



St John the Evangelist
HIGHBRIDGE

*We want to be a people of courage, sharing
God's love across our community.*

2nd May 2021 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Music in Today's service:

Seek Ye First,
Jesus Christ is Waiting,
See What a Morning.

*Thank you Shirley
for playing for us.*

Welcome to Church Today

Collect: Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

Post Communion: Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Bible Reading: Acts 8:26-end

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Bible Reading: John 15:1-8

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

In our 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.
Darren Mills and Caroline Jones



Baptisms:

We pray for all parents and godparents.

Those in need of our prayers:

Margaret Moyle, Hazel, Christine Marston, Val & George Crawford, Maureen & Ian Thompson, Pete, Brenda, Olive, Victoria Yassenko, Bishop Peter Hancock, Gloria Vivash, Audrey Lomax, Tony Webb, Geof Amesbury, Gaynor Lynham, Adrian Roberts, Jo Burridge.

For those who have died:

We pray for those who have recently died and their loved ones who grieve their loss.
Molly Noonan



Those whose anniversary falls this week:

Stephen Lynham,

In our community:

We pray for the businesses in the town centre, the Isleport and Walrow industrial estates, and those on the Bristol Road.

In our world:

We pray for nations coping with high levels of COVID cases, especially India; we pray for our European neighbours.

Contact us:

For general enquiries and wedding or baptism bookings, in the first instance please contact the church parish office.

Office opening times are:

Tuesday 10am -2pm
Wednesday 9.30am – 12 noon
Thursday 10am – 2pm
Term time only



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**St. John's is now open for
worship every Sunday at
8am and 9.30am**

**The church will continue to open for
unsupervised private prayer on
Thursdays 10am – 2pm**

**Please enter through the south door, hand
sanitiser is available at the door and we
please ask you to wear a mask unless
exempt.**

**Morning prayer is live streamed to our
Facebook page on Wednesdays and
Fridays at 9am**

www.facebook.com/stjohnshighbridge/

ELECTORAL ROLL

Forms are now available from Jenny Dolan
(01278 785935) to apply for membership to the
Electoral roll.

The closing date for this year's roll is 2nd May.

If you are considering taking a position in the
church community you will need to be included
on the roll and only those on the electoral roll
may vote within the Church of England.

If you need any practical help or
assistance during the Coronavirus
pandemic there is a designated helpline
and email address available.

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ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Please note the new date for this year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 23rd May 2021
10.30am in Church

We will have four vacancies on the PCC.

It would be great to get the PCC up to full strength to lead our church forward being
people of courage sharing God's love across our community.

Chris Perry will be stepping down as Churchwarden after many years serving in this
role so ideally, we would have another churchwarden to work a long side Jenny.

We are also seeking a new safeguarding officer as Jo Burrige, who has faithfully
done this role for over 10 years, is stepping down.

Please do take some time to pray and think about these roles and if God is calling you
to serve.

If you would like more information or an informal chat please do speak to a member of
the PCC, Liz or the clergy.

Bishop Peter's Farewell

Saturday 22nd May
3pm

There will be a service at 3pm followed by a live streamed informal tea.
If you would like to join in with the service and/or watch the tea these can be accessed on the day via the Diocese of Bath and Wells Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/bathandwells

CALENDAR

MAY 2021

Sun 2nd	Fifth Sunday of Easter 8am Communion 9.30am Communion
Wed 5th	9am Morning prayer live on Facebook
Thurs 6th	10am – 2pm Church open for prayer
Fri 7th	9am Morning prayer live on Facebook
Sun 9th	Sixth Sunday of Easter 8am Communion 9.30am Communion
Wed 12th	9am Morning prayer live on Facebook
Thurs 13th	Ascension Day 10am – 2pm Church open for prayer
Fri 14th	9am Morning prayer live on Facebook
Sun 16th	Sunday after Ascension Day 8am Communion 9.30am Communion
Wed 19th	9am Morning prayer live on Facebook
Thurs 20th	10am – 2pm Church open for prayer
Fri 21st	9am Morning prayer live on Facebook
Sun 23rd	Pentecost 8am Communion 9.30am Communion 10.30am APCM in Church

