

## Readings for today...

### Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 22.1-9

Thus says the Lord: Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word, and say: Hear the word of the Lord, O King of Judah sitting on the throne of David—you, and your servants, and your people who enter these gates. Thus says the Lord: Act with justice and righteousness, and deliver from the hand of the oppressor anyone who has been robbed. And do no wrong or violence to the alien, the orphan, and the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place. For if you will indeed obey this word, then through the gates of this house shall enter kings who sit on the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their servants, and their people. But if you will not heed these words, I swear by myself, says the Lord, that this house shall become a desolation. For thus says the Lord concerning the house of the king of Judah: You are like Gilead to me, like the summit of Lebanon; but I swear that I will make you a desert, an uninhabited city. I will prepare destroyers against you, all with their weapons; they shall cut down your choicest cedars and cast them into the fire. And many nations will pass by this city, and all of them will say one to another, 'Why has the Lord dealt in this way with that great city?' And they will answer, 'Because they abandoned the covenant of the Lord their God, and worshipped other gods and served them.'

### New Testament Reading: Matthew 8.1-13

When Jesus had come down from the mountain, great crowds followed him; and there was a leper who came to him and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean.' He stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, 'I do choose. Be made clean!' Immediately his leprosy was cleansed. Then Jesus said to him, 'See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.' When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, appealing to him and saying, 'Lord, my servant is lying at home paralysed, in terrible distress.' And he said to him, 'I will come and cure him.' The centurion answered, 'Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, "Go", and he goes, and to another, "Come", and he comes, and to my slave, "Do this", and the slave does it.' When Jesus heard him, he was amazed and said to those who followed him, 'Truly I tell you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and will eat with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the heirs of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' And to the centurion Jesus said, 'Go; let it be done for you according to your faith.' And the servant was healed in that hour.

Patricia Ackroyd  
**Neill Bonham**  
Joyce Canning  
**Andrew Cranston**  
Christine Dixon  
**Claire Dixon**  
Janet Dray  
**John Foreman**  
Ewan Hayes  
**Roy Heginbotham**  
Paulette Langley  
**Brian Low**  
Ann Matkins  
**Kay Rayner**  
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**Office Hours w/c 2nd March : Tues - Fri, 8.30am - 1pm**

On this day... 1968 Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's musical "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" first performed as a 15-minute pop cantata at Colet Court School in London

### FLOWER TEAM

**Easter Flowers** - if you would like to make a memorial/celebration donation towards the supply of flowers over the Easter season, please speak to or call David Randall on **0759 320 2845**.  
*Thank you from the Team.*



### CHURCH WELCOMERS NEEDED...

As Alice mentioned last Sunday, from Holy Week we are looking to open St John's Church more often. If you can volunteer on a Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday afternoon, either weekly or less often, then please speak to **Alice, Derek or Jim**. *Thank you!*



## Spring Opening of the Labyrinth

on  
**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March**  
at  
**12:30**  
**St John's Churchyard**  
**Glastonbury**



### CONCERTS at St John's Church

**Tuesday 3rd MARCH**

**1pm, Jazz Gig:**

**Richard Llewellyn {guitar}**

**Thursday 5th March**

**1pm, Lunchtime Concert:**

**Lorenzo Masotto {piano}**

**Thursday 12th March**

**1pm, Lunchtime Concert:**

**Johanna Van Fessem**

*{treble recorder}*

**Thursday 19th March**

**1pm, Lunchtime Concert:**

**Celli Amici**

**Thursday 26th March**

**1pm, Lunchtime Concert:**

**Full Circle Jazz Trio**

**Thursday 2nd APRIL**

**1pm, Lunchtime Concert:**

**Matthew Redman plays organ**  
*music for Holy Week*

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

**Nigeria 2026**

**10.30am:**

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

**All Welcome!**



**INFORMED PRAYER PRAYERFUL ACTION**  
2002-2003 World Day of Prayer - Prayer Movement - Ecumenical International Prayer Day  
www.wdp.org.uk Registered Charity Number 233242

**Sunday 8th March**

**The Third Sunday of Lent**

at **St John's Church ...**

**10am:** Sung Eucharist

**10.30am:** *St Ben's* at the URC for Shared Worship



### SUNDAY 15TH MARCH

### MOTHERING SUNDAY

at **St Ben's Church ...**

**10am:** Benefice Eucharist for Mothering Sunday

followed by "Open House" **1.30 - 4.30pm**

**COME AND SEE OUR NEW FLOOR!**

*Refreshments Served*



### 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 are able to provide cover every now and again, to cover holidays etc, that would be absolutely fantastic!

Please see **Caroline Masters** after the service or email me at [mrsCarolinemasters@gmail.com](mailto: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**; 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](http://stjohns-glastonbury.uk)      [stbens-glastonbury.uk](http://stbens-glastonbury.uk)

& in the porch of St Mary's Church, Meare, [www.meare-pc.gov.uk](http://www.meare-pc.gov.uk)

To report an issue, please contact the Benefice Safeguarding Officer:

**Helen Roper** [safeguarding@stbens-glastonbury.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stbens-glastonbury.uk) Mobile **07436 856 451** or,

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