

Letter from the Curate...

"Dear friends, it seems so soon after Christmas to even mention the word Lent or even Easter. However, Lent is very early this year and so we must begin to turn our minds to all that is to come.

Glastonbury has been a place of pilgrimage for over 1000 years, from those who came to the abbey, to those that come to this very day seeking a glimpse of the divine. It has been said by many over the years that the Christian life is a life of pilgrimage and, being a follower of Christ, is about learning how to walk the way. It is with this in mind that I am excited to announce details of this year's Lent Series - Journeying: Living as a Pilgrim People.

This Lent we are pleased to offer a 5-week series of eminent guest Preachers from across the country at the 10am Sunday Service. Each preacher will speak to us on the theme of Living as a Pilgrim people and explore what it means to walk the way of Jesus. Following each service there will be a chance for group discussion with our guest Preachers, followed by a simple soup lunch where we hope conversations can continue. Our aim for this Lent is to draw together in shared contemplation of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus and to walk his way, through prayer, teaching, and fellowship.

This promises to be a truly rich series of guest Preachers and certainly not one to be missed, so I do warmly encourage you all to come and engage with our guests. We shall also be offering weekly confession in the Lady Chapel and other events to enrich your Lenten journey. Full details of each speaker will be published week by week and the line up is listed below.

We do hope you enjoy this Lent Series for 2024 and that, through the weeks of this coming Lent, we can all delve deeper into what makes us the pilgrim people of God walking the way of the gentle Lord Jesus.

Many blessings for the rest of Epiphany and I am looking forward to our shared Lenten experience."

Kieron

Lent 1, 18th Feb : Rt Revd Humphrey Southren – Principle of Ripon College Cuddesdon, Oxford, Former Bishop of Repton.

Lent 2, 25th Feb: Mother Sally Jones – Vicar of St Mary Magdalene Munster Square, London, Assistant Superior of the Sodality of Mary.

Lent 3, 3rd March: The Very Revd Richard Peers – Dean of Llandaff, Former Sub-Dean of Christ Church Oxford.

Lent 4, 10th March: The Revd Preb Ronnie Crossman – Ministry Training Team Leader, Diocese of Bath & Wells.

Lent 5, 17th March: The Revd Canon Prof Mark Chapman – Professor of the History of Modern Theology, University of Oxford, Vice-Principle of Ripon College Cuddesdon, Canon Theologian of Truro Cathedral.

Please pray for....

Liz Affleck-Edwards

Pam Carpenter

Jean Heginbotham

Rev. Tim Richards

Brian & Maureen Webster

Annie Wynter-Crofts

Lindsay Beach

Janet Dray

Audrey House

Ken & Ev Ridout

Brian & Freda Williams

Neill Bonham

John Foreman

Brian & Eve Low

Eric Stockley

Joyce Canning

Ewan Hayes

Mary Parfitt

Bonnie Tillbrook

John Wire



Rest in Peace:

ALAN GLOAK;

RICHARD SCRIBENS;

JOHN WITNEY

ON THIS DAY... **1921** ...British crime writer Agatha Christie publishes her first novel "The Mysterious Affair at Styles" introducing the character *Hercule Poirot*



WELL BEING MONDAYS

"TALKING CAFÉ"

with Poetry Group, Digital Café,
Community Support Groups

Art Therapy and lots more.....

We also need donations of
clean, good condition
clothing and footwear.

St John's Church, 9.30am—2pm

All Welcome.



The Comfort Café....

In the Church Lane Hub -
previously known as The Bay Tree Café

(end of passageway, adjacent to St.
John's Church)

**A safe place to come and chat about
grief**

Open from 2 - 4pm every Thursday,
(Donations welcome)

Any queries please contact

Kirsten Kaluzynski on : 07748 297 332



THURSDAYS

Community Soup Lunch

12noon - 1.30pm

St Benedict's Church

All Welcome!

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

18th—25th January 2024

Services ON:

Friday 19th, 12noon

St John's Church

Saturday 20th, 12noon

URC

Sunday 21st, 3pm

Methodist Church

(Preacher:

Deacon Didier Delaplace,

CTIS Rep.)

Monday 22nd, 12noon

St Ben's Church

Tuesday 23rd, 12noon

St John's Church

Wednesday 24th, 12noon

Methodist Church

Thursday 25th, 12noon

St Mary's RC Church



SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE ON...

Sunday 28th JANUARY 2024

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

[Candlemas]

at St John's Church ...

8am: Holy Communion

10am: Holy Communion



at St Benedict's Church...

11am: Celtic Communion

SATURDAYS

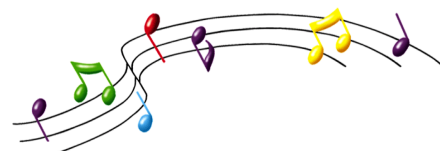
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10am —12noon

St John's Church

**Restarts from Saturday
27th January 2024!**



FREE!

LUNCHTIME

CONCERT

Every Thursday

in

St John's Church

1pm

All Welcome.

Donations appreciated!



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stjohns-glastonbury.uk

stbens-glastonbury.uk

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St John's Church & St Mary's Church, Meare: **Mr. Stuart Clark 07747 770872**

St Benedict's Church: **Arwen Westerop stbenssafeguarding@gmail.com**

Diocesan Safeguarding Manager: Ben Goodhind (01749) 588917 / ben.goodhind@bathwells.anglican.org or, The Vicar

The Revd. Preb. David MacGeoch (01458) 834281 vicarabbeyparish@btinternet.com NB: DAY OFF MONDAY