

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST SIGNPOST

JUNE 2018

THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday 16th June
4.03am-11pm
Music Marathon

Sunday 1st July 10am
Ordination of Dan Crouch in Wells cathedral
6pm *Welcome service & party in St Johns church*

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I hope you enjoyed the coverage of the recent wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle – the new Duke and Duchess of Sussex. It was super that the date happened to coincide with our wedding weekend and my thanks once again to the team of people who made it all happen, but special thanks to Liz Davies & Anna Orledge who really did put in hours and hours of preparation. Two major events are happening at St John's this month. Our long awaited 18hour and 57mins Live Music Marathon has attracted a lot of interest. We still need lots and lots of people to help with the event and I do hope you can spare an hour or two. We also welcome Dan Crouch to our ministry team. Dan and his family will be with us for 3-4 years as part of his ongoing preparation before he leads his own parish. I know we will all make Dan, Sarah and Martha very welcome. They are very excited!
Rev Preb Sharon

MUSIC MARATHON -Saturday 16th June

4.03am -11.00pm

The timetable is nearly full – apart from some early morning slots! The performers include a range of solo/group singers (including Coastline Singers & The Rock choir), Drop the Mic band, King Alfred concert band, ukulele band, woodwind groups along with flute, guitar, violin, piano & organ soloists, vocal soloists & small groups.

This is a huge event and we are still looking for support on the day to help out with refreshments/welcoming/general duties etc. We are hosting over 100 musicians of all ages and hopefully a few hundred music lovers – all coming to be entertained and refreshed throughout the day!

Please do try and sign up to help out in some way if you are able – and don't forget to come and support during the day – there's something for everyone.

PRAYERS FOR JUNE

Sunday:
As we welcome Dan, pray for all who minister at St John's

Monday:
Give thanks for those who grow our food

Tuesday:
Pray for those caught up in any form of addiction

Wednesday:
Pray for our young people during the exam season

Thursday:
Give thanks for a blessing today

Friday:
Pray for those who visit our area during the holiday season

Saturday:
Pause and give thanks for the beauty of this earth

WELCOME DAN, SARAH & MARTHA

Sunday 1st July will soon be here! – time to welcome Dan Crouch and his family. Dan will be ordained Deacon in Wells cathedral at 10am and then he and his family will be welcomed into St John's later that day with a special service at 6pm, followed by a celebration in the hall. Please sign up if you are able to attend the service in the cathedral and/or join us and contribute to the buffet.

COLLECTS AND READINGS

3rd June 1st Sunday after Trinity**Readings: 1 Samuel 3.1-10; 2 Corinthians 4.5-12; Mark 2.23-3.6****Collect:** God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son.**Post Communion**

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

10th June 2nd Sunday after Trinity**Readings: 1 Samuel 8-4-11; 2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1; Mark 3.20-end****Collect:** Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord.**Post Communion:**

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord.

17th June 3rd Sunday after Trinity**Readings: 1 Samuel 15.34-16.13; 2 Corinthians 5.6-10, 14-17; Mark 4.26-34****Collect:** God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.**Post Communion:**

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

24th June The Birth of John the Baptist**Readings: Isaiah 40.1-11; Galatians 3.23-end; Luke 1.57-66,80****Collect:** Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour by the preaching of repentance: lead us to repent according to his preaching and, after his example, constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice, and patiently suffer the truth for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**Post Communion:**

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thank you!

Our very grateful thanks go to Liz Davies & Anna Orledge for their dedication, skills and hundreds of hours spent organising and setting up a stunning Wedding display in church. It was well received by many in our community as part of our Wedding celebration weekend, rounding off with a joyful Songs of Praise and delicious cream tea outside in the sun! (also courtesy of Liz & Anna!). Thanks also go to Olga Chedzey & Helen Hodge for their beautiful floral displays and to all who helped/supported in any way to raise £254.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

Please note that if we have not received confirmation from you to hold your details, we will no longer be able to contact you by phone, email or post.

If you have not already done so, please contact Shirley in the office if you now wish us to hold your name / address / telephone number / email address or Date of Birth.

REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

- Tuesday – Saturday** Morning Prayer at 8.00am (*Please check with Rev Sharon*)
Tuesday 10.00am Toddler Group – a morning of crafts, toys, singing and support for parents and carers
Wednesday 9.30am Communion in church, followed by fellowship, coffee and Food bank in the hall
Thursday 10.30am Little Angels – an hour of Christian action songs and story for pre-schoolers

REGULAR TEAM SERVICES

- Missing Evensong?** Why not go along to Mark at 5pm on the 3rd Sunday of the month.
Looking for a different style of worship? Try Creative Worship at St John's on the 4th Sunday of the month

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Please contact Rev'd Preb Sharon Crossman. Tel 789290

Filling the gaps – Letter from Bishop Ruth

We all know the old adage, one volunteer is worth 10 pressed (wo)men. As we celebrate Volunteer Week 2018 (1-7 June) I want to give thanks for and to the thousands of volunteers across Somerset who love and serve our communities.

Former US first lady Rosalynn Carter once said that a nation without volunteers is a nation without a soul. As we experience continued cuts to our local services, it is volunteers who are 'filling the gaps'. Offering anything from volunteer drivers ensuring isolated older people can get to the shops, to church groups providing space for young families to meet, to share stories and support each other.

Yet they are not only a lifeline for the more vulnerable groups, all our lives are so much richer thanks to our volunteers.

Our churches, and the ministry of each, rely heavily on the generosity of our volunteers. Whether working with children and young people, helping serve tea and coffee after a service, delivering a reading or leading prayers, or being part of the flower or cleaning rota. Your vicar may be a volunteer too – as more people are called to serve as self-supporting ministers. Volunteering is at the heart of Christian service and discipleship. It's about the stewardship of our time and talents.

However we are hearing that nationally, volunteering is in decline, and so it may take a rethink in our approach to release those talents, those gifts. There are many hugely talented people within our churches and our communities but sometimes they may feel reticent about putting themselves forward. People might be too humble, or not confident in their own abilities; feel they are not the right fit or not 'churchy' enough to put their hand up. How much more powerful for all of us if someone we know says to us "you'd be great for that, you have a real gift for it." What an encouragement! By having those conversations we recognise and release those God-given gifts.

And let's be creative. The accountant worshipping in your congregation every Sunday who you have earmarked for the Treasurer role next time around might actually have a passion for creative prayer. Not everyone wants to do their day job in their spare time!

Imagine how our churches might be transformed if we create the roles around the people we have and their gifts, rather than the other way around!

So **thank you** for your gift of time and talent and be sure to encourage those around you in theirs!

The Right Reverend Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton

CALENDAR FOR JUNE

Who's Who at St John's:

Vicar: Rev'd Preb Sharon Crossman 789290
 Associate Priest: Rev Tonya Nixon 793950
 Churchwarden: Chris Perry 783753

Sat 2 nd	Noon	Wedding
Sun 3rd	8am	Said Communion 9.30am Sung Communion 3pm Baptism
Tues 5 th	10.00am	Toddler Group in church hall
Wed 6 th	9.30am	Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall
	7.00pm	Deanery Synod. Draycott church
Thurs 7 th	10.30am	Little Angels in church hall
Fri 8 th	7.30pm	Pilgrim course in church
Sun 10th	8am	Said Communion 9.30am All Age Communion
Tues 12 th	10.00am	Toddler Group in church hall
Wed 13 th	9.30am	Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall
Thurs 14 th	10.30am	Little Angels in church hall
Fri 15 th		<i>Music Marathon setting up</i>
Sat 16 th	4.03am – 11.00pm	Music Marathon
Sun 17th		NO MORNING SERVICES IN ST JOHNS (clearing away from Music Marathon) 3pm Communion & Tea
Tues 19 th	10.00am	Toddler Group in church hall
	7.30pm	Baptism Preparation
Wed 20 th	9.30am	Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall
Thurs 21 st	10.30am	Little Angels in church hall
Sun 24th	8am	Said Communion 9.30am Said Communion 5pm Creative Worship
Tues 26 th	10.00am	Toddler Group in church hall
Wed 27 th	9.30am	Said Communion for Sts Peter & Paul & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall
Thurs 28 th	10.30am	Little Angels in church hall
Sat 30 th	noon	Armed Forces Day – Parade through Burnham High Street.

NEW office opening hours:

Wednesdays: 8am-2pm

Thursdays: 8am-10am

Fridays: 8am-12noon

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If you would like an event or date to be included in the July Signpost, please contact Shirley Vickery-Mills (Parish Administrative Assistant) via the details stated at the start of the sheet, by Friday 18th June.