The Abbey Parishes Weekly News

Sunday 29th NOVEMBER

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings: OT Isa. 64: 1 - 9 | Gospel Mark 13: 24 - end



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

Alice's day off this week: **Thursday 3rd December**

Message from the Vicar: This week I went, along with many clergy and readers from the diocese to the Cathedral for a pre-Advent day led by Bishop Guli Francis-Dehqani (Bishop of Chelmsford). Bishop Guli reflected upon Advent as an in-between season of waiting, and how we might live in our own times of waiting. Waiting can often feel like a time of being stuck - waiting for news, or test results, or for something to change. But Advent shows us that we do not wait passively, but expectantly, staying awake and prayerful. Waiting can be a time all of its own.

Prayer for the week

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the world of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal.
Amen.

Please pray for:

Patricia Ackroyd; Neill Bonham ; Paul Brandon ; Christine Dixon ; Claire Dixon ; Janet Dray ; John Foreman ; Ewan Hayes ; Roy Heginbotham ; Philip Jackson; Paulette Langley ; Brian Low ; Ann Matkins ; Kay Rayner ; Ev Ridout ; Eric Stockley ; Robin Walker ; Brian & Freda Williams ; John Wire ; Margaret Woolley

RIP:

Reg Baker

Joyce Canning [Funeral : 1.30pm, St John's Church 07/12/26]
Brian Fox [Funeral : 12noon, Yeovil Crematorium, 30/11/26]
David Wall [Funeral : 11am, St Ben's Church, 14/12/26]

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE:

Sunday 29th November ~ ADVENT SUNDAY
10am: BENEFICE CHORAL EUCHARIST SERVICE, St John's Church
6pm: ADVENT CAROL SERVICE, St John's Church

Tuesday 1st DECEMBER
10:30am: Eucharist, St Patrick's Chapel
Friday 4th December
9.30am: Celtic Communion, St Margaret's Chapel

Sunday 6th December
8am: Holy Communion [BCP], St John's Church
10am: SPECIAL EUCHARIST to open the Christmas Tree Festival, St John's Church
11am: Holy Communion, St Mary's, Church, Meare
Tuesday 8th December
10.30am: Eucharist, St Patrick's Chapel
Friday 11th December
9.30am: Celtic Communion, St Margaret's Chapel

MUSIC PLAYED FOR THE FINAL ORGAN VOLUNTARY on Sunday 29th November:
10am: Benefice Eucharist:- **JS Bach ~**
Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland BWV 661

WEEKLY DIARY:

Monday 30th November
10am-12noon: Community Support Cafe, St John's Church
12noon: Funeral of Brian Fox, Yeovil Crematorium
7.30pm: CONCERT by the Medieval Baebes, St John's Church
Tuesday 1st December
8.30-9am: Delivery of Christmas Trees, St John's Church
Wednesday 2nd December
AM: Setting up of Christmas trees, St John's Church
Thursday 3rd December
10am - 3pm: Christmas trees dressed with lights, St John's Church
12 - 2pm: Soup Lunch, St Ben's Church
NO LUNCHTIME CONCERT TODAY
2 - 4pm: Comfort Cafe, Church Lane Hub
Friday 4th December
10am - 4pm : Decorating of Christmas Trees, St John's Church
10 - 12noon : "Festive" Friday morning Cafe, St John's Church
Saturday 5th December
10am - 12noon: Decorating of Christmas Trees, St John's Church
7.30pm : CONCERT by Chorale21, St John's Church
Sunday 6th December
12.30pm : Fellowship Lunch, Church Lane Hub
3 - 5pm : CONCERT by Glastonbury Voices Community Choir, St Ben's Church

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.uk I tel: 07436 856451
or the Diocesan Safeguarding Manager Ben Goodhind: ben.goodhind@bathwells.anglican.org | tel: 01749 588917

Inclusive Church

Glastonbury Voices Community Choir

2026 Winter Concerts

Saturday 28 November - 11am Frost Fayre

Free entry - cosy carols in the New Atrium of the Glastonbury Town Hall

GVCC

Songs of Comfort & Joy!

