

## ST JOHN'S PATRONAL FESTIVAL : Readings for today...

### Old Testament Reading: Isa. 40: 1—11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!'

See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

### Gospel Reading: Luke 1: 57—66, 80

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son.

Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed.

Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God.

Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE PLEASE READ ~ UPDATING THE PRAYER LIST:

**We will shortly be looking at the Prayer list to see who can come off or, who should stay on, and need your help to be able to edit the list. If we don't hear from anyone, then people will be removed. Thank you.** Alice & Sharon

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

**RIP:**

**Sharon Pitman**

[Funeral 15/07/26, 1.30pm, WSM Crematorium]

**Gwynneth Tucker K/A "Gwyn"**

[Funeral 09/07/26, 12.30pm, Mendip Crematorium]

**VICAR : The Revd. Alice Watson**  
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**Day off this week: FRIDAY 3RD JULY**

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**HENTON Village Fete**  
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 1-5pm

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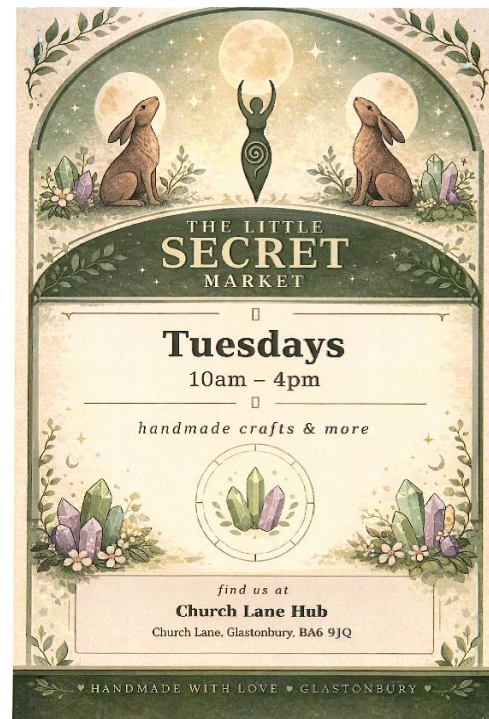
## CONCERTS at

St John's Church...

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

Tuesday 7th JULY  
 1pm Jazz@St John's with  
 Nick Patterson (piano) &  
 Duncan Anselm (sax)

Thursday 9th JULY  
 1pm Lunchtime Concert  
 Matthew



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## "FELLOWSHIP LUNCH"

at

St John's Church  
**SUNDAY 5th JULY**

(these usually start at 12.30pm)

**All Welcome!**

(£10 per head)

Please let **Sandra & David Smith** know if you're coming plus, any specific dietary requirements.

**Thank you!**



## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Event:** Archdeacon's Visitation

**Date:** Monday 29th June, 6pm

**Venue:** St John's Church

## Behold The Coat of Hopes

The **Coat of Hopes** is a patchwork coat that is on an ongoing walk through Britain. Made, worn and walked by hundreds of people during and since its pilgrimage from the south coast of England to COP 26, the UN climate summit, in Glasgow autumn 2021.



The Coat is made up of pieces of blanket into which people have worked their griefs, remembrances, prayers and hopes for the place they call home. It carries an invitation to share our love and responsibility in facing this climate and ecological emergency.

**We invite you to meet with and try the coat on**

**when it stays in Glastonbury**

**Date:** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026

**Meeting time:** 7 - 8:30pm

**Location:** Glastonbury United Reform Church, High Street, Glastonbury BA6

Join us to meet, try on the Coat and hear the story and song of **The Coat of Hopes** before we travel on to **Somerton** on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

Visit our website to find out more: <https://www.coatofhopes.uk/>

If you would like to walk with the Coat of Hopes, please email [yes@coatofhopes.uk](mailto:yes@coatofhopes.uk)

All are welcome.

We would love to see you there.

**Sunday 5th JULY**

## The Fifth Sunday After Trinity

At St John's Church...

**8am:** Holy Communion [BCP] | **10am:** Sung Eucharist

**4pm:** Evensong

At St Ben's Church...

**4pm:** Healing & Wholeness Service

At St Mary's Church, Meare...

**11am:** Holy Communion

## 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;

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](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,

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

