

Readings for today...

New Testament Reading: Romans 5: 1 - 11:

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Gospel Reading: John 4: 5 - 42

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

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Office Hours w/c 9th March : Tues - Fri, 8.30am - 1pm



CONCERTS at St John's Church

Thursday 12th March
1pm, Lunchtime Concert:
Jenny Bliss
{treble violin}
Thursday 19th March
1pm, Lunchtime Concert:
Celli Amici

CHURCH WELCOMERS NEEDED....

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**. Thank you!



Palm Sunday Passion Play -

instead of the Sermon on Palm Sunday, there will be the traditional reading of the passion narrative. If you'd like a part, big or small, please let Alice know. Thank you.



LENT 2026 Tuesday 10th March

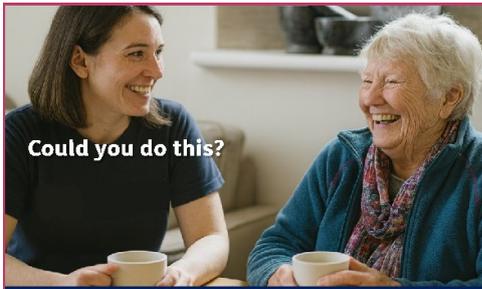
GLASTONBURY
METHODIST CHURCH
HALL

12 till 1.30pm

Soup, Bread and Cheese

for a donation to help the people of Kenya, living in slums in Nairobi, to make a living from small plots of land

All welcome, please be generous!
All donations for Christian Aid's work



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:

01823 345627

volunteers@ageuksomerset.org.uk

www.ageuksomerset.org.uk/volunteering



EASTER CARDS ON SALE ...

I will be selling cards on Sunday 22nd and Sunday 29th March, after the Services. All proceeds for church funds. Thank you. Gudrun



Spring Opening of the Labyrinth

on Saturday 21st March at 12:30
St John's Churchyard Glastonbury



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 Flower Team.



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