

## Readings for today...

### New Testament Reading: Romans 7: 15 – 25a

I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature<sup>[a]</sup> a slave to the law of sin.

### Gospel Reading: Matthew 11: 16 – 19, 25 – end

'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn."

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.' At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

### ~ OFFICE CLOSURE ~

The Parish Office will be closed w/c 13th July. Reopening at 8.30am on Tuesday 21st July.

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be no newsletter for 12th & 19th July.

Please see Church Websites & Facebook for details of Services and Events.

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| 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:

#### Wendy Perring

[Funeral 20/07/26, 10.30am, Mendip Crematorium]

#### Sharon Pitman

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

#### Gwynneth Tucker K/A "Gwyn"

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

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Day off this week: Monday 6th July

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Office Opening Hours w/c 6th JULY : TUES & THURS 8.30am - 1pm

**Sunday 12th JULY**  
**St Benedict's Patronal Festival**

*[The Sixth Sunday After Trinity]*

**At St Ben's Church...**

**10am:** BENEFICE EUCHARIST SERVICE

**At St Mary's Church, Meare...**

**12noon:** BAPTISM

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**Sunday 19th JULY**

*The Seventh Sunday After Trinity*

**At St John's Church...**

**10am:** Sung Eucharist

**At St Ben's Church...**

**11.30am:** Celtic Communion

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**Sunday 26th JULY**

*The Eighth Sunday After Trinity*

**PRIDE IN GLASTONBURY**

**At St John's Church...**

**8am:** Holy Communion [BCP]

**10am:** Sung Eucharist

**At St Ben's Church...**

**11.30am:** Celtic Communion

EVERYONE IS



HERE

**Glastonbury Brass**

**SUMMER CONCERT**

Saturday 11th July 2026

14:30

St John's Church

<https://www.ticketsource.com/glastonburybrass>

*Glastonbury Brass will be holding a summer concert in St. John's Church, Glastonbury! Why not bring the whole family for an entertaining concert! Doors open at 14:00.*



**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)



**CONCERTS at**

*St John's Church...*

**Tuesday 7th JULY**

*1pm Jazz@St. John's with Nick Patterson (piano) & Duncan Anselm (sax)*

**Thursday 9th JULY**

*1pm Lunchtime Concert ~ Matthew Redman (organ)*

**Thursday 16th JULY**

*1pm Lunchtime Concert ~ Helen & Denian Arcoleo (flute & guitar)*

**Thursday 23rd JULY**

*1pm Lunchtime Concert ~ Sara Vian (singer/songwriter)*

**Bath & Wells Diocese : WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE (6th – 10th July)**

During the first week of July, we are inviting churches and schools, families and individuals, to pray for children and young people, as part of our 2026 Year of Prayer. A Prayer Guide produced by the Go Team offers 5 daily themes, Monday through to Friday (6 – 10 July), encouraging us to pray for children and young people in our churches, schools, wider communities and at home, with the final day focusing on those who lead, teach and support children and young people across our diocese. There are suggestions for prayer alongside a Bible passage and a written prayer to use each day. We are particularly thinking of young people at this time of transition from within nurseries and schools or leaving for college, and also their teachers.

*More information and resources can be found online.*

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES:**

Would you like to be confirmed? Confirmation is a step on the journey of faith, a chance to affirm what you believe, and receive the Holy Spirit. We have a service in our benefice with Bishop Fiona on August 30th.

If you'd like to explore this, please get in touch with Alice.

Confirmation preparation classes will be in late July/August.