

# St John the Evangelist 6th Sunday of EASTER

# Signpost Weekly 26th May 2019

Dear Friends,

This week I met with Bishop Ruth who confirmed (thankfully!) that she is happy to ordain me priest at a service at Wells Cathedral on Saturday 29 June at 3pm. If you are free, it would be lovely if you felt able to join us at the service. As this moment draws closer, as a family we would dearly appreciate your prayers. In our meeting, Bishop Ruth reminded me that one of the key roles of a priest is to release others into ministry, inside and outside the church building. Here at St John's there are several aspects of church life needing support. We would dearly love a church warden to join Chris and our assistant warden Jenny; there are roles on PCC, for welcomers & baptism friends... Do consider if God is prompting you to get involved at this time and if he is, speak to me or Rev Sharon. *Rev Dan*



## NEW direction for PCC

### Your new PCC met on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> Outlook (Open meeting)

Sept 4<sup>th</sup> Nurture & Worship (Open meeting)

Oct 16<sup>th</sup> Business

Nov 27<sup>th</sup> Outlook (Open Meeting)

Feb 12<sup>th</sup> Nurture & Worship (Open meeting)

March 11<sup>th</sup> Business

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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

**26<sup>th</sup> May 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> June 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Acts 16.16-34; Revelation 22.12-14, 16, 17, 20 - end; John 17.20 - end**

**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.

### 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 Dayna-Rae & Stuart, and those preparing for marriage, including 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, Pete, Brenda

#### 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:

Debbie Gregory, Derrick Gunter, Christopher Denning

### PRAYER FOCUS

#### Sunday:

*Reflect on how what you heard/shared in church today might impact your week*

#### Monday:

*For all who are travelling this bank holiday weekend*

#### Tuesday:

*For those locally who work in education as they rest this half term*

#### Wednesday:

*For our friends in Mark, East Huntspill and West Huntspill as they continue in vacancy*

#### Thursday:

*For our Churches Together gathering to celebrate the ascension this evening*

#### Friday:

*For all the practical arrangements and the performers preparing for our mini music marathon*

#### Saturday:

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



**Ascension Day  
Praise**

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May,  
From 7.30pm**

*until we've prayed and praised for a while  
cos it's a Prayer and Praise Event  
St John's, Highbridge. TA9 3HS  
Info: 07712 11721*

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....

ST JOHN'S CHURCH  
HIGHBRIDGE, TA9 3HS

**MINI MUSIC  
MARATHON**

**SATURDAY JUNE 15  
2PM TIL 10PM**

**FREE ENTRY TO ENJOY THE MUSIC!  
AFTERNOON CREAM TEA £4  
EVENING BBQ £4  
COMBINED TICKET £7**

TICKETS FOR CREAM TEA/BBQ AVAILABLE IN  
ADVANCE BY CALLING 01278 780633 OR BY  
EMAILING STJOHNSOFFICEHIGHBRIDGE@GMAIL.COM

## MINI MUSIC MARATHON

- Next month, on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 are now on sale for this event. Programmes are also now available.
- Please do two things: spread the word of the event (take some programmes and share them with others) and consider offering to assist on the day.

### ADVANCE NOTICE!

**Rev Dan will be ordained priest at Wells Cathedral on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm. All are welcome – the cathedral is a big space - and Rev Dan would love your support!**

**Rev Dan will preside at his first communion on Sunday 30 June at 10am at St John's.**

### PLEASE NOTE

**Our 9.30am service on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June will be a 'Service of the Word' led by Rev Dan, NOT a celebration of communion.**

**Our 8am service will be Said Communion and Rev Richard Allen will preside.**

# 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 26<sup>th</sup>** 8am Said Communion 9.30am Communion  
Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Toddlers on Half term break  
Wed 29<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall  
Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> **ASCENSION DAY**  
Little Angels on half term break  
7.30pm Ecumenical Prayer & Praise for Ascension here at St John's

## JUNE

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> June 8.30am Men's Breakfast

**Sun 2<sup>nd</sup>** 8am Said Communion 9.30am Service of the Word (Morning Prayer)

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> 10am Toddlers in church hall  
Wed 5<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall  
Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Little Angels in church hall

**Sun 9<sup>th</sup> PENTECOST** 8am Said Communion 9.30am Family Communion

Tues 11<sup>th</sup> 10am Toddlers in church hall  
Wed 12<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall  
Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Little Angels in church hall  
Sat 15<sup>th</sup> 2pm – 10pm **MUSIC MARATHON**

**Sun 16<sup>th</sup>** 9am Communion 3pm Communion & Tea

### Office email

We have now set up a new office email account, so hopefully you should now be receiving your copy of the Signpost 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.

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Parish office opening hours:

Weds 8am-2pm Thurs 8am-10am Fri 8am -noon

*Please ring in advance*