

Readings for today...

New Testament Reading: Romans 5: 1 - 8

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.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9.35 – 10.8 [9 – 23]

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.' Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.

If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town. 'See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.

Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.]

LOCAL REACH

If you have seen the June Edition of Local Reach you will see there has been an error. Our Sunday Service is at the usual time of 10am and **not** 10.30am as is written in the magazine! **Derek Dorey**



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Calling All Alumni!
SCHOOL REUNION CELEBRATION
ST BENEDICT'S JUNIOR SCHOOL 150th ANNIVERSARY
 COME BACK TO CELEBRATE WITH US!

JOIN US TO LOOK AROUND YOUR OLD CLASSROOMS AND REMINISCE AMONGST OLD FRIENDS

WEDNESDAY, 17TH JUNE 2026 • 5-7PM
ST BENEDICT'S, GLASTONBURY
 REGISTER YOUR INTEREST WITH THE OFFICE TEL: 01458 8318811

St Benedict's Church would also like to welcome you across the road, to see their fantastic refurbishment.

MIDSUMMER LABYRINTH WALK
 Celebrating Midsummer's Day

Wednesday 24th June
6:pm
 St John's Churchyard, Glastonbury

CONCERTS at
St John's Church...
Thursday 18th JUNE
1pm Lunchtime Concert ~
 "The Congresbury Singers"

Thursday 25th JUNE
1pm Lunchtime Concert ~
 Abigail Wise (piano)

Thursday 2nd JULY
1pm Lunchtime Concert ~
 "Avalon Wind Quintet"

INCOMING MINISTRIES STREET & GLASTONBURY
ONE YEAR ON 🥳
CELEBRATION NIGHT
ALL AGES WELCOME

FRI 19TH JUNE 7PM
 THE MISSION CHURCH, STREET
 WORSHIP | TESTIMONY

INCOMING MINISTRIES GATHERING YOUNG ADULTS REGIONALLY & LOCALLY TO SIMPLY ENCOUNTER JESUS CHRIST

ST MARY'S CHURCH, MEARE
Strawberry Tea
Join us for scones & strawberries
SUNDAY 21ST JUNE 3-5PM

THE LITTLE SECRET MARKET
Tuesdays
 10am - 4pm
handmade crafts & more

find us at
Church Lane Hub
 Church Lane, Glastonbury, BA6 9JQ

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Sunday 21st JUNE
THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
At St John's Church... **10am:** Sung Eucharist
At St Ben's Church... **11.30am:** Celtic Communion



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:
Event: St John's PCC meeting
Date: Wednesday 17th June, 7.15pm
Venue: Church Lane Hub & Conference Centre

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;**

Friday Café, 10.30am - 12.30pm, **ST JOHN'S CHURCH. All welcome!**



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

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