Edition 39

Sunday 2nd NOVEMBER 2025

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Readings for the day...

New Testament Reading: Eph. 1: 11 - end

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Gospel Reading: Luke 6: 20 - 31

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Please pray for

WEEKLY NEWS

Patricia Ackroyd Joyce Canning Andrew Cranston Claire Dixon John Foreman Paulette Langley Kay Rayner Eric Stockley

John Wire

Neill Bonham
Carol Capaldi
Christine Dixon
Janet Dray
Ewan Hayes
Brian Low
Ken & Ev Ridout
Brian & Freda Williams
Margaret Wooley

RIP

LIZ AFFLECK-EDWARDS

Thanksgiving Service: Tuesday 4th November, 11am, St Nicholas Church, West Pennard

[and then afterwards at the West Pennard Village Hall]

BARBARA LOOK

Funeral: Tuesday 11th November, 12.30pm, St Mary's Church, Meare



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Day off: TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER



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On this day.. 1954 BBC radio comedy "Hancock's Half Hour" debuts starring Tony Hancock and Sid James, written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE ON...

Sunday 9th NOVEMBER 2025 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

at St John's Church ...

8am: Holy Communion

11am: TOWN REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

at St Mary's Church, Meare ...

11am: REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

All Welcome to all Services.

CONCERTS & EVENTS at ST JOHN'S CHURCH.....



Tuesday 4th November, 1pm

Monthly Jazz Gig with Bel Barnett

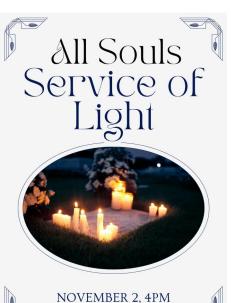
Thursday 6th November, 1pm Music for Remembrance by Matthew Redman (Organ)



Thursday 13th November, 1pm Ester Kosar (mezzo soprano)

Concerts Free ~ donations welcome!









Cleaning in St John's Church, 2nd Tuesday of the month PLUS grounds maintenance (gardening) outside St John's Church on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

9.30am - 12.30pm NB: In the event of inclement weather please DO NOT turn up!

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To all at St John's,

Thank you so much for your wonderful Harvest donations! We love this time of year, when our shelves are replenished and we can feel the love of God shown through the generosity of so many.

We are so thankful for those who donate so that we can continue to serve our local community.

With grateful thanks

Mary

Mary Powell

Treasurer, Glastonbury & Street Bridging the Gap foodbank





VOLUNTEER/S URGENTLY NEEDED PLEASE...

To fulfil the role of Sacristan for the weekly Tuesday 10.30am Holy Communion Services in St Patrick's Chapel. Please speak to the Vicar. Thank you!



REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS & SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE:

TUESDAYS: Morning Prayer 9am, ST JOHN'S CHURCH; Holy Communion 10.30am, ST PATRICK'S CHAPEL, THE ABBEY THURSDAYS: Comfort Café, 2pm, CHURCH LANE HUB & CONFERENCE CENTRE, 3 Church Lane, Glastonbury ~ Supporting those dealing with grief

FRIDAYS: Holy Communion, 9.30am, ST MARGARET'S CHAPEL; "Post Office Coffee Mornings", 10am - 12noon, CHURCH ROOMS, MEARE

Safeguarding within the Benefice: This Benefice is committed to the safeguarding of all people. A copy of the current Safeguarding Policy is available on St John's and St Ben's church websites:

> stjohns-glastonbury.uk stbens-glastonbury.uk

& in the porch of St Mary's Church, Meare, www.meare-pc.gov.uk To report an issue, please contact the Benefice Safeguarding Officer:

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