

# Welcome to the Benefice of Glastonbury with Meare

## MARCH

<b>Mon 11th MARCH</b>	9.30am 7pm	Funeral of <b>Ken Mills</b> at Mendip Crematorium. Tai Chi in St Ben's Church.
<b>Tues 12th</b>	9am 10.30am 10.30am 10.30am 12noon 1.15pm 7.15pm	Morning Prayer in St Ben's Church. Funeral of <b>Ivor Whitcombe</b> in St Mary's Church. Holy Communion at St Patrick's Chapel, The Abbey. Holy Communion in St Ben's Church. Lent Lunch at the Methodist Church Hall. St. Ben's School Collective Worship in St Ben's Church. Lent group meeting in St Ben's Church.
<b>Wed 13th</b>	9am 9.45am 10.15am 11.30am 7pm	Morning Prayer in St Ben's Church. St Ben's Church Fundraising meeting at the Vicarage. Glastonbury Voices Choir in St Ben's Church. Staff meeting at the Vicarage. Lent Course at St Mary's R.C. Church, Upper Hall.
<b>Thurs 14th</b>	<i>Vicar N/A - in Taunton (am)</i> 8.45am 9am  2pm 7pm 7pm	<i>in Taunton (am)</i> Pilates in St Ben's Church. Morning Prayer at the home of Anne Lampson. <i>[16 Church Path, Meare, BA6 9TH].</i> Church Rooms Committee meeting in Meare. St. Margaret & Mary Charity Trustees meeting. Choir practice in St Ben's Church.
<b>Fri 15th</b>	9am 12noon	Morning Prayer at Abbey House. Soup lunches in St Ben's Church.
<b>Sat 16th</b>	12.30pm 3-7pm	Youth Group meeting in St Ben's Church. Rehearsals in St Ben's Church.
<b>Sun 17th</b>	<b>The Second Sunday of Lent</b>	
	9.15am 11.15am	<b>Holy Communion</b> , St Ben's Church. <b>Café Style Service</b> , St Ben's Church
	<b>Readings:</b> Phil. 3:17-4.1; Luke 13:31-end	



St John's Church



St Benedict's Church



St Mary's Church,  
Meare

Sunday 10th March 2019

## The First Sunday of Lent

### St. Benedict's

**8am: Holy Communion [BCP]**

Celebrant: The Vicar

**11am: URC at St Ben's for Shared Service**

Led by: Mrs. Di Grenter

**5pm: Healing Service**

Led by: The Revd. Pamela Hezell

### St. Mary's, Meare

**11am: Holy Communion**

**Combined Service**

Celebrant & Preacher:

The Vicar

### Collect

**Almighty Father,**

**whose son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,**

**and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:**

**give us grace to discipline ourselves in**

**obedience to your Spirit;**

**and, as you know our weakness,**

**so may we know your power to save;**

**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.**

11am Service at St Mary's, Meare, Hymn No's : 540, 145, 391 & 548

**Bible Readings for today:**

Rom.10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

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



**LENT:** When we are drawn into the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday it is with a reminder to “remember we are but dust and to dust we shall return” but that is only the first half of the sentence. We are then exhorted to “turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ”. It is this challenge that we are given that calls us into the desert to wait with God and spend our time in focussed attention on the journey that Jesus took to the cross. With anticipation we prepare the way of the Lord, walking once more the road to Jerusalem. BUT if we take this journey outwardly, wearing sackcloth and ashes and showing the world what a good penitent church person we are then we have missed the point. The call of the desert is an inward journey, taken one step at a time with the intention of deepening our relationship with God, allowing God room to challenge our shortcomings and help us address them. Lent is a time for anticipation but done quietly and deeply with God. Often it can feel uncomfortable and we are tempted to turn from the path for an easier life. The joy of lent comes in knowing that we have grown closer to our loving God that we have been transformed by God’s will and are spiritually prepared to encounter the Risen Christ on Easter Day.

**Rev. Diana Greenfield**

**Lent Lunches start on Tuesday, 12th March.** Come to the **Methodist Church Hall**, Lambrook Street, between **12noon - 2pm** for a soup and fruit lunch and a good chat with friends old and new! Bring your friends, all are welcome! Don't forget : 12th March, see you there! Donations for the work of Christian Aid .

**Ann Merritt & Jessie Henderson**

**Youth Group:** We are delighted to announce that we have a YOUTH GROUP which meets on a Saturday in St Benedict’s Church between 12 – 2pm. This is an opportunity for secondary school aged young people to talk about faith, Worship, to pray together and spend time doing the creative and fun stuff that young people like to do! (Lunch is provided). Please contact Sarah Curl at: [sarahjane\\_195@hotmail.com](mailto:sarahjane_195@hotmail.com) for more info.

**Soup Lunches:** IS there anyone please within the Benefice congregation who can come and help at St Benedict's Free Friday Soup Lunch? We need a strong person who can lift large tables and also move chairs around from 9.45am - 10.30am and again from 1.15pm - 2pm. It could be two different people on a Rota as long as they could commit to being regular. We serve meals every Friday of the year except for Christmas and Easter. Please ring me if you think you can help. Thank you. **Sandra Booth tel (01458) 835067.**

**Thank you:** I would like to thank all those who have remembered me both in their prayers and thoughts throughout the past year or so. My mobility is still very much a challenge and I get very tired. As a result of the brain bleed I am dottier now than I was before and I am told that that is unlikely to improve, which is making me more forgetful and muddled. I am extremely grateful for your continued support which has been a great comfort to me. **Elizabeth Affleck-Edwards**

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

Janet Allen, Lifus Arnold, Joseph Badman-Outram, Audrey Baker, Steve Brain, Maureen & Pete Collins, Bruce Cooper, Glenys Difford, Fr. Robert Featherstone, Bill Goldstone, Joan Green, Martin Grist, Marie Harris; Valerie Moreton, Valerie Palmer, Rick Pudner, Jean Rooney, Andrew & Sheila Scott-Evans, Mary Sibson, Rosemary Turnbull, Rebecca Whitehead, Brian & Freda Williams, Phil Wynter-Crofts & Marilyn.

**RIP: Ken Mills; Ivor Whitcombe; Ray Wiggins**

Please contact us on:

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The Office is open this week:

**Monday - Friday: 9am - 4pm**

NB: Closed for lunch between 1 & 2pm

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St Ben's: [www.stbens.ukpc.net](http://www.stbens.ukpc.net)  
St Mary's, Meare: [is.gd/stmarymeare](http://is.gd/stmarymeare)

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