

St John the Evangelist 5th Sunday of EASTER

Signpost Weekly 19th May 2019

Dear Friends,

You will see below that we are trying to work differently this year. The PCC will not involve separate committees but will meet as a whole eight times, ensuring that we focus on the important things like our engagement with the community and growing our involvement with young families. I do want you to think about three key roles we are yet to fill: we need a PCC Secretary (but PCC members are willing to share taking minutes), we need a Treasurer (but Bob is still willing to continue to do the books), and we need another Churchwarden, although we do have one assistant warden and could do with at least one more of those. Think and pray my friends - it could be you! Rev Preb Sharon



NEW direction for PCC

Your new PCC met on Wednesday 15th May

We are trying a new way of working for this year.

The PCC will have three business meetings to discuss and decide on important aspects of day to day church life, for example, finance, repairs and maintenance of buildings, safeguarding training and awareness.

We shall have two meetings when we discuss our fundraising, communications and social activities, collectively known as "Outlook".

And two when we shall focus on developing our faith, our worship and our work with young children and families – this is known as "Nurture & Worship".

These meetings will be open meetings. Any member of our church may attend in addition to those we shall invite for their special expertise or interest.

Dates of meetings:

All on Wednesdays at 7.30pm either in the Hall or in Church depending on availability of space.

July 17th Outlook (Open meeting)

Sept 4th Nurture & Worship (Open meeting)

Oct 16th Business

Nov 27th Outlook (Open Meeting)

Feb 12th Nurture & Worship (Open meeting)

March 11th Business

Sunday 26th April 2020 11am APCM (The whole church community is expected to attend)

Small working groups will be formed to work on a specific event (like a fair, music marathon etc)

COLLECTS AND READINGS

19th May 5th Sunday of Easter Acts 11.1-18; Revelation 21.1-6; John 13.31-35

Collect: Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

Post Communion: Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

26th May 6th Sunday of Easter Acts 16.9-15; Revelation 21.10, 22-22.5; John 14.23-29

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.

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, and those preparing for marriage, especially Stuart & Dayna-Rae and Marie & Cameron

Baptisms:

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

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.

Those whose anniversary falls this week:

Marjorie Jackson, Beryl Blythe, Pam Wright, John Popham, John Holyar, Eileen Taylor

PRAYER FOCUS

Sunday:

Consider how God calls you to your different roles: spouse, parent, friend.....

Monday:

Think of one kind act you may be called to do today

Tuesday:

For work with young families and Jo in her safeguarding role

Wednesday:

Give thanks for those called to serve in our Foodbank

Thursday:

Thank God for those called to teach, to care, to nurture, to lead, to pray.....

Friday:

Pray for our PCC members, especially for Chris as Churchwarden

Saturday:

Please pray today for Rev Dan, as he travels towards his next step on towards ordination as a priest.

'Pray for Schools Fortnight' encourages churches to pray for their local schools. We would like to encourage churches and individuals in the diocese to join in from 12th - 26th May





St John's, Highbridge. TA9 3HS
MINI MUSIC MARATHON
Saturday 15th June 2pm-10pm (drop in anytime)
Tickets for Cream Tea & BBQ in advance
ring 01278 780633
or email stjohnsoffice@gmail.com
Tea £4, BBQ £4 – combined ticket £7
(Discount for booked performers)

MUSIC MARATHON

- Next month on **Saturday 15th June**
- we are holding a “mini music marathon,” from 2pm -10pm.
- That’s still quite a long time. We are offering cream teas and an evening BBQ.
- Tickets for the food will go on sale soon for this event.
- Please do two things: spread the word of the event and consider offering to assist on the day.

Administrative Assistant

First, our huge thanks to Shirley for her dedication and patience over the past 3 years.

Shirley will be stepping down from the role this summer so we are now looking for someone to creep into her shoes.

We are offering eight hours per week over two days at £9 per hour. There is scope for a term time only role with some flexibility over when hours are worked.

For full details please contact Rev Preb Sharon

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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

Sun 19th 9am Communion 3pm Communion & Tea

Tues 21st 10am Toddlers in church hall

Wed 22nd 9.30am Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall

Thurs 23rd 10.30am Little Angels in church hall

Sat 25th 12.30pm Wedding

Sun 26th 8am Said Communion 9.30am Communion

Tues 28th Toddlers on Half term break

Wed 29th 9.30am Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall

Thurs 30th **ASCENSION DAY**

Little Angels on half term break

7.30pm Ecumenical Prayer & Praise for Ascension here at St John's

JUNE

Sat 1st June 8.30am Men's Breakfast

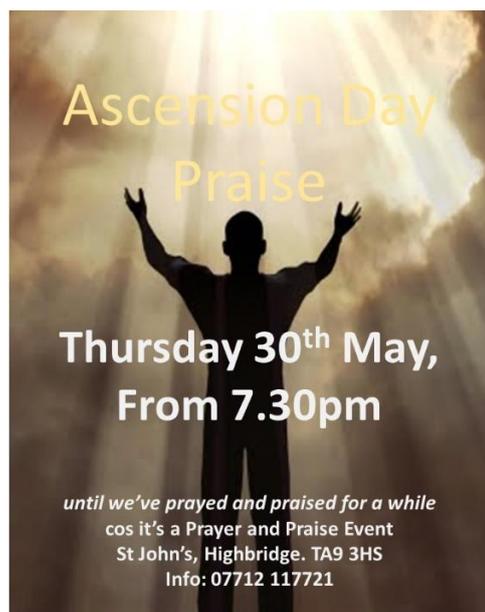
Sun 2nd 8am Said Communion 9.30am Communion

Tues 4th 10am Toddlers in church hall

Wed 5th 9.30am Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall

Thurs 6th 10.30am Little Angels in church hall

Sun 9th PENTECOST 8am Said Communion 9.30am Family Communion



A Churches Together Event. You might as well come along.... In fact be late, be early, come at the end, just come at some point and be part of something for all Christians in our area....

Office email

We have now set up a new office email account, so hopefully you should have received your copy of the Signpost this week electronically – if not, please telephone the office to let Shirley know; also, if you would like to be added to the list and help save paper and photocopying costs, just get in touch. Remember that you can also access the Signpost via our website.

Please use this for all correspondence now:

stjohnsofficehighbridge@gmail.com

To submit an article for the Signpost Weekly please e-mail:

stjohnsofficehighbridge@gmail.com 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