

St John the Evangelist Signpost Weekly

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity 20th October 2019

Dear Friends,

This week, in keeping with the Harvest theme of thankfulness, there is much to **thank you** all for! A huge, huge **thank you** to all who contributed to our Harvest weekend activities. Our Harvest supper and bingo on Friday evening was a unique experience raising a superb £229 for church funds. Our Sunday Family Communion, where we were joined by our Archdeacon, was fantastically well attended – over 50 of us (including 17 children) – and a significant quantity of food was donated for use by our local Foodbank. **Thank you.** As I looked at these gifts spread before the altar, I was reminded that many of you very faithfully contribute to the Foodbank on a weekly basis. **Thank you.** While our Harvest celebrations bolster the stocks at our local Foodbank, it is important to remember that their support, and therefore our support is needed throughout the year. **Thank you all.** *Rev Dan*



Journeying together

I was on the train today and a South Western Railway poster caught my eye. The headline was 'Our Promise to You'. It then said: 'We are passionate about delivering a great service for you and are here to make travelling easier.' It went on to spell out what that meant in these words:

- Be visible and available to you when you need us
- Offer information and answer questions you may have
- Make announcements about the destination and its calling point
- Keep you informed should things be delayed during your journey

Obviously this was talking about trains, but it got me thinking as some of those things could also be applied to my role as Bishop. My role, and that of Bishop Ruth, the archdeacons, our other colleagues and the central support staff in the Old Deanery is to support the work of mission and ministry which takes place across the parishes, chaplaincies and schools of the diocese. And we are all passionate about doing the best we can to support you and to 'make your travelling easier'.

And by 'travelling' we mean the walk that we have with Jesus as his followers and his disciples.

One way we seek to support you by being visible and available. Bishop Ruth and I like nothing better than getting out and about across the length and breadth of the diocese, meeting people and hearing all that you are doing to live and tell the story of Jesus. Every month we meet hundreds of new people and we try, as and when we can, to answer questions and let people know what is going on.

These parish magazine articles are another way in which we try to keep in touch and share what we are up to. The diocesan website, our e-newsletter, Connect, Manna magazine and our social media feeds on Facebook and Twitter are other places you can catch up with what we are doing, but more importantly to hear and read about what God is doing among us and within the communities we serve.

The train poster ended with the words 'Let us know how we are doing'. And that is another important reason why we love to get round the diocese so that we can hear what else we can do to support you and to share with you in living and telling others about the love of God.

With my prayers and very best wishes
The Right Revd Peter Hancock
Bishop of Bath and Wells

COLLECTS AND READINGS

20th October Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity Genesis 32.22-31; 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5; Luke 18.1-8

Collect: God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion: We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.

27th October Bible Sunday Isaiah 45.22-end; Romans 15.1-6; Luke 4. 16-24

Collect: Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion: God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Our Pastoral Prayers



To include somebody on this prayer list please let Liz 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, and those recently married.

Baptisms:

We pray for all parents and godparents

Those in need of our prayers:

Margaret Moyle, Hazel, Betty Montgomery, Betty Player, Christine Marston, Val & George Crawford Maureen & Ian Thompson, Gloria and Ken Vivash, 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:



PRAYER FOCUS

Sunday:

Take a moment to pause today and thank God for all who have helped you to grow in faith

Monday:

For our emergency services

Tuesday:

For the team who lead our Toddler group and the children and families who come along

Wednesday:

For our government, parliament, local government and all who hold authority and responsibility locally, nationally and internationally

Thursday:

For all who are struggling or finding life difficult today

Friday:

For all school pupils and staff as they reach the end of term

Saturday:

For all with leadership responsibility during the vacancy



The clocks 'fall back' next Sunday (27 October) meaning you can have an extra hour in bed (or in some cases, you'll have to wait an hour longer to come to church!)

FOODBANK

Our local foodbank continues to need our support.

They are particularly in need of the following items

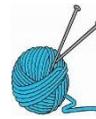
Tins of Meat, Toilet Rolls, Dog Food, Nappies

HELP NEEDED PLEASE

After the All Souls service we like to offer tea, cake and fellowship to the families who have come to remember their loved ones.

If you can help in any way by baking a cake, serving tea or just being there to have a chat then please do let the office or Rev Dan know.

CALLING ALL



KNITTERS



It's time to get those knitting needles out again as the pattern for this year's knitted gift is now available in Church or from the parish office



ALL SOULS SERVICE

Sunday November 3rd

5pm

All are welcome to join us for this simple and reflective service.

If you would like a loved one/loved ones to be remembered then there is a list at the back of St John's for you to add their name. **Please write clearly.**

You can also contact Rev Dan directly (revdancrouch@gmail.com or 01278 325194) to add a name to the list to be remembered in the service.

CALENDAR

Who's Who at St John's:

Vicar: Vacant

Curate: Rev'd Dan Crouch 325194

Churchwarden: Chris Perry 783753

OCTOBER

Sun 20th Eighteenth after Trinity 9am Communion 3pm Communion & Tea

Tues 22nd 10am Toddlers in church hall

Wed 23rd 9.30am Morning Prayer & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall

Thurs 24th 10.30am Little Angels in church hall

Sun 27th Bible Sunday 8am Communion 9.30am Communion

Tues 29th 10am NO Toddlers in church hall (half term break)

Wed 30th 9.30am Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall

Thurs 31st 10.30am NO Little Angels in church hall (half term break)

NOVEMBER

**Sun 3rd Fourth Sunday before Advent 8am Communion 9.30am Communion
5pm All Souls Service**

Tues 5th 10am NO Toddlers in church hall (half term break)

Wed 6th 9.30am Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall

Thurs 7th 10.30am Little Angels in church hall

**Sun 10th Remembrance Sunday 8am Communion 9.30am Family Communion
3pm Remembrance service**

Mon 11th 11am Act of Remembrance at Southwell Gardens

Tues 12th 10am Toddlers in church hall

Wed 13th 9.30am Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall

Thurs 14th 10.30am Little Angels in church hall

Sun 17th Second Sunday before Advent 9am Communion 3pm Communion & Tea

Tues 19th 10am Toddlers in church hall

Wed 20th 9.30am Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall

Thurs 21st 10.30am Little Angels in church hall

Sat 23rd 2.30pm Wedding

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

Wednesday 9.30am – 2.30pm, Thursday 12 noon – 2.30pm, Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm

Term time only

Please ring in advance