

## Readings for today...

### New Testament Reading: **Acts 1.6–14**

So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’

He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.

They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’ Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away.

When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

### Gospel Reading: **John 17.1–11**

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, ‘Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

‘I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you;

for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.

All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Patricia Ackroyd  
Joyce Canning  
Claire Dixon  
John Foreman  
Roy Heginbotham  
Brian Low  
Kay Rayner  
Eric Stockley  
Robin Walker  
Brian & Freda Williams  
Margaret Wooley

Neill Bonham  
Christine Dixon  
Janet Dray  
Ewan Hayes  
Paulette Langley  
Ann Matkins  
Ev Ridout  
The Revd. Preb. Chris Tookey  
Ray Warner  
John Wire



#### RIP:

**Amanda K/A “Mandy” Cosway**  
{Funeral 22/05, 2.30pm, Mendip Crematorium}  
**John Mamo-Mason**  
{Funeral 09/06, 12noon, St John’s Church}

**VICAR : The Revd. Alice Watson**  
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NB: Day off Tuesday 19th May

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Office Opening Hours w/c 18th May : Tues – Fri, 8.30am – 1pm

**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

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!



**Pentecost Praise Service**  
 Sunday 24th May  
 3.00pm  
 Glastonbury Abbey  
 Bring & Share Tea

Bring a folding chair or blanket.  
 Abbey members: show membership card / Guest Passes.  
 Non-members: tell Admissions you are attending the service.

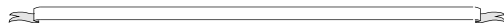
**DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:**



**ST MARY'S CHURCH, MEARE APCM**  
 Thursday 21st May, 9am  
 in church

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

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



**Sunday 24th MAY**

**DAY OF PENTECOST**

[Whit Sunday]

At St John's Church...

8am: Holy Communion [BCP]

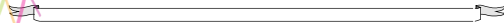
10am: Sung Eucharist

At St Ben's Church...

11.30am: Celtic Communion

[coffee from 11am]

1pm: Annual Parochial Church Meetings in church



**LIZ'S TOWER CHALLENGE**

**MAY 2026**

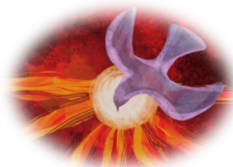
**RAISING MONEY FOR ST BEN'S**

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

**CONCERTS at St John's Church...**

**THURSDAY 21ST MAY**  
 1pm Lunchtime Concert  
 Avalon Free State Choir

**THURSDAY 28TH MAY**  
 1pm Lunchtime Concert  
 Jeanette Owen (flute) & Alex Roche (guitar)



**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](http://stjohns-glastonbury.uk)      [stbens-glastonbury.uk](http://stbens-glastonbury.uk)

& in the porch of St Mary's Church, Meare, [www.meare-pc.gov.uk](http://www.meare-pc.gov.uk)

To report an issue, please contact the Benefice Safeguarding Officer:

**Helen Roper** [safeguarding@stbens-glastonbury.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stbens-glastonbury.uk) Mobile 07436 856 451 or,

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