

The Abbey Parishes Weekly News

Sunday 4th October

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Readings: 2 Cor. 9: 6 - end | Luke 12: 16 - 30



Vicar: The Rev'd Alice Watson - Mob: 07816 920576 | email: revalicewatson@gmail.com

Alice's day off this week: **TUESDAY 6th OCTOBER**

Message from the Vicar: This Sunday we come together as a Benefice to celebrate Harvest. Harvest is a time to catch our breaths, to give thanks to God for the harvest of the fields, and for his many blessings in our lives. It's also a reminder to be generous with what we have and, during this service, harvest produce will be blessed before being given to the food bank. Thank you for anything you can donate. It is my hope that we can share big festivals, such as our patronals, and harvest with each other as a benefice - three churches, each distinct, but worshipping and working together.

Prayer for the week

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness, and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THIS WEEK IN THE BENEFICE ...

SERVICES:

Sunday 4th OCTOBER

8am: Holy Communion [BCP], St John's
11am: HARVEST BENEFICE EUCHARIST, St Mary's, Meare

4pm: Choral Evensong, St John's Church

Tuesday 6th OCTOBER

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

Friday 9th OCTOBER

9.30am: Celtic Communion, St Margaret's Chapel

Sunday 11th OCTOBER

8am: Holy Communion [BCP], St Ben's
10am: Choral Eucharist, St John's
10.30am: St Ben's at the URC for Shared Worship
5pm: Taize, St Margaret's Chapel

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 Woolley

RIP: PREB. PATRICK RILEY [Funeral at St James Church, Shaftesbury 07/10/26, 11.30am]

EVENTS THIS WEEK...

Monday 5th October

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

Tuesday 6th October

1pm: JAZZ CONCERT by Iain Houston (sax) with Ray d'Inverno (piano)

Thursday 8th October

10-12noon: "Sounds Joyful", Church Lane Hub

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

1pm: CONCERT by Lorenzo Masotto (piano), St John's Church

2 - 4pm: Comfort Cafe, Church Lane Hub

Friday 9th October

2pm: St John's Infant School Harvest Festival, St John's Church

Sunday 11th October

6.30 - 9pm: 5 Rhythms Dance Session, St John's Church ~

for more information, please contact Francis Eliot at:
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Safeguarding within the Benefice

This benefit 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:

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LUNCHTIME CONCERTS OCT & NOV, St John's Church ...

Tuesday 6th October 1pm Jazz@ St John's: Iain Houston (sax) with Ray d'Inverno (piano)

Thursday 8th October 1pm Lunchtime Concert: Lorenzo Masotto (piano)

Thursday 15th October 1pm Lunchtime Concert: Downside School Schola Cantorum

Thursday 22nd October 1pm Lunchtime Concert: Simeon Walker (piano)

Thursday 29th October 1pm Lunchtime Concert: Toot Sweet Recorder Consort

Tuesday 3rd November 1pm Jazz@ St John's: Hywel Davies (melodica) with Richard Llewelyn (guitar)

Thursday 5th November 1pm Lunchtime Concert: Matthew Redman (organ)

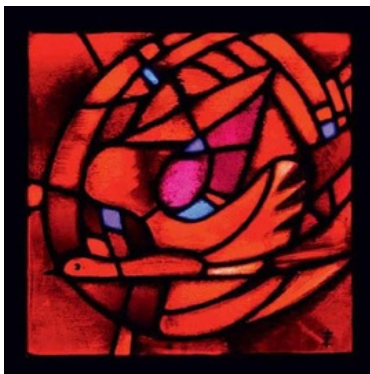
Thursday 12th November 1pm Lunchtime Concert: Toot Sweet Recorder Consort

St Margaret's Chapel, Glastonbury

Taizé Meditation Song. Silence. Prayer.

Sunday 11th October, 5pm

All Welcome



Notices:

We require someone to do Sides-person duties
at the Sunday Morning Service
in St John's please.
Thank you. **Alice**

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Could you be a school governor?
Both St John's Infants and St Ben's Junior
schools are looking to recruit governors.
This is a valuable way to become involved
with our church schools
and to give back to our community.
Please speak to Alice if you're interested or
to find out more.

Thank you.

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