Sunday 6 December - 3pm

St Benedict's Church, Glastonbury

Glastonbury Camerata - Full Circle - Simply Uke Plus

Free entry - Donations invited for the GVCC Fund

Medieval Baebes



Monday 30th November 2026
Doors 7pm Concert 7.30pm
St. John the Baptist's
High Street
Glastonbury
BA6 9DR

Tickets online at mediaevalbaebes.com/live

Glastonbury Community Support Café

MONDAYS, 10 - 12
ST JOHN'S CHURCH

30 NOV

- Refreshments by donation
- Support & signposting
- Outreach NHS & Housing professionals
- Tech Connect - digital support
- Free clothing
- Neurodiverse chat space
- Poetry & creative wellbeing groups
- Singing group
- Journalling peer circle
- Menopause peer support group
- CASC cancer peer support group

7 DEC

- Refreshments by donation
- Support & signposting
- Outreach NHS & Housing professionals
- Tech Connect - digital support
- Free clothing
- Neurodiverse chat space
- Poetry & creative wellbeing groups
- Singing group
- Journalling peer circle

14 DEC

- Refreshments by donation
- Support & signposting
- Outreach NHS & Housing professionals
- Tech Connect - digital support
- Free clothing
- Neurodiverse chat space
- Poetry & creative wellbeing groups
- Singing group
- Dentaid service

21 DEC

- Festive refreshments!
- Support & signposting
- Outreach NHS & Housing professionals
- Tech Connect - digital support
- Free clothing
- Neurodiverse chat space
- Poetry & creative wellbeing groups
- Singing group - festive tunes!
- Fabulous Feet by Lynda - free service
- Seniors support group

NO CAFE ON 28TH DEC...WE WILL BE BACK ON 4TH JAN
~ SEASON'S BLESSINGS TO ALL ~

WITH THANKS TO ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Café in St John's Church

CAFE

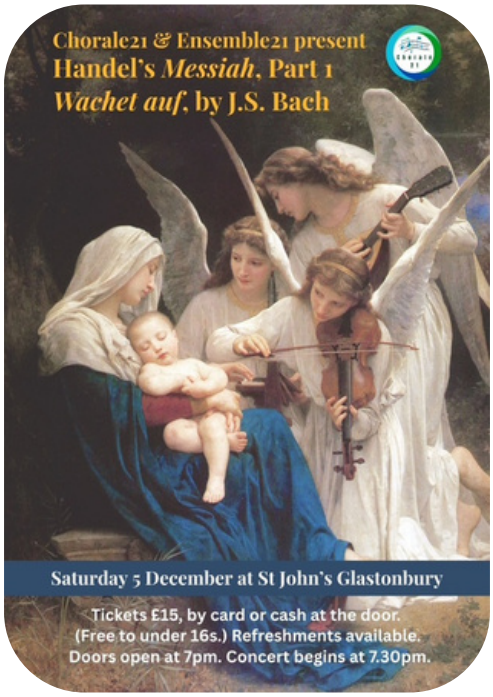
FAIRTRADE

Friday 4th December
10 – 12 noon
Everybody Welcome

All donations to the YMCA

the YMCA

Chorale21 & Ensemble21 present Handel's *Messiah*, Part 1 *Wachet auf*, by J.S. Bach



Saturday 5 December at St John's Glastonbury

Tickets £15, by card or cash at the door.
(Free to under 16s.) Refreshments available.
Doors open at 7pm. Concert begins at 7.30pm.



Are you carrying grief this festive season?

Are you worried about how you will cope?

Join us for an evening of honouring grief, shared experiences, practical support and tips to navigate the season.

Know that you aren't alone.

PRESENTED BY

Lin Snell
Bereavement & Outreach Lead

Kat Hector
Funeral Celebrant

Tea, coffee, mulled wine and mince pies provided.
Booking is not required, but to assist us, please email
lin@forseyandson.co.uk
to let us know you will be joining us.

Thursday 10th December
6:30pm arrival • 7pm start
Forsey & Son Independent Funeral Directors
Willowfields, Lowerside Lane,
Glastonbury BA6 9GY

BOOKING NOW FOR

Christmas Table Decoration Workshop

Friday, 18th December 2026
2pm Church Rooms
£15 including refreshments
in aid of St Mary's Church, Meare

Rachel Robinson, 07947 049189
robinsonrachelm@btinternet.com

Advent and Christmas

St John the Baptist, Glastonbury

29th November | 6pm Advent Carol Service
6th December | 10am Opening of Tree Festival
20th December | 6pm Nine Lessons and Carols
Christmas Eve | 4pm Crib Service | 11:30pm Midnight Mass
Christmas Day | 10am Benefice Eucharist service

St Benedict's, Glastonbury

Christmas Eve | 6pm Carol Service

St Mary's, Meare

15th December | 6pm Carol Service
Christmas Eve | 4pm Crib Service | 10pm 'Midnight' Mass

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, GLASTONBURY

Christmas Tree Festival 2026

SUNDAY 6TH TO FRIDAY 25TH DECEMBER

A truly festive experience that celebrates our local community

Come and see St John's filled with real trees, representing and decorated by community groups and local businesses