



A message from the new Treasurer at St Ben's: I moved to Glastonbury from Gloucestershire 18 months ago to join my fiancée Meig Stevenson – having previously lived in Bristol for 28 years with my late wife & family – and as a newcomer I've been made very welcome and felt very included. After a career in IT & financial services I'd already been treasurer for 2 charities – so when the call went out at St Ben's for someone to take over from the excellent David C I knew was meant for me! As we all know our mission as God's people on earth includes worship, taking the gospel to the world and loving our neighbours as ourselves – which means we need to give as much of our time, skills and money as we can. And as we've seen at St John's and St Ben's money can be raised, with a lot of hard work, for ambitious projects such as reordering but the challenge is to generate enough regular income to pay the salaries & bills without and enable the Church, all of us, to help in God's work on earth. So please forgive me for pestering about collections, standing orders, fundraising events, publicity and so on – it's to help us do the Lord's work for the people of Glastonbury. **Chris Lambert**

INVITATION I have been asked to help raise funds for a Wells Cathedral Chorister Tour to the Netherlands next month and will be hosting an 'Afternoon Tea' at the Vicarage on **Saturday 14th September between 2 - 4pm**. All donations gratefully received - I can promise there will be great cakes!! **James MacGeoch**



St. John's 'StF' Chair Appeal: Many thanks to all those who have given their generous support to donate funds towards our new flexible seating in our 'soon to be' restored St John's Church. We are now more than half way through the restoration process, so finally in a position to order the essential furniture. Whilst each chair has a cost of £240, we are grateful for whatever financial donations you may feel able to provide. For more details of this appeal, which include donations by instalments if you wish, see the details at the back of either St. Benedict's or St. Mary's churches. We are seeking support and pledges by **15th September please**, to enable the order to be placed, ensuring delivery before our February 2020 opening date. **Michael Masters**

A HUGE thank you to all of you who attended our cream tea on the 31st August; it was wonderful to welcome so many of you to our home! We are pleased to say we raised **£205.00** for St Johns Church Funds.

David & Jenny Randall

Please keep the following people & their families in your prayers:

Liz Affleck-Edwards, Dorothy Badman, Steve Brain, Fr. Robert Featherstone, Joan Green, Marie Harris, Valerie Moreton, Rick Pudner, Jean Rooney, Andrew & Sheila Scott-Evans & Rosemary Turnbull.

FOR THOSE TO BE BAPTISED:

HENRY WHITCOMBE

[Sunday 15th September, 11.30am at St Mary's, Meare]

R.I.P:

ROBERT BUNN

[Funeral Tuesday 10th September, 12noon in St Ben's Church]

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 St Ben's: **www.stbens.ukpc.net**
 St Mary's, Meare: **is.gd/stmarymeare**

Abbey Parishes online diary: **www.apdiary.ukpc.net**

This newsletter can be downloaded from the St John's website (News page)

Monday 9th - Sunday 15th September 2019

MON 9TH	7pm	Tai Chi, St Ben's Church.
TUES 10TH	9am	Morning Prayer, St Ben's Church.
	10.30am	Holy Communion, St Patrick's Chapel.
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	12noon	Funeral of Robert Bunn , St Ben's Church.
	3pm	Visitors' meeting, St John's Centre.
	7.15pm	St Ben's PCC meeting, Yeast Scrap-Store.
WED 11TH	9am	Morning Prayer, St Ben's Church.
	6.30pm	ReMix Youth Group, St Ben's Church.
THURS 12TH	9am	Morning Prayer, St Mary's Church, Meare.
	10.30am	Holy Communion, St Margaret's Chapel.
	7pm	Choir practice, St Ben's Church.
FRI 13TH	9am	Morning Prayer, Abbey House.
	9.30am	St John's Churchwardens meeting, Vicarage.
	12noon	Soup lunches, St Ben's Church.
	7pm	Avalon Ladies W.I., St Ben's Church.
SUN 15TH	The Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity [<i>Battle of Britain Day</i>]	
	8am	Holy Communion [BCP] , St Ben's Church
	9.30am	Holy Communion , St Ben's Church
	11.15am	Café Style Service , St Ben's Church
	11.30am	Baptism , St Mary's Church, Meare
	Readings: 1 Tim.1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10	

We are pleased that you are here in our church and we pray that your visit may bring you closer to God's Love.



Welcome to the Benefice of Glastonbury with Meare



St John's Church



St Benedict's Church



St Mary's Church,
Meare

Sunday 8th September 2019

The Twelfth Sunday After Trinity

St. Benedict's

8am: Holy Communion [BCP]

Celebrant: The Vicar

11am: Shared Service with URC

Led by: Mrs. Di Greuter

5pm: Healing Service

Led by: The Revd. Pamela Heazell

St. Mary's, Meare

11am: Holy Communion

Combined Service

Celebrant: The Vicar

Preacher: The Revd. Robin Ray

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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.

Hymn No's for the 11am Service at St Mary's: 49, 73, 372 & 422

Bible Readings for today:

Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33