

St John the Evangelist

7th Sunday of EASTER

Signpost Weekly

2nd June 2019

Dear Friends,

I am sure that by now, most of you will have heard that I am preparing to take on a new role as Diocesan Vocations Coordinator in the Diocese of Salisbury and shall be leaving you early September or late August. It is a very different sort of role and I shall no longer be rooted in a parish. With an office base in Salisbury, I shall travel across Wiltshire supporting those considering either lay or ordained ministry. There will be much to do over the next three months as I help and support you all as you enter a time of vacancy. You will continue to have Rev Dan, who will in turn receive plenty of support as he continues his training. Please pray for Chris Perry your church warden and for the rest of the PCC.

Rev Preb Sharon



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 11th 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 th	Outlook	(Open meeting)
Sept 4 th	Nurture & Worship	(Open meeting)
Oct 16 th	Business	
Nov 27 th	Outlook	(Open Meeting)
Feb 12 th	Nurture & Worship	(Open meeting)
March 11 th	Business	
Sunday 26 th April 2020	11am APCM	(The whole church community is expected to attend)

COLLECTS AND READINGS

2nd June 7th 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.

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.

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:

Sheila Pople

Those whose anniversary falls this week:

Micky Hicks, Audrey Fern

PRAYER FOCUS

Sunday:

Give thanks today for our retired priests and all who support ministry in this deanery

Monday:

For schools returning today

Tuesday:

For those who work our land, dependent on adequate rain.

Wednesday:

Pray for Suzy, a theology student who will be joining us this June

Thursday:

For Shirley and Liz in the parish office

Friday:

For all who serve in our national and local government

Saturday:

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



MINI MUSIC MARATHON

Saturday 15th 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*)

Later THIS MONTH!

Rev Dan will be ordained priest at Wells Cathedral on Saturday 29th 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 today on Sunday June 2 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

JUNE

Sat 1st June 8.30am Men's Breakfast

Sun 2nd 8am Said Communion 9.30am Service of the Word (Morning Prayer)

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

Tues 11th 10am Toddlers in church hall

7.30pm Additional PCC Meeting in hall

Wed 12th 9.30am Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall

Thurs 13th 10.30am Little Angels in church hall

Sat 15th 2pm – 10pm **MUSIC MARATHON**

Sun 16th 9am Communion 3pm Communion & Tea

Mon 17th 11.30am Funeral

Congratulations to Mrs Liz Davies who begins her role as Parish Admin Assistant this week!

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:

These will be changing so please ring to book an appointment in advance

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