

Readings for today...

New Testament Reading: Romans 4: 13 – end

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.

For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')— in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.

No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.'

Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9: 9 – 13, 18 – 26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.'

Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.'

And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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**

MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR...

*Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Annual Parochial Church Meetings [APCM] and to all on the Parochial Church Councils [PCC]. A special thanks also to our Churchwardens Elect : Derek Dorey, Ronnie Harkness, Liz Pearson, John Musgrove, Hilary Sage & Rachel Robinson, all to be sworn in at the Archdeacon's Visitation Monday 29th June in St John's Church. **Alice***



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COME BACK TO CELEBRATE WITH US!

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WEDNESDAY, 17TH JUNE 2026 • 5-7PM
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St Benedict's Church would also like to welcome you across the road, to see their fantastic refurbishment.

Sunday 14th JUNE
The Second Sunday After Trinity

At St John's Church...

10am: Sung Eucharist | 12noon: Baptism

At St Ben's Church...

8am: Holy Communion [BCP] |

11am: URC at St Ben's for Shared Worship



CONCERT at

St John's Church...

Thursday 11th JUNE

1pm Lunchtime Concert

St John's School Choir with
member of the Glastonbury Male
Voice Choir



FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S CHURCH GLASTONBURY

Who are we.....

Objects of the Friends is to advance the Christian religion shall be to maintain, repair, restore, preserve, improve, beautify and reconstruct for the benefit of the public the fabric of the Church St. John's its monuments, fixtures, fittings, furniture, stained glass, ornaments other chattels and its churchyard. (extract taken from original rules).

The Friends have undertaken many projects since its inception in 1962 and continues to follow the original rules to this day.

Are you passionate about this beautiful building and would like to be part of the Friends, then please look on the St. John's Website, www.stjohns-glastonbury.uk, where you will find an application form. If you need any further information, please e-mail Jenny Randall (Secretary) friendsofstjohnschurch2025@gmail.com

ST MARY'S CHURCH, MEARE

Strawberry Tea

Join us for
for scones & strawberries

SUNDAY 21ST JUNE 3-5PM



The Children's Society Unfortunately this is the last year that I shall be collecting the Boxes for the Society. There are several reasons but the biggest is the lack of loose change which has reduced the amount given, also the list of supporters of the Boxes has shrunk to just over single figures. Many people are now giving a donation online. Banking the money has become more and more difficult with the closure of banks in the local area. I am sorry this has to be as St John's has had a collection for the Society for many, many years but, sadly this is the way things are going with many Charities. Jessie Henderson is helping me this year so, if you have a box, she will collect it from you or, if you can get it to me, I would be grateful. If there is anyone who would like to take on this task please contact me. Thank you to all those people who have contributed to the Children's Society over the years and still do in one way or another. **Ann Merritt**

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

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

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