

St John the Evangelist

Signpost Weekly

Trinity 20

7th October 2018

Dear Friends,

In previous generations we would not have known when earthquakes and tsunamis devastated coasts in far off places such as the recent earthquake in Indonesia and we wouldn't have the means of being able to offer any help. We live in a different era and can now help and support our brothers and sisters in need. You may like to consider donating via the Christian Aid website. Next week, as part of our harvest giving, I shall also arrange a retiring collection for Christian Aid's work in the areas recently affected by these devastating storms. Rev Preb Sharon Crossman



Pilgrim Course

A scenic view 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, starting 11th October led by Rev Dan and will explore The Bible.

Please add your name to the list

COLLECTS AND READINGS

7th October Trinity 19 Readings: Genesis 2:11-18, Hebrew 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.

14th October HARVEST Readings: 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Mark 6: 25-33

Collect: Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion: God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Pastoral Prayers



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.

Brenda Norwood

Those whose anniversary falls this week:

Kenneth Shepherd, Graham Gillies

PRAYER FOCUS

Sunday:

In our community give thanks for all who support local sport, especially the half marathon today

Monday:

Continue in your prayers for the peoples of Indonesia and those seeking to bring help

Tuesday:

For the PCC meeting tonight

Wednesday:

Give thanks for our wider church and pray for the chapter and college of canons meeting in the Cathedral today

Thursday:

For the Pilgrim course starting tonight and Dan as he leads

Friday:

Give thanks for Harvest as we celebrate with supper tonight

Saturday:

And pray for our ministry to local men through the men's breakfast this morning



LAST CHANCE to get your Harvest supper tickets!

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 by **TODAY – Sunday 7th October**

Insufficient numbers by today will unfortunately result in the event being cancelled.



Harvest Festival

Join us for our Family Harvest celebration at **9.30am on 14th October**. If you are able, please bring along a donation from the following list to support our local Foodbank:

UHT milk; tinned fruit, rice pudding, custard; tinned tomatoes, pasta sauce, sugar. Please **NO** baked beans – they have plenty!



CRAFT FAIR

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 – Operation Christmas Child

Time is tramping on & there is only 5 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 knit a toy, scarf 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 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 6.30pm 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 Morning Prayer (no 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**
- 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 Pilgrim Course
- 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'

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

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