

St John the Evangelist

Signpost Weekly

Candlemas

3rd February 2019

Dear Friends,

Congratulations to Sarah, Dan and Martha as they welcome Phoebe Ella to their family. Dan will be spending time with his growing family over the next couple of weeks and will be on light duties for the rest of February, in the parish that is, he'll be running around exhausted most of the time looking after his girls. Keep them all in your prayers. The photo on the right is not of bonny Phoebe, just a cute image I found online, I'll leave Dan and Sarah to share the photos of Phoebe themselves!

Rev Preb Sharon

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. Luke 2:40



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 was put back one week and starts tomorrow!!!!

We still need 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

COLLECTION FOR REVEREND TONYA NIXON. HER LEAVING SERVICE IN THE VILLAGES IS AT 10AM IN WEST HUNTPSILL ON SUNDAY 24TH FEBRUARY. THERE WILL STILL BE A 9.30AM SERVICE HERE THAT DAY, BUT DO PLEASE ATTEND TONYA'S SERVICE IF YOU CAN AND THE REST OF US WILL JOIN YOU LATER!

COLLECTS AND READINGS

3rd February Presentation of Christ in the Temple Readings: Malachi 3.1-5; Hebrews 2.14-end; Luke 2.22-40

Collect: Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God.

Post Communion: Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

10th Feb. 4th Sunday before Lent

Collect: Lord of the hosts of heaven, our salvation and our strength, without you we are lost: guard us from all that harms or hurts and raise us when we fall; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion: Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Pastoral Prayers



To include somebody on this prayer list please let Shirley in the office know by 8am 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.

Those whose anniversary falls this week:

Jean Cox, Frederick Diment, Jean Cross, Leslie Diment, Gordon Norris

PRAYER FOCUS

Sunday:

Give thanks today for the gift of life

Monday:

For all those in curacy and those training for ordination

Tuesday:

For Churchfield School as the breakfast project gets off the ground

Wednesday:

For those worried about how to keep their homes warm

Thursday:

For the work of Christian Aid

Friday:

Pray today for the Diocesan Youth Ministry Team and for our own vision of work amongst young people, especially the youth bus project

Saturday:

For rest and refreshment



Deanery Confirmation on Thurs 27th June.

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

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

Christian Aid Collection

I am looking for volunteers to assist with this year's collection on Friday 22nd February at TESCO.

I shall know definite times soon, but we usually do this from 9am till 6pm. This is a "Churches Together" exercise, but St John's has been rather under represented of late and if at all possible it would be good to redress the balance; so, if you are able to help for an hour, pairing up with a friend, that would be really good.

Many Thanks
Rev Sharon

STAMPS, JARS, CARDS

Please continue to bring in to the office/hall/church, 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.

Churches Together table tennis

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

ARCHDEACONRY DAYS

Wells Archdeaconry Day is on Monday 11 February, 1.30pm - 4.30pm Holy Trinity, Frome BA11 3DE

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

ELECTORAL ROLL

A full electoral roll revision is now due. Please pick up from the back of church (available from 3rd Feb) your envelope containing your application form - to be returned by 17th March.

CHARITY COFFEE MONEY

***Please suggest a
charity on the
noticeboard in church***

**Last chance next week, then
we shall vote**

from 17th - 24th

CALENDAR

Who's Who at St John's:

Vicar: Rev'd Preb Sharon Crossman 789290
Training Curate: Rev'd Dan Crouch 325194
Churchwarden: Chris Perry 783753

FEBRUARY

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

Mon 11th 1.30pm Archdeaconry day in Frome

Tues 12th 10am Toddlers in church hall

Wed 13th 9.30am Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall

Thurs 14th 10.30am Little Angels in church hall

Sun 17th 9am Said Communion 3pm Shorter Communion followed by tea

Tues 19th Toddlers on Half Term break

Wed 20th 9.30am Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall

Thurs 21st Little Angels on Half Term break

Sun 24th 8am Said Communion 9.30am Communion

****Rev Tonya's last service at 10am West Huntspill**

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