

St John the Evangelist

Signpost Weekly

Trinity 6 8th July 2018

Dear all.

What a fantastic day on Sunday at Wells and at St John's. My special thanks to Shirley and Alice who coordinated a fantastic after service party in the evening. Dan has begun to get to know people this week. Please keep on telling him your name when you meet him. Church life is also about what we do beyond our walls, so huge congratulations to members of Moose over the weekend and your successful fund raising for Weston Hospice.

Rev Preb Sharon



CONGRATULATIONS DAN!



Welcome.....
Dan, Sarah & Martha

.....& a selfie with his new training incumbent!



Sunday 1st July saw nine new deacons ordained in Wells cathedral, by our Bishops to serve across the Diocese. After much waiting in anticipation, Dan Crouch has finally joined us here in Highbridge, along with his wife Sarah & daughter Martha. Our service and welcome buffet here in the evening was attended by around twenty of our congregation to welcome them to St John's. If you were unable to make it, you will hopefully be joining us at our barbecue today or will meet the Crouch family in due course.



COLLECTS AND READINGS

8th July Trinity 6

Readings: 2 Corinthians 12.2-10; Mark 6.1-13

Collect: Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion: God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

15th July Trinity 7

Readings: 2 Samuel 6.1-5, 12b-19; Ephesians 1.3-14; Mark 6.14-29

Collect: Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion: Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Our Pastoral Prayers



Baptisms

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

Marriages

Couples recently united and those preparing for marriage. And also for those celebrating special anniversaries this month.

Those in need of our prayers:

Margaret Moyle, Hazel, Betty Montgomery, Stevie, Betty Player, Josie Dolan

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:

John Davies

PRAYER FOCUS

Sunday:

For those to be commissioned as lay ministers at the Deanery Evensong

Monday:

For the place you are spending your time today

Tuesday:

For the people you meet today

Wednesday:

For those discerning a call to ministry

Thursday:

For our schools now coming towards the end of the school year

Friday:

Please continue to pray for Dan, Sarah & Martha as they discover their new home

Saturday:

Spend a moment to think and pray for all countries represented in current sporting fixtures

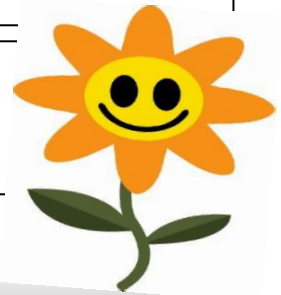
PCC

The PCC will be meeting on 24th July. We shall be looking ahead and thinking about the shape of the year to come. If you have any ideas for social activities, special services, fund raising events and projects you would like to see us tackle as a church community please speak to either Rev Sharon, Chris Perry (Church warden) or Shirley Vickery-Mills PCC Secretary. You can also toss around a few ideas with Rev Dan (but be gentle he's only just arrived!).

New Lay Worship Assistants

Four people in our congregation are well on the way to becoming lay worship assistants. Please pray for Liz Davies, Chris Meddings, Shirley Vickery-Mills & Neil Biddiscombe as they make their commitment to this ministry at the **Deanery Evensong this evening (Sunday 8th July) 5pm at Mark Church**. Several choirs from around the deanery will gather for this special service of celebration. The Area Dean (Preb Crossman) will commission thirteen lay ministers from across the deanery. The Lay Ministry Coordinator (Rev Jonathan Philpott from Berrow/Brean) will preach. Worship will be led by a Worship Assistant from Mark Church supported by Rev Tonya. Light refreshments will be served from 4pm. All are welcome to attend. I do hope you will consider coming along to support those making this commitment and Rev Sharon looks forward to seeing Liz, Shirley, Chris and Neil exercising their ministry in various ways in the forthcoming months.

THANK YOU TO OLGA AND IAN.... Who, despite the recent heat wave, have managed to keep our flower beds looking so beautiful - with a little help also from Olga's mum during her recent holiday!



Deanery & Diocesan News

DIOCESAN OFFICES TO RELOCATE - The diocesan offices are to relocate from The Old Deanery on Cathedral Green in Wells to an alternative site on the outskirts of the city. The decision was made 'in principle' last year and formally decided at Bishop's Council recently. You can read more on the diocesan website at the following address:

<http://www.bathandwells.org.uk/2018/06/diocese-confirms-plans-to-relocate-offices-from-old-deanery/>

DEANERY EVENSONG Sunday 8th July 5pm, Holy Cross church, Mark. To include the commissioning of new Lay Worship Assistants (four from St Johns). **YOU ARE ALL VERY WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.**

ZAMBIA LINK To continue the celebrations of the 40th birthday link with Zambia, there is a thanksgiving service at Wells cathedral on Saturday 14th July at 2.30pm, followed by a picnic in the grounds of the Bishop's Palace – all welcome. Visiting Zambian bishops and clergy will be speaking at services in Bath Abbey, Backwell, Frome, Minehead, Taunton & Wellington.

For more information see: www.bathandwells.org.uk/zambia40

PREACHING IN WELLS CATHEDRAL – Sunday 29th July 3pm. Preacher: Our very own Rev Preb Sharon on the topic of "patience" (!). St John's is invited to a tour of the Cathedral before the service at about 2pm. Please sign up to let us know if you can make it.

Enjoy the fun and games of an outdoor service with games and BBQ today!

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 8th 8am Said Communion 9.30am Family Communion followed by Family BBQ . 5pm Deanery Evensong. Mark Church

Tues 10th 10am Toddler Group in church hall – last session before Summer Holiday break until September

Wed 11th 9.30am Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall

Thurs 12th 10.30am Little Angels in church hall – last session before Summer Holiday break until September

Sat 14th 2.30pm Thanksgiving service for Bath & Wells / Zambian link in Wells cathedral, followed by picnic in grounds of Bishop's Palace

Sun 15th 9am Said Communion 3pm Shorter Communion followed by tea

Wed 18th 9.30am Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall

Friday 20th School Services in morning

Sat 21st 4pm Renewal of vows

Sun 22nd 8am Said Communion 9.30am Sung Communion
5pm Creative Worship

Tues 24th 7.30pm PCC meeting in hall

Wed 27th 9.30am Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall

Sun 29th 10am Team Service at St John's Noon Baptism
3pm Rev Preb Sharon Crossman preaching in Wells cathedral

Tues 31st 7.30pm Baptism Preparation

AUGUST

Wed 1st 10am - 4pm Apex Play Day

Thurs 2nd 9.30am Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall

Sat 4th 4pm Renewal of vows

Sun 5th 8am Said Communion 9.30am Sung Communion
2pm & 3pm Baptisms

APEX FAMILY FUN DAY

Wednesday 1st August
10am till 4pm

This year we shall have a story tent at the family fun day. A small group of volunteers from local churches will be reading stories and having fun with simple craft activities.

If you are taking children or grandchildren along, do come and find us.



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Fridays: 8am-12noon