



St John the Evangelist Highbridge

Thank you, Martin, for playing for us today
and Mary for singing

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

21st January 2024

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

Music in Today's service:

- 378 O Lord, all the world belongs to you
14 All heaven declares
66 Bread is blessed and broken
271 Jesus, Jesus, holy and anointed one
317 Shine, Jesus, shine

Welcome to Church Today

Collect: God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.

Post Communion: Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Bible Reading: Revelation 19: 6-10

I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure' — for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

Bible Reading: John 2: 1-11

There was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

Baptisms:

We pray for all parents and godparents

Those in need of our prayers:

Rachel Holmes, Jenny Pope, Alastair Forster, Maxine Hill, Marilyn Lloyd

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:

Geof Amesbury

In our community:

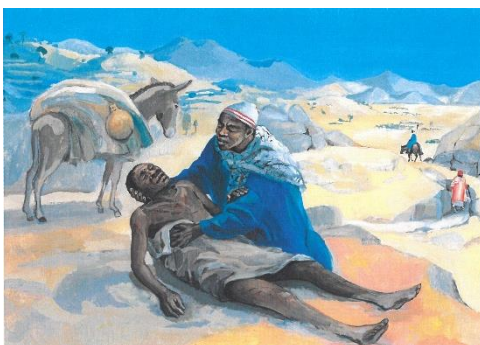
In this week of prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for our brothers and sisters in the Baptist, Methodist, Roman Catholic and free churches of our towns, and for the continued work of Churches Together.

In our world:

We pray for unity and purpose for God's church throughout the world; for deeper understanding and commitment to faith, mission, justice and peace.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024 18th – 25th January



This special week provides an opportunity to focus our prayers on Christian unity personally, locally and on a national level.

This year the theme 'You shall love the Lord your God.... and your neighbour as yourself' (Lk10:27) has been prepared by an ecumenical team in Burkina Faso in Africa, reflecting on the familiar story of the Good Samaritan and all are encouraged to 'Go and do likewise.'

To find out more visit www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer



Holocaust Memorial Day Service Friday 26 January 12 noon.

Short service at the Frank Foley Statue in Market Street.

All welcome to mark this important commemoration.

Pat is busy making jam, chutney and marmalade but is running short on jars, please pass on to her any clean, empty jars you no longer need.

Thank you

Curry and Quiz Night

(alternative available for those that don't like curry)

**Saturday 27th January
7pm**

St John's Church, Highbridge

Adults £15

Children (under 12) £10

For tickets:

call: 01278 780633

email: stjohnsofficehighbridge@gmail.com

or available from Liz or Pat in church

**Come as a team or you can join a team
on the night.**

Pancakes and Prayer

**St John's Church,
Highbridge
Sunday 4th February 2024
4pm**

**An all-age service
with games, music,
fun and prayers
followed
by pancakes!**



**Free!
(donations welcome)**

FOLK AND LOCUS Sally Light

Digital Textile, Poetry and Sound Exhibition

St. Johns Church, Highbridge

**Opening
February 5th
to March 23rd 2024
Daily 10 - 3**

**Exhibition Launch Event
February 8th
7.30 pm - 9 pm**

Please note that although the church may be open services maybe taking place during your visit.

For more information visit the church website

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Art Exhibition

The second artist, Sally Light, exhibiting under the theme of Folk and Locus is coming to St John's. The free launch event is on 8th February at 7.30pm, come and meet Sally and find out about her work. We can't wait to see it installed!

Thank you to [Sami Green Creative](https://samigreencreative.weebly.com/folk-and-locus.html) for curating the exhibition.

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Fundraising/Social Dates for your new 2024 diary!

Saturday 27th January 7pm Curry and Quiz Night
Saturday 17th February 12.30pm Lent Lunch
Saturday 16th March 12.30pm Lent Lunch
Saturday 23rd March 10am Easter Fair
Saturday 11th May 7pm Beetle Drive and Buffet
Saturday 6th July Time TBC Cream Tea
Saturday 14th Sept 7pm Escape room and meal.

Supporting St John's:

St John's is funded almost entirely by voluntary giving. We don't generally take collections during services, but ask for a donation as you leave. This is part of our worship and our offering to God. We have a contactless card reader and a plate for cash by the door.

Those who view St John's as their church generally give regularly by standing order (even if they don't come every week). To give a one-off or a regular gift, you can point your phone camera at the QR code below to be taken to our secure giving page.

For bank transfers please use the following:

NAME: PCC St John's Church, Highbridge

SORT CODE: 60-04-12

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 5609825

Thank you.



If you are a UK tax payer, did you know we can reclaim the tax on any donations that you make, whether regular or one off? For further details on how to do this please see Debbie or Martin.

Contact us:

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

Office opening times are: (Term time only)

Tuesday 9.30am -1.30pm

Wednesday 9.30am – 11.30am

Thursday 9.30am – 1.30pm

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Calendar: JANUARY 2024

Sunday 21st Epiphany 3

10am Communion Service 6pm Taizé Service (Our Lady and the English Martyrs Church, Burnham on Sea)

Wed 24th 9.30am Communion in the church hall and live streamed to Facebook

Fri 26th 12 Noon Holocaust Memorial Day Service (at the Frank Foley Statue, Market Street)

Sat 27th 7pm Curry and Quiz

Sunday 28th The Presentation of Christ

10am Communion Service

Wed 31st 9.30am Communion in the church hall and live streamed to Facebook

February

Sunday 4th Second Sunday before Lent

10am Communion Service 4pm Family Service

Tues 6th 7.30pm Buildings and Fabric Group meeting in the vicarage

Wed 7th 9.30am Communion in the church hall and live streamed to Facebook

Thurs 8th 7.30pm Art Exhibition Launch event in Church