

Readings for today...

New Testament Reading: **Acts 17.22–31** †

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.” Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

Gospel Reading: **John 14: 15 – 21**

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever.

This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.

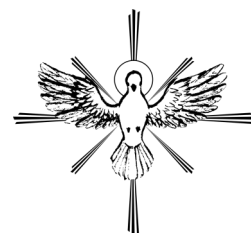
In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.

On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’



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TOWN & CHURCH EVENTS :

Friday 22nd May, 2.30pm, MAYOR-ELECT'S SERVICE, St John's Church & Saturday 24th May, 3 - 4pm, Christians Together in Glastonbury
 "PENTECOST PRAISE" in the grounds of Glastonbury Abbey

COFFEE MORNING, 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 Christian Aid. **WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU!**



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 ...urban farmers can grow hope.

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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!

CONCERTS at St John's Church...

Thursday 14th MAY
 1pm, Lunchtime Concert
Amelia Wise (clarinet)

Thursday 21st MAY
 1pm, Lunchtime Concert
Avalon Free State Choir

Thursday 28th MAY
 1pm, Lunchtime Concert
Jeanette Owen (flute) & **Alex Roche** (guitar)



ASCENSION DAY

St John the Baptist,
 Glastonbury
Sung Eucharist
Thursday 14th
May 7:30pm

Sunday 17th MAY
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 At St John's Church...
10am: Sung Eucharist

At St Ben's Church...
11.30am: Celtic Communion

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

ST MARY'S CHURCH, MEARE APCM MEETING
 Thursday 21st May, 9am

ST BENEDICT'S APCM MEETINGS
 Sunday 24th May, 1pm in church

ST JOHN'S APCM MEETINGS
 Sunday 31st May, 11.15am, in Church



LIZ'S TOWER CHALLENGE

MAY 2026

RAISING MONEY FOR ST BEN'S

Liz will be climbing up St Ben's tower every day during the month of May to raise money for the church

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:
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