

Readings for today...

New Testament Reading: **Acts 7.55–end †**

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

‘Look,’ he said, ‘I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!’

But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him.

Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’

Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them.’ When he had said this, he died.

Gospel Reading: **John 14: 1 – 14**

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’

Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’

Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’

Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’

Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”?’

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.

I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.



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NB: Day off Tuesday 5th May



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES: ST BENEDICT'S APCM MEETINGS ~ Sunday 24th May in church, following the morning Service
ST JOHN'S APCM MEETINGS ~ Sunday 31st May, 11.15am in Church following the morning Service

COFFEE MORNING in St John's Church, Friday 15th May, 10.30am - 12.30pm in support of Christian Aid Week (10 - 16th May).

Delicious Scones will be served from Burns the Bread Bakers, with clotted cream & jam! Other baked donations also very welcome.

All donations to charity. **WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU!**



ASCENSION DAY EUCHARIST

ST JOHN'S CHURCH

7.30PM

THURSDAY 14TH MAY 2026



Where hardship means hunger
 ...urban farmers can grow hope.

Join us this Christian Aid Week, 10-16 May. Please donate at cawweek.org/Give or contact:

Intense urban poverty in Nairobi, Kenya, is robbing mothers of the ability to protect their children from hunger. But with tools and training from our partner, Beacon of Hope, Fridah is farming vegetables in a small city plot to feed her family and earn an income. Join us this Christian Aid Week and support someone like Fridah to fight hunger and grow hope.

Join us today: cawweek.org/CAW

St Benedict's Church, Glastonbury
 Sunday 17th
 May 2026
 3.00 pm

Summer is a'coming in!

Glastonbury Voices Community Choir and Camerata, with Simply Uke Plus.
 Refreshments available
 Donations welcome for our music fund!

SPRING PLANT & SEED SALE
 Sunday 3rd May 2026 - 3 to 5pm
 in St Mary's Church, Meare

Indoor plants Outdoor plants
 Veg plants Refreshments

An evening of Baroque delights
 Music from the 17th and 18th centuries including arias, duets and keyboard music by Handel

Saturday 9th May 2026
 7 for 7.30pm
 Christ Church, Henton

Tickets £10 on the door
 All proceeds in aid of the church re-ordering fund
 Wine and soft drinks available before and after the concert

Performed by:
 Sarah Davies (soprano), Tricia Rees-Jones (soprano/piano)
 David Secchi (piano)

Please let jennyrossley@mbzonline.net or WhatsApp 07753 958836 know you will be attending

Sunday 10th MAY

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

At St John's Church...

8am: Holy Communion [BCP]

At St Ben's Church...

11am: Churches Together

CHRISTIAN AID Benefice Service



CONCERTS at St John's Church...

Tuesday 5th MAY
 1pm, Jazz Gig ...

Ralf Dorrell (double bass) &
 Richard Jenkins (piano)

Thursday 7th MAY
 1pm, Lunchtime Concert
 Qasim Shah (sitar)



St John's Church - Electoral Roll Update

If anyone has joined our congregation since May 2025 and wishes to be included in the soon to be updated Electoral Roll, application forms can be found on the notice board at the back of Church (by the photos of PCC members).

A plastic wallet will be next to these for the collection of completed forms.

The closing date for submission of forms is **11.30am, Sunday 3rd May.**

If you have any queries, please contact Caroline Masters (Electoral Roll Officer)- mrscarolinemasters@gmail.com



REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS & SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE:

MONDAYS: Community Support Café, 10am - 12noon, 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