

Dear Friends,

Last weekend I was in London with friends at a whisky festival. As you can imagine, plenty of whisky was consumed – though sensibly – including some drams from bottles well outside our price range. While the whisky was great, for me the best part of the weekend was being able to share the experience with friends. I am sure my experience will make its way into conversation and sermons because when we experience something fantastic, we are naturally led to share that experience with others and to be thankful. This coming week is very significant in the life of our church as many will gather with Graham, Pam and Ian to say a final farewell to Joyce Dunbavan, a lady whose service to this church and community may never be fully known and recognised. Joyce was someone for whom we are all truly thankful. *Rev Dan*



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 13th October

Family service 9.30am

With the Archdeacon of Wells The Venerable Anne Gell

*Receiving non perishable gifts for the Highbridge area
foodbank*



***They are particularly in need of the following items
Tins of Meat, Toilet Rolls, Dog Food, Nappies***



6th October Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity Habakkuk 1.1-4;2.1-4; 2 Timothy 1.1-14; Luke 17.5-10

Collect: Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion: Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

COLLECTS AND READINGS

15th October Harvest Philippians 4.4-9; John 6.25-35

Collect: Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion: Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 especially Vinnie and Max baptised today.

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:

Joyce Dunbavan

Those whose anniversary falls this week:

PRAYER FOCUS

Sunday:

For all who are preparing to be baptised, including Vinnie and Max

Monday:

For all who are involved in the process of appointing our new incumbent as they meet later this week

Tuesday:

For our Deanery Synod meeting this evening at St Mary's, Berrow

Wednesday:

For all who will gather to remember Joyce Dunbavan today

Thursday:

For all with leadership responsibility during the vacancy

Friday:

For our Harvest Supper and Bingo

Saturday:

For all in our community who are struggling...



INSPIRE EVENING

All Things New

Brand new ways of resourcing your youth and children's ministry

Thursday 17th October

7pm – 9pm

St. Peter's Church, Draycott,
BS27 3SD

FREE! All Welcome

See posters for more information

Or contact:

sarah.lockie@bathwells.anglican.org

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



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

Joyce Dunbavan's Funeral is on Wednesday 9th October at 12 noon in St. John's Church for those of us who knew her and would like to attend.

Diocesan Courses

The Diocese are offering some training courses for those who may want to go deeper into their faith.

Exploring Christianity: Bridgwater starting in October (evenings)

Exploring Christianity: Shapwick starting in January (evenings)

Exploring Spirituality: Wells Thursday starting October (day time)

Exploring Spirituality: Burnham-on-Sea starting October or January

There are leaflets at the back of church with more information about these courses for you to take away

HARVEST SUPPER & BINGO

Friday 11th October

Ploughman's supper and dessert served at 7pm

Followed by games of Bingo

For Tickets: Pat Burge 01278 788134

Parish office 01278 780633

Adults £6 5-16yrs £3 under 5's free
Extra charge for Bingo tickets payable on the night

CALENDAR

Who's Who at St John's:

Vicar: Vacant

Curate: Rev'd Dan Crouch 325194

Churchwarden: Chris Perry 783753

OCTOBER

Sun 6th Sixteenth after Trinity 8am Communion 9.30am Communion

Tues 8th 10am Toddlers in church hall

Wed 9th 9.30am Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall

12 noon Funeral

Thurs 10th 10.30am Little Angels in church hall

Fri 11th 7pm Harvest Supper and Bingo

Sun 13th Seventeenth after Trinity HARVEST 8am Communion 9.30am Family Communion

Tues 15th 10am Toddlers in church hall

Wed 16th 9.30am Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall

7.30pm PCC in church hall

Thurs 17th 10.30am Little Angels in church hall

Sun 20th Eighteenth after Trinity 8am Communion 3pm Communion & Tea

Tues 22nd 10am Toddlers in church hall

Wed 23rd 9.30am Said Communion & 10.00am Foodbank Listening Place in church hall

Thurs 24th 10.30am Little Angels in church hall

Sun 27th Last Sunday after Trinity 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)

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