

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST SIGNPOST

MAY 2018

THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS

Fri 4th 7.30pm
Pilgrim Course Begins

Thurs 10th 7.30pm
Ascension Day Mass with incense

Fri 18th - Sun 20th
Wedding exhibition

Thurs 31st 7.30pm
Corpus Christi Mass with incense

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This month we celebrate the wonderful celebration of Pentecost when we recall the time the Holy Spirit fell upon the early church and filled them with gifts for ministry and mission. It is our prayer that we are constantly filled in the same way. Our prayers this month reflect this hope. Do have a close look at the calendar, there is a lot going on. Don't miss Ascension Day Communion at 6.30am on top of the Knoll, but don't worry - there is another one at sea level in the evening! This month we are holding a Wedding Weekend. My thanks to the small team organising this and the Music Marathon, but it is down to all of us to pull together to make these events memorable, so please do offer to help at one or both. And finally, thank you to those who have been willing to stand for positions on the PCC. A full list is available. Rev Preb Sharon

WEDDING WEEKEND 18th-20th May



THE WEDDING WEEKEND

St John's Church
Highbridge
TA9 3HS

18th-20th May



Displays of wedding dresses, floral tributes, music, wedding traditions, royal wedding "street party", songs of praise, renew your wedding vows

Contact us:
weddingweekend@gmail.com

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Open
Friday 18th 6pm - 9pm
Saturday 19th 10am - 4pm
Sunday 20th May 11am - 5pm



The Outlook team are hard at work arranging the Wedding Weekend: Wedding Dresses throughout the ages. An opportunity for you to renew your wedding vows. Watch the royal wedding on big screen in Churchfield School Hall. A wedding hymns Songs of Praise. We do need help throughout the weekend to welcome and to staff the refreshments. Can you help for an hour or two?

PRAYERS FOR MAY

The gifts of the spirit

Sunday:
love

Monday:
joy

Tuesday:
peace

Wednesday:
patience

Thursday:
kindness

Friday:
gentleness

Saturday:
self-control

MUSIC MARATHON 16th June 18 Hrs & 57 Mins

Preparations are well underway, but it's not too late to volunteer your musical talents – or encourage others! There are a multitude of jobs that need doing throughout the day, do please look at the timetable in church to see if you can help fill an hour or two.

COLLECTS AND READINGS

6th May 6th Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 10.44-end; 1 John 5.1-6;
John 15.9-17

Collect: Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.

Post Communion: God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Ascension Day: Acts 1:1-11, Luke 24:44-end

Collect: Risen Christ, you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven: help us to seek and serve you, that we may join you at the Father's side, where you reign with the Spirit in glory, now and for ever.

Post Communion: God our Father, you have raised our humanity in Christ and have fed us with the bread of heaven: mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings, we may set our hearts in the heavenly places; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

13th May 7th Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 1.15-17, 21-end; John 17.6-19

Collect: Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

Post Communion: Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

From the April Registers**Funerals**

"Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord"

11 th April	Richard Keylock (67)
18 th April	Mary Wills (97)
23 rd April	Michael Hockey (77)
27 th April	Mary Skinner (83)

20th May Day of Pentecost

Readings: Acts 2.1-21; Romans 8.22-27;
John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15

Collect: Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion: Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

27th May Trinity Sunday

Readings: Isaiah 6.1-8; Romans 8.12-17;
John 3.1-17

Collect: Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion: Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever.

