evening of fun & fellowship for all.

Tickets available £5 from Pat Burge or from the office.



Foodbank

I have been informed by organisers of the local Foodbank to ask for the following items which are commonly in need of replenishing their stock if/when you are thinking of donating as part of our Harvest celebrations on 14th October:

UHT milk, tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, tinned custard, tinned tomatoes, pasta sauce, sugar.

Please **NO** baked beans – they have plenty!

TO BOOK A TABLE...

Please contact Liz:

lizdavies76@sky.com

£10 per table plus raffle prize please



**Come and sell your wares..... or come along and buy
(maybe do some early Christmas shopping!)**

Shoebox appeal

It may be only September, but I've already heard of those who have finished their Christmas shopping – so I don't feel too bad about bringing up the subject already!

As many of you are aware, we have been supporting the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal for many years and we are hoping to do so again this year. 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

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

SEPTEMBER

Sun 23rd 8am Said Communion 9.30am Sung Communion 11.30am Baptism

Tues 25th 10.00am Toddler group in church hall

Wed 26th 9.30am Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall

Thurs 27th 10.30am Little Angels in church hall

Sun 30th 10am TEAM SERVICE at West Huntspill (NO services at St John's today)

Tues 2nd 10.00am Toddler group in church hall

Wed 3rd 9.30am Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall

Thur 4th 10.30am Little Angels in church hall

Sun 7th 8am Said Communion 9.30am Sung Communion

****Burnham Half Marathon. Please be aware of road closures that morning**

Tues 9th 10.00am Toddler group in church hall

7.30pm PCC meeting

Wed 10th 9.30am Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall

Thurs 11th 10.30am Little Angels in church hall

7.30pm Pilgrim Course see sign-up sheet

Fri 12th 7.30pm Harvest Supper & Games

Sat 13th 8.30am Men's Breakfast

Sun 14th 8am Said Communion 9.30am HARVEST Family Communion

Tues 16th 10.00am Toddler group in church hall

7.00pm Deanery Synod – St Andrew's Burnham on Sea – exploring Lay Ministry – all welcome

Wed 17th 9.30am Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall

Thurs 18th 10.30am Little Angels in church hall

7.30m Pilgrim Course

Sat 20th 10.00am Craft Fair

Sun 21st 9am Said Communion 3pm Communion & Tea

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