

St John the Evangelist

Palm Sunday

Signpost Weekly

14th April 2019

Dear Friends,

Many thanks to all who assisted with the Easter Fair. These things don't just happen and it always takes a lot of effort behind the scenes. Can I also thank everyone involved with the various services this coming week. It is a rich and fulfilling time and I hope many of you will be able to engage with a few things. Beyond next weekend is the week of displays when we welcome all the children from Churchfield School. It will be a significant experience for them, but I really do need lots of help if it is to be a good experience. Please do consider giving a few hours. And my prayers are for all of you, as you celebrate the day of resurrection, the day of hope and the day of new creation. *Rev Preb Sharon*



He is not here. He is risen!

I heard a wonderful story recently about a Church Sunday School which was putting on a drama telling the story of Holy Week and Easter. All had gone well and the wonderful moment arrived when the angel appeared to the women at the tomb to declare those glorious words: 'He is not here, he is risen.' (Luke 24:6). Unfortunately, five-year-old Brian could not remember what to say, and so the Youth Leader had to quietly remind him of his line. He then confidently grabbed the microphone and triumphantly shouted, 'He's not here; He's in prison!'

As we move this month from Lent into Holy Week and onto Good Friday, I am sure we are all looking forward to Easter Day when we shall once again hear those words ring out 'He is not here, he is risen!' And we shall rejoice and celebrate again the glorious truth that Jesus rose from the dead. Death could not hold him. When Jesus began his ministry in Galilee, he declared that: 'The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And those words from Isaiah help us understand why Jesus came. He came to proclaim freedom for the prisoner and to release the oppressed. He came that we might 'have life and have it to the full'. He came to release us from our sins and set us free from our fears. He came that we might know God and that through knowing God we might have eternal life. 'I am the resurrection and the life' he said. 'Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.'

The good news of the Easter message is that although Jesus died upon the cross he rose again and through his resurrection he overcame the power of sin and the sting of death. That is why Paul could write: 'Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.' (1 Corinthians 15: 57). This Easter let us give thanks that Jesus is not dead. He is not in prison. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Right Revd Peter Hancock
Bishop of Bath and Wells

COLLECTS AND READINGS

14th April Palm Sunday Liturgy of the Passion

Collect: True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.

Post communion: Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

21st April Easter Sunday Acts 10.34-43; 1 Corinthians 15.19-26; John 20.1-18

Collect: God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Post Communion: God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen 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.

Marriage

Couples recently united, especially Keziah & Ryan and those preparing for marriage, especially Marie & Cameron, Stuart & Dayna-Rae

Baptisms: We pray for Travis, baptised last Sunday

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. David Ball, Patricia Davies, John Thomas, Brenda Norwood

Those whose anniversary falls this week:

Steven Chick, Antoinette Newman, Hilda Marshall, Cecil Whitehouse

PRAYER FOCUS

Sunday:

As we begin Holy Week consider your own journey with God

Monday:

For the moments of gathering for prayer this week

Tuesday:

As we gather in the Cathedral, please pray for all who minister in various callings, lay and ordained, in church and beyond

Wednesday:

For all who need to access the Foodbank

Maundy Thursday:

For the Agape Service tonight

Good Friday:

Give thanks for God's gift of love from the cross

Saturday:

For our Easter Preparations



EASTER LILIES

If you would like to order an Easter lily in memory of a loved one, please fill in an order form and return, with the money (£2 each) to Olga **Thursday 18th** (LAST DAY)



Easter Displays – I need your help

During Easter week the children from Churchfield School will be coming over to St John's. I already have a couple of volunteers but need many more willing to be with one of the displays whilst the children explore them with their teacher.

The timetable for the event is at the back of church. If you can help, for perhaps a half day, please do sign the large sheet at the back of church. We really can't do this without extra help!

EASTER FAIR

***Thank you.... we raised a bit
we expect..... to be announced
on Sunday!***

Service to Celebrate Weston Hospicecare's 30th Anniversary

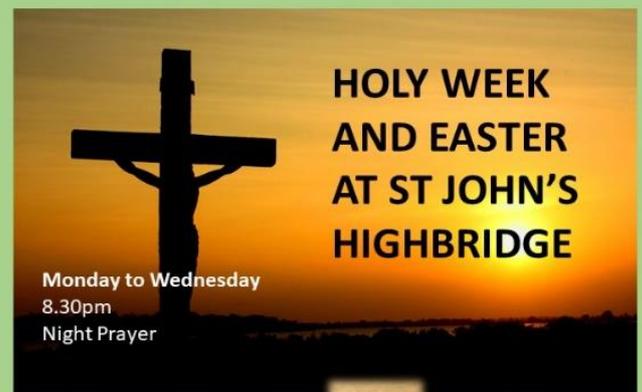
Weston Hospicecare was founded in 1989 and there is to be a Service of Celebration on Tuesday 30th April in Christ Church, 16 Monptelier, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 2RH at 7.00pm. Anyone is welcome to join us at this Service and to apply for tickets please email (including your postal address) 30thservice@westonhospicecare.org.uk or telephone 01934 423900. Seating in the church is limited

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AGAPE MEAL FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

Come and share in a simple supper of bread and cheese as we break bread and share wine together to remember Jesus' Last Supper.

**Thursday April 18th at 7.30pm in the
Parish Hall.
Followed by vigil til 10pm in church**



Good Friday.
10am Family Service
followed by hot cross buns
2pm Music and Prayers
around the cross



Maundy Thursday
7.30pm Last
Supper followed
by vigil till 10pm



Holy Saturday 8pm The Easter
Fire and service of light
followed by fellowship and
marshmallows around the fire

Easter Sunday

8am Said Communion
9.30am Family Communion followed by Easter Egg Hunt



PLEASE NOTE.....

THERE WILL NOT NOW BE A 3PM SRVICE ON EASTER SUNDAY

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

HOLY WEEK

Sun 14th PALM SUNDAY

8am Said Communion 9.30am Palm Procession, Reading of Passion & Communion

3pm Ecumenical Worship on Brent Knoll

Mon 15th 8.30pm Night Prayer in church
Tues 16th 10am Service in Wells Cathedral (blessing of oils)
8.30pm Night Prayer in church
Wed 17th 9.30am Said Communion in the hall
8.30pm Night Prayer in church

Maundy Thursday 7.30pm Agape Supper in hall, followed by Vigil in church till 10pm

Good Friday 10am Family Service
2pm Holy Hour with readings, hymns and reflections

Holy Saturday 8pm Lighting of the Easter Fire

EASTER SUNDAY 8am Said Communion 9.30am Family Communion and Easter Egg Hunt
****NO 3pm Communion****

Mon 22nd 8.30am Guild of Servers
Tues 23rd – Fri 26th Easter displays in church for Churchfield school children
Wed 24th 9.30am Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall
6pm/7pm Light supper, followed by APCM in hall
Thurs 25th 7.45pm Post Lent group

Sun 28th 8am Said Communion 9.30am Communion 3pm Baptism

Tue 30th 10am Toddlers new term starts in hall
7.30pm Baptism Preparation

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Wed 1st 9.30am Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall
Thurs 2nd 10.30am Little Angels new term starts in hall

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