Corpus Christi : Gen 14:18-20, 1 Cor 11:23-26, John 6:51-58

Collect: Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament you have given us the memorial of your passion: grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of your body and blood that we may know within ourselves and show forth in our lives the fruits of your redemption; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion: All praise to you, our God and Father, for you have fed us with the bread of heaven and quenched our thirst from the true vine: hear our prayer that, being grafted into Christ, we may grow together in unity and feast with him in his kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

WEDDINGS & BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Please contact Rev Preb Sharon Crossman to discuss a wedding. Tel 789290

BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Office to book a baptism. Tel 780633

So much to celebrate – Letter from Bishop Peter

Pride is something we all need to be careful about. It is regarded as one of the 'seven deadly sins' and it is often said that 'Pride comes before a fall'. John Ruskin captured that thought when he said that 'Pride is at the bottom of all great mistakes'. And that is probably true. Misplaced pride, over-exaggerated pride, egotistical pride probably does lie behind the great tragedies of human history. Wars are often fought because pride is involved somewhere. And as we know to our own cost, pride can seriously affect and undermine the relationships we have with friends and family.

But pride may not always be bad. Writers and philosophers have at times tried to distinguish between 'good pride' and 'bad pride'. And whilst it may not be possible to differentiate completely between them, I think we have a sense of what 'good pride' looks like. And 11 May is a day to celebrate 'good pride', for that is Somerset Day. It was chosen, because on 11 May 878AD King Alfred the Great roused the people of Somerset to fight and subsequently defeat the invading Viking army. And whilst people argue about whether or not he can be regarded as the first true King of England, he is the only English monarch to be accorded the title "the Great".

I think I am right in saying that Somerset was the third largest county in England although the original county boundary now includes other local authorities. Somerset Day however celebrates all that is good about the wonderful county of Somerset. It seeks to give Somerset more identity and is an occasion for all of us who live here to give thanks for the beauty and diversity which we sometimes take for granted. It is too easy to drive through villages and towns, through the stunning landscapes which come alive in different seasons and to fail to thank God for the gifts of his creation all around us.

On Somerset Day let's make an effort to pray for our local communities and those who serve us in every walk of life. There is so much to celebrate, so much to thank God for and so much to be proud of.

With my prayers and best wishes, The Right Revd Peter Hancock Bishop of Bath and Wells

For more information on Somerset Day visit www.somersetday.com or find them on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Want to get involved? Email info@somersetday.com

CALENDAR FOR MAY

Tues 1 st	10.00am	Toddler Group in church hall
Wed 2 nd	9.30am	Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall
Thurs 3 rd	10.30am	Little Angels in church hall
Fri 4 th	7.30pm	Pilgrim course in church
Sun 6th	8am	Said Communion 9.30am Family Communion 3pm Baptism
Tues 8 th	10.00am	Toddler Group in church hall
	7.30pm	Guild of Servers
Wed 9 th	9.30am	Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall
Thurs 10 th	6.30am	Ascension Day Communion on BRENT KNOLL (<i>Yes 6.30am in the morning!!</i>)
	10.30am	Little Angels in church hall
	7.30pm	Ascension Day Mass with incense
Fri 11 th	7.30pm	Pilgrim course in church
Sun 13th	8am	Said Communion 9.30am All Age Communion for Christian Aid to include breakfast!
Tues 15 th	10.00am	Toddler Group in church hall
Wed 16 th	9.30am	Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall
Thurs 17 th	10.30am	Little Angels in church hall
	7.00pm	Archdeacon's Visitation at St Andrew's Cheddar
Fri 18 th	6.00pm	Wedding weekend starts with drinks & nibbles in church
Sat 19 th	10.00am	Wedding weekend continues
Sun 20th	9am	Said Communion 3pm Songs of Praise
	11.00am	Wedding Displays open
	3.45pm	Cream teas in church hall
Tues 22 nd	10.00am	Toddler Group in church hall
Wed 23 rd	9.30am	Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall
Thurs 24 th	10.30am	Little Angels in church hall
Fri 25 th	7.30pm	Pilgrim course in church
Sat 26 th	11.00am	Wedding
Sun 27th	8am	Said Communion 9.30am Sung Communion 3pm Baptism 5pm Creative Worship
Tues 29 th		Toddlers on half term break
Wed 30 th	9.30am	Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall
Thurs 31 st	7.30pm	Corpus Christi Mass with incense

Who's Who at St John's:

Vicar: Rev Preb Sharon Crossman 789290

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