

Readings for today...

New Testament Reading: Acts 2: 14a, 22 – 32

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

"Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.

This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.

But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. David said about him: "'I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day.

But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne.

Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay.

God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

Gospel Reading: John 20.19-end

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*In Need Of
Prayer...*

Patricia Ackroyd	Neill Bonham
Joyce Canning	Christine Dixon
Claire Dixon	Janet Dray
John Foreman	Ewan Hayes
Roy Heginbotham	Paulette Langley
Brian Low	Ann Matkins
Kay Rayner	Ev Ridout
Eric Stockley	The Revd. Preb. Chris Tookey
Robin Walker	Brian & Freda Williams
John Wire	Margaret Wooley

RIP:

GEOFFREY K/A "GEOFF" BOURNE

{Funeral, Mendip Crematorium, 17/04, 1.30pm}

JONATHAN MILLER

{Funeral, St Ben's Church, 27/04, 12.30pm}

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CONCERTS at St John's Church...

Thursday 16th April

1pm, Lunchtime Concert

*Will Summers (crummmhorns)

*This concert is part of the Medieval & Renaissance Music Festival



Thursday 23rd April
1pm, Lunchtime Concert
Richard Leigh Harris
(piano)

Thursday 30th April

1pm, Lunchtime Concert

Gareth Lovell (singer/songwriter)



CRAFT FAIR

St John's Church

SATURDAY 18TH APRIL

10am - 4pm

Thank you...

Many thanks to Sweet Acre Nursery for their very generous contribution to the gifts for Mothering Sunday. Thanks also to all members of the church who gave so generously towards the Easter flowers. Extra special thanks to all the very talented artistic children from St. John's School for loaning us their beautiful bonnets in order for us to display them over the Easter celebrations.

David Randall, Flower Team Leader

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

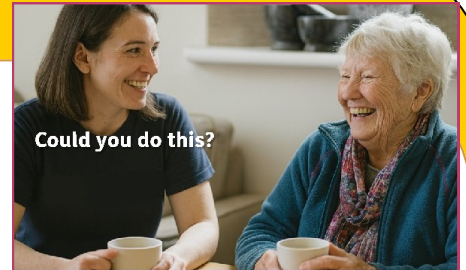


Coffee ~ Cake ~ Company
Everyone Welcome

Happy Easter!



A huge thank you to everyone who made Holy Week and Easter in our benefice such a rewarding and special time. Wardens, musicians, those who cleaned and decorated the church, the flower team, welcomers, coffee-makers, those who helped with admin, Sharon for all the printing, Servers, the ministry team, and everyone who came to a service. Thank you all! **Alice**



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](tel:01823345627) or scan here 

volunteers@ageuksomerset.org.uk

www.ageuksomerset.org.uk/volunteering

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Sunday 19th APRIL

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

At St John's Church...

10am: Sung Eucharist

4pm: Evensong



At St Ben's Church...

11.30am: Celtic Communion



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:

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

