

Readings for today...

New Testament Reading: 2 Pet. 1: 16 - end

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So, we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all, you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Gospel Reading: Matt. 17: 1 – 9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

PLEASE PRAY FOR....

Patricia Ackroyd
Neill Bonham
Joyce Canning
Andrew Cranston
Christine Dixon
Claire Dixon
Janet Dray
John Foreman
Ewan Hayes
Paulette Langley
Brian Low
Ann Matkins
Kay Rayner
Ev Ridout
Eric Stockley
Brian & Freda Williams
John Wire
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Day off: A/L Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th February



RIP:

DORA BUSH ~ [Funeral at St Mary's Church, Meare, Friday 13th February, 12noon]

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Office Hours w/c 16th February : Tues - Fri, 8.30am - 1pm

On this day... **1922 Marconi** begins regular broadcasting transmissions from Essex

ASH WEDNESDAY

{Unto Dust You Shall Return}

At St Margaret's Chapel...

9am: Celtic Communion with Imposition of Ashes

At St John's Church...

7.30pm: Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes



CONCERTS & EVENTS at St John's Church

Thursday 19th February, 1pm
Lunchtime Concert:

Too Suite Recorder Ensemble

Thursday 26th February, 1pm
Lunchtime Concert:

Gina Cleverly & Louise Gass
{flute duets}

Thursday 5th MARCH, 1pm
Lunchtime Concert:

Lorenzo Masotto {piano}

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
A service for everyone!
Friday 6 March
I will give you rest, come

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10.30am:

at St Mary's R.C. Church
followed by Refreshments.

All Welcome!



INFORMED PRAYER PRAYERFUL ACTION
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Message from the Vicar...

I'm aware that the books for the Lent Course have sold out pretty much everywhere. I am however trying to get hold of some more.

So please do not worry!

JOIN US FOR OUR
Lent Course

A five week course travelling through Lent together using the book 'Lent Wise: Spiritual Essentials for Real Life' by Paula Gooder. All are welcome, whether you come to church often or not at all

- Week 1: Compass: finding direction
- Week 2: Nourishment: keeping going
- Week 3: Light: gaining wisdom
- Week 4: Shelter: finding security
- Week 5: Water: enjoying refreshment

Starting Monday 23rd February
7-8:30pm at The Hub



SUNDAY 22nd FEBRUARY
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
at St John's Church ...

8am: Holy Communion [BCP]

10am: Sung Eucharist

11.30am: St Ben's Celtic Communion
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SUNDAY 1st MARCH
The Second Sunday of Lent
at St John's Church ...

8am: Holy Communion [BCP]

10am: Choral Matins

4pm: Choral Evensong

at St Mary's Church, Meare...

11am: Holy Communion with St Ben's

St John's After Service Coffee

The chance to grab a coffee or tea following our 10am Service is such a great opportunity for fellowship, both with friends and visitors, but we do need more volunteers to enable this to continue each and every week. Everything is provided and just entails arriving 20 minutes before the service begins, to set up and likewise clearing away at the end.

We always have teams of two or three.

If you were able to commit to one Sunday a month that would be absolutely fantastic. Please see **Caroline Masters** after the service or email me at mrscarolinemasters@gmail.com. Thank you!

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS & SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE:

- MONDAYS:** Talking Café with poetry group, digital café, Art Therapy & lots more, 9.30am - 2pm, ST JOHN'S CHURCH
- TUESDAYS:** Morning Prayer 9am, ST JOHN'S CHURCH