

The Abbey Parishes Weekly News

Sunday 6th September - Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary

[St Mary's Patronal Festival]

Isaiah 61: 10 - end | Luke 1: 46 - 55



Vicar: The Rev'd Alice Watson - Mob: 07826 920576 | email: revalicewatson@gmail.com

Alice's day off this week: **Wednesday 9th September**

Message from the Vicar: *This time of year always is 'back to school' time, and so feels a bit like a new year. It can be a time to reflect, and especially as we approach Harvest-tide, to give thanks to God for the many gifts we receive. In my work as a student chaplain, I used to have 'spiritual check-ins' with students at this time, to look at the journey of faith, and see what God might be saying to us at this present time. If you'd like one, and a chance to have a focussed, spiritual discussion, then please get in touch.*

Prayer for the week

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please pray for:

Patricia Ackroyd ; Reg Baker ; Neill Bonham ;
Paul Brandon ; Joyce Canning ; Christine Dixon ;
Claire Dixon ; Janet Dray ; John Foreman ;
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

The Revd. Ana. Lawrence Jared Chandler

This week in the Benefice ...

Services

Sunday 6th September

8am: Holy Communion [BCP], *St John's*

11am: Benefice Eucharist, *St Mary's, Meare*

4pm: Healing & Wholeness Service, *St Ben's*

4pm: Choral Evensong, *St John's*

Tuesday 8th September

10:30am: Eucharist, *St Patrick's Chapel*

Friday 11th September

9.30am: Celtic Communion, *St Margaret's Chapel*

Events

Monday 7th September

10am-12noon: Community Support Cafe, *St John's Church*

Wednesday 9th September

6pm: "Strangely Spoken" : a performance of multi-vocal poetry & music, *St Ben's Church*

[Any money raised from donations on the door will contribute toward repair work following flooding at Glastonbury's Library of Avalon.]

7 - 9pm: Avalon WI, *Church Lane Hub & Conference Centre*

Thursday 10th September

12 - 2pm: Soup Lunch, *St Ben's Church*

1pm: Lunchtime Concert by the *Avalon Recorder Consort*, *St John's Church*

2 - 4pm: Comfort Cafe, *Church Lane Hub & Conference Centre*

Safeguarding within the Benefice

This benefice is committed to the safeguarding of all people. A copy of the safeguarding policy is available on our websites and in the church porches.

To report any safeguarding concern or issue please contact the Benefice Safeguarding Officer:

Helen Roper: safeguarding@stbens-glastonbury | tel: 07436 856451

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St Margaret's Chapel Glastonbury

Taizé Meditation

Song. Silence. Prayer.

Sunday 13th September 5pm

All Welcome



Avalon Ladies WI meets **every 2nd Wednesday of the month** in the Church Lane Hub & Conference Centre, **7pm - 9pm.**

We are a small group with a varied programme arranged for the next year. There is always tea, cake and friendly faces so please do come and find us! Please contact **07742161059** if you would like more information. *Lin Snell*

St Johns Church cleaning will be on the **3rd Tuesday of September** instead of the 2nd eg **15th September from 9.30am - 12noon**, any help would be gratefully received!
Sandra Smith

REMINDER: St Johns PCC will be meeting on **Wednesday 16th September** at the earlier time of **7pm** in the Church Lane Hub & Conference Centre.

Glastonbury and Street Foodbank invite you and anyone you know who is concerned about food poverty to the AGM

Light refreshments with news and reports of Bridging the Gap in 2025-26.

When

Wednesday 16th September 2026 at 7pm

Where

Glastonbury Methodist Church, Lambrook St., BA6 8BY

Contact

info@glastonburyandstreetfoodbank.org.uk

07980 458600

Thank you for supporting the foodbank

AN AFTERNOON OF FEEL-GOOD MUSIC!

ROCK CHOIR

INSPIRING PEOPLE THROUGH SONG SINCE 2005

Real People. Real Voices. Real Rock.

WHERE: St Mary's Church, Meare

WHEN: Saturday, 19th September

TIME: 2.30pm

PRICE: Adults £10, children free including refreshments!

TICKETS: Phone 07947 049189 or email robinsonrachelm@btinternet.com

COME ALONG & JOIN THE JOY!

GREAT SONGS ★ AMAZING HARMONIES ★ PURE FEEL-GOOD FUN!

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