



St John the Evangelist Highbridge

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

3rd March 2024

The Third Sunday of Lent

Music in Today's service:

- 313 Lord of all hopefulness
- 220 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
- 276 Jesus, remember me
- 549(tune 2) When I survey the wondrous cross
- 81(tune 2) Christ triumphant

Welcome to Church Today

Collect: Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion: Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Bible Reading: John 2: 13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' They then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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, Margaret Wall, Patrick McKenna, Pat Burge

Those at home, in care or with long term conditions:

Olive Dicks, Val Crawford, Christine Marston, Jo Burrridge, Victoria Yassenko, Adrian Roberts, Louise Orledge

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:

Christopher Lambert

In our community:

We pray for those who are homeless, in hostel accommodation, or at risk of losing their home.

In our world:

We pray for those protesting against military conscription in Myanmar, and for those affected by conflict and displacement in Mali.



Pat's 'Retirement' and the future of the Church Hall

For over 20 years Pat Burge has looked after the bookings for our church hall, as well as cleaning and overseeing access arrangements. Pat wisely feels it's now time to retire from this voluntary role. We are enormously grateful to all Pat has done (and continues to do), and we will say a proper 'thank you' to her at the APCM on 17 March.

Of course, Pat is simply irreplaceable! But we need to cover this work.

The administrative side of bookings will now come into the church office, which will be the new point of contact for hirers. However, to complement this, we need a person to take on the voluntary role of Hall Caretaker. This will involve meeting with hirers to arrange keys and access, regular cleaning, and keeping an eye on stocks of loo roll etc. We anticipate this will take no more than a few hours per week, but it will require commitment - with help and support of course! If you (or someone you know well) might consider taking this role on, please have a word with Revd Martin.

Easter Fair

Saturday 23rd March

10am – 12 noon

Any donations of Easter Eggs, bottles, raffle prizes and cakes (on the day) would be most appreciated. If you can help set up/ clear up or run a stall please speak to Liz or contact the church office. Thank you

EASTER LILIES

If you would like to order an Easter lily in memory of a loved one, please fill in an order form which is at the back of Church and return, with the money (£3 each) to Liz or the church office.

St John's Lent Lunches

Beauty in the Wilderness



Please join us for the second of our Lent lunches. A simple meal of soup, bread and cheese, followed by a short reflection, and an opportunity for friendly discussion.

The reflection pairs an artist with a poet to explore Christ's journey from the wilderness to the cross and beyond.

Saturday 16th March:

Grief's Mirror:

John Everett Millais
and Christina Rossetti

12.30 - 2pm **£5 per person**

For tickets:

call: 01278 780633

email: stjohnsofficehighbridge@gmail.com

or available from Liz in church

Blues in the Pews

Saturday 16th March



7.30pm – 10pm

All welcome

Enjoy an evening of live music with the house band 'Mossflower' and local musicians.

Bring your own instrument/voice and join in.

The licensed bar will be open!

£5 entry on the door, accompanied under 18's free.

Sunday 17th March - APCM

10am Communion followed by coffee and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

This is an exciting time for St John's as we start to think about and plan the roof repairs and a big building project. Please do think and pray about whether joining the PCC is something you would like to do or maybe be a Deanery Synod rep or Churchwarden!

Speak to Rev Martin or Jenny Dolan for more info.

Easter Fair

**SATURDAY
23RD MARCH**

10AM – 12 NOON

**St John's Church Hall,
Highbridge**

**stalls, games, raffle and
refreshments**

ALL WELCOME

Holy Week at St John's

Tuesday 26th March

10am **Chrism Eucharist - Wells Cathedral**

Wednesday 27th

9.30am **Holy Communion - Church Hall**

Thursday 28th **Maundy Thursday**

7.30pm **Maundy Thursday Service - Church**

Friday 29th **Good Friday**

10am **Family Service - Church**

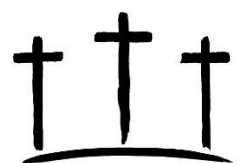
2pm **Stations of the Cross - Church**

Saturday 30th **Easter Eve**

8pm **Easter Vigil - Church**

Sunday 31st **Easter Day**

10am **Holy Communion - Church**



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: 56098251

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

Parish office: 01278 780633 (answer machine when office isn't manned)

Email: stjhnsofficehighbridge@gmail.com



Priest: Rev'd Martin Little: 01278 792154 bryanmartinlittle@gmail.com

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Safeguarding Appointed Person: Helen Meager: 01278 238678 helenford75@yahoo.co.uk

Calendar: MARCH 2024

Sunday 3rd Third Sunday of Lent

10am Communion Service

Tues 5th 7.30pm Building and Fabric Group meeting in the vicarage

Wed 6th 9.30am Communion in the church hall and live streamed to Facebook

Sunday 10th Mothering Sunday

10am Communion Service with the laying up of the RAFA Standard 4pm Youth Group

Wed 13th 9.30am Communion in the church hall and live streamed to Facebook

Sat 16th 12.30pm Lent Lunch

7.30pm Blues in the Pews

Sunday 17th Fifth Sunday of Lent

10am Communion Service followed by the APCM

Tues 19th 7.30pm Community and Fundraising Group meeting in the vicarage

Wed 20th 9.30am Communion in the church hall and live streamed to Facebook

Sat 23rd 10 am Easter Fair