

Readings for today...

LITURGY OF THE PASSION : **Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 50: 4 – 9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

LITURGY OF THE PALMS : **Gospel Reading:** Matt. 21: 1 – 11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.' The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them.

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

HOLY WEEK ACROSS GLASTONBURY AND MEARE

Palm Sunday, 29th March

10am Procession from St Ben's to St John's, followed by Passion Play

Monday, 30th March

7pm Stations of the Cross at St John's

Wednesday, 1st April

2pm Stations of the Cross at Abbey House

Maundy Thursday, 2nd April

7pm Agape Meal at St Ben's
7:30pm Eucharist with Stripping of the Altar at St John's

Good Friday, 3rd April

11am Stations of the Cross at St Mary's
Walk of Witness in Glastonbury
12-3pm Silent devotion at St John's and St Ben's, including Good Friday liturgy

Holy Saturday, 4th April

7:30pm Easter Vigil at St John's

Easter Sunday, 5th April

6am Dawn Service on the Tor
8am Eucharist at St Ben's
10am Eucharist service at St John's
11am Communion service at St Mary's



Patricia Ackroyd
Joyce Canning
Claire Dixon
John Foreman
Roy Heginbotham
Brian Low
Kay Rayner
Eric Stockley
Robin Walker
John Wire

Neill Bonham
Christine Dixon
Janet Dray
Ewan Hayes
Paulette Langley
Ann Matkins
Ev Ridout
The Revd. Preb. Chris Tookey
Brian & Freda Williams
Margaret Wooley

RIP:

CAROL CALLARD (Funeral, St John's, 08/04, 12noon)

EDWARD CARP (Thanksgiving Service, St Mary's, Meare, 07/04, 1pm)

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On this day 1974 Chinese farmers discover the Terracotta Army near Xi'an, 8,000 clay warrior statues buried to guard the tomb of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang



Friday Morning Café in St John's Church 10.30-12.30



Coffee ~ Cake ~ Company
Everyone Welcome

We are starting a weekly Friday morning café at the back of St John's church, FROM FRIDAY 10TH APRIL.

We will welcome visitors into the church and also offer coffee, cake & company!

Please email Margaret Grundy for more details on grundy996@btinternet.com

Everyone is welcome to join our team rota as a helper or cake baker!!

CONCERTS at St John's Church Thursday 2nd APRIL 1pm, Lunchtime Concert:

Matthew Redman
plays Organ Music for Holy Week



**Tuesday 7th April
1pm, Jazz Gig**

**Roger Bond (sax)
& Richard Jenkins (piano)**

Due to increasing demand, we need sturdy footwear in good condition in adult sizes. If you have a pair you no longer need, please could you bring them to the Monday morning Talking Café for our pop up clothing stall.

Thank you from the team!



St John's Church,

Easter Flowers - if you would like to make a memorial/celebration donation towards the supply of flowers over the Easter season, please speak to David Randall (0759 320 2845) Thank you!



Could you do this?

Friendly people needed in **Glastonbury** to help older people feel less lonely, as **Walk and Talk or Wellbeing Friend Volunteers**

We have several older people in your area who live alone and would love to receive a visitor through our Wellbeing Friends and Walk and Talk service.

They would be matched with a Volunteer for a short weekly visit to provide some company and help them to feel less alone. Seeing a friendly face and having someone to chat with can make a real difference and reduce feelings of loneliness as we're sure you can imagine.

Unfortunately we don't have enough Volunteers to go round at the moment.

Please could you help?

Please get in touch for more information:
Somerset **ageUK** 01823 345627 or scan here
volunteers@ageuksomerset.org.uk
www.ageuksomerset.org.uk/volunteering

MORE HELP REQUIRED PLEASE AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH FOR

Cleaning:

2nd Tuesday of the month

*Gardening:

3rd Tuesday of the month

9.30am - 12noon



***In the event of inclement weather, please DO NOT turn up!**



NEW PATTERN OF WORSHIP IN THE BENEFICE (NB: we now have **THREE** 8am Services)

FIRST SUNDAY:

8am: BCP Holy Communion ~ St John's
10am: Choral Eucharist ~ St John's
11am: Holy Communion ~ St Marys', Meare
(joined by St Ben's)

4pm: Healing & Wholeness ~ St Ben's

4pm: Choral Evensong ~ St John's

SECOND SUNDAY:

8am: BCP Holy Communion ~ St Ben's
10am: Choral Eucharist ~ St John's
St Ben's Joint Service with the URC

THIRD SUNDAY:

10am: Choral Eucharist ~ St John's
11.30am: Celtic Communion ~ St Ben's
(gather for coffee from 11am)

FOURTH SUNDAY:

8am: BCP Holy Communion ~ St John's
10am: Choral Eucharist ~ St John's
11.30am: Celtic Communion ~ St Ben's
(gather for coffee from 11am)

FIFTH SUNDAY:

Benefice Service

Sunday 5th APRIL

EASTER DAY

6am: Dawn Service on the Tor

8am: Eucharist, St Ben's

10am: Choral Eucharist,

St John's

11am: Holy Communion,

St Mary's, Meare



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 mrsscarolinemasters@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: 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: Celtic 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:

Helen Roper safeguarding@stbens-glastonbury.uk Mobile **07436 856 451** or,

the Diocesan Safeguarding Manager: **Ben Goodhind (01749) 588917 / ben.goodhind@bathwells.anglican.org**

