

# St John the Evangelist

## Pentecost

# Signpost Weekly

## 9th June 2019

Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate Pentecost – the sending of the Holy Spirit. It is often known as the birthday of the church and is a time of celebration and joy. It comes fifty days after Easter and is a strong reminder that Jesus is faithful to his promises. As Christians we believe that God gives his believers various gifts through his Holy Spirit that enable them to serve his kingdom. Pentecost is an opportunity to recognise the gifts God has given us, to be thankful for them, and to consider if he may be inviting us to use them in a different way – perhaps by serving on the PCC! Today we also welcome Suzy Kirkham to St John's on summer placement and we trust that in her month with us she will find space to share her gifts with us. Please do offer her your hospitality as we welcome her. *Rev Dan*



## Your Parochial Church Council

Now that the announcement of my departure has been announced can I urge all members of St John's to consider volunteering themselves to fill one of the five vacancies we still have on the PCC. As you know, we are trying a new way of working for this year, to encourage more of you to have the opportunity to contribute to the life of the church, but you still need a strong core group to take you through this period of transition and on into a new future with a new vicar and a new vision.

I have called an **additional PCC meeting on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm** to be held in the Church Hall. This meeting is to discuss any immediate concerns you may have about the vacancy and to be clear about what needs to be achieved within the next few weeks. We shall also be formally appointing our new Treasurer at this meeting. We still have a vacancy for a PCC secretary. Please can I encourage any church members who would like to join the PCC to come along to that meeting. If you are unable to attend but feel called to volunteer for PCC membership, please let either Chris Perry or myself know.

As you know the aim this year will be to have three business meetings to discuss and decide on important aspects of day to day church life, 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".

**Dates of meetings: Weds 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)

## COLLECTS AND READINGS

**9th June Pentecost Acts 2:1-21; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17**

**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.

**16th June Trinity Sunday Proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31; Romans 5.1-5; John 16.12-15**

**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.

### 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 preparing for marriage, including Marie & Cameron

#### Baptisms:

We pray for all parents, godparents, and welcome today, Ethan & Annabelle

#### 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:

Sheila Pople

#### Those whose anniversary falls this week:

Patricia (Tricia) Clipstone, Winnie Denyer,

## PRAYER FOCUS

#### Sunday:

*Take a moment today to thank God for the gift of the Holy Spirit and consider the difference this makes to our lives today*

#### Monday:

*For clergy across the diocese who will gather in Shepton Mallet for fellowship and learning*

#### Tuesday:

*For the PCC as we meet to discuss the forthcoming vacancy, and for new members to fill our five vacancies*

#### Wednesday:

*Pray for all involved in Magic breakfast at Churchfield school*

#### Thursday:

*For all who serve us through our emergency services*

#### Friday:

*For those travelling to the area on holiday this weekend*

#### Saturday:

*For all involved, performing and attending our Mini Music Marathon today*



## MINI MUSIC MARATHON

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June** is the “mini music marathon,” from 2pm -10pm. 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.

Please indicate when you could be around to lend a hand by signing the big sheet!!!!



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

Somerset Sight is looking for a reliable and friendly volunteer to befriend a lovely elderly lady who is blind and lives near Highbridge. The visits would be once a fortnight for a couple of hours for company for her, reading and possibly doing crosswords together. Please contact Claire Packwood, Volunteer Visitor Co-ordinator on 01643 842972 who will introduce the volunteer and set up the visits. (*mileage will be paid*)

## Welcome Suzy!

Today we welcome Suzy Kirkham to St John's.

Suzy is a student at Trinity Theological college in Bristol and will be with us on her summer placement until Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup>.

Suzy will be sharing in activities with Rev Sharon and Rev Dan and experiencing the realities of parish ministry!

## Later THIS MONTH!

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.

# 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

## JUNE

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

Tues 11<sup>th</sup> 10am Toddlers in church hall  
7.30pm Additional PCC Meeting in 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 16th TRINITY SUNDAY 9am Communion 3pm Communion & Tea**

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> 11.30am Funeral

Tues 18<sup>th</sup> 10am Toddlers in church hall

Wed 19<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Little Angels in church hall

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> 2.30pm Wedding

**Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> 8am Communion 9.30am Communion**

Tues 25<sup>th</sup> 10am Toddlers in church hall

Wed 26<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall

Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Little Angels in church hall

Sat 29<sup>th</sup> 3pm **Priesting of Rev Dan in Wells cathedral – all welcome**

**Sun 30th 10am Rev Dan presiding at his First Eucharist \*Please note there is no 8am service**

## JULY

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> 10am Toddlers in church hall

7.30pm Baptism Preparation

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> 9.30am Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Little Angels in church hall

**Congratulations to Mrs Liz Davies who began her role as Parish Admin Assistant this week**

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Thursday**

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advance**