

## DIARY 2018

<b>Mon 12th</b>	9.30am	Support group meeting in St Ben's Church.
<b>FEB</b>	6.30pm	Support group meeting in St Ben's Church.
<b>Tues 13th</b>	9.00am	Morning Prayer in St Ben's Church.
<i>Shrove</i>	10.30am	Holy Communion at St Patrick's Chapel, Glastonbury Abbey.
<i>Tuesday</i>	3.00pm	<i>Free pancakes</i> in St Margaret's Chapel. <i>All Welcome!</i>
	5.00pm	Rehearsals in St John's Church.
	6.30pm	St John's booked for private Concert.
<b>Wed 14th</b>	9.00am	Morning Prayer in St John's Church.
<i>Ash</i>	10.00am	Holy Communion & Ashing Service in St John's Church.
<i>Wednesday</i>	10.45am	Bereavement Team meeting in the Adams' Vestry.
	11.00am	Funeral of <b>Pamela Dean</b> in St Mary's Church, Meare.
	2 -3pm	Quiet Prayer at Abbey House.
	2.30pm	Funeral of <b>Dorrien &amp; Douglas Whitcombe</b> in St Ben's Church.
	7.30pm	Holy Communion with Ashing Service in St John's Church.
<b>Thurs 15th</b>	9.00am	Morning Prayer at St Mary's Church, Meare.
	10.30am	Holy Communion Service in St Ben's Church.
	7.45pm	Bell-ringing practice in St Ben's Church.
<b>Fri 16th</b>	9.00am	Morning Prayer at Abbey House.
	12noon	Soup lunches in St Ben's Church.
	5.15pm	St John's Choir singing Evensong at Wells Cathedral.
<b>Sat 17th</b>	9.00am	Morning Prayer in St John's Church.
<b>Sun 18th</b>	<b>The First Sunday of Lent</b>	
	<b>8.00am:</b>	HOLY COMMUNION in St John's Church.
	<b>9.30am:</b>	PARISH COMMUNION in St John's Church.
	<b>11.00am:</b>	CAFÉ STYLE SERVICE in St Ben's Church.
	<b>11.00am:</b>	MATINS in St Mary's Church, Meare.
	<b>5.00pm:</b>	STATIONS OF THE CROSS in St John's Church.
	<b>Readings:</b>	
		Gen.9:8-17; Ps.25:1-9; 1 Pet.3:18-end; Mark 1:9-15

**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 11th February 2018

### The Sunday Next Before Lent

#### St John's

**8.00am: Holy Communion**

Celebrant:

The Revd. David Fox-Branch

**9.30am: Parish Communion**

Celebrant: The Revd. David Fox-Branch

Preacher: Mrs. Di Greuter

**5.00pm: Healing Service**

Leader & Preacher:

The Revd. Robin Ray

#### St Benedict's

**10.30am: Shared Service at the URC**

#### St Mary's

**11.00am: Parish Communion**

Celebrant: The Revd. David Fox-Branch

Preacher: Mrs. Margaret Wynn

**12.30pm: Baptism**

The Revd. David Fox-Branch

#### COLLECT

**Almighty Father,**

**whose Son was revealed in majesty**

**before he suffered death upon the cross:**

**give us grace to perceive his glory,**

**that we may be strengthened to suffer with him**

**and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;**

**who liveth and reigneth with thee,**

**in the unity of the Holy Spirit,**

**one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

#### Bible Readings for today:

2 Kings 2:1-12; Ps.50:1-6; 2 Cor. 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

## **LENT**

*"From dust you came, and to dust you shall return"*

Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent, is upon us. It has come early this year, so soon after Christmas that it feels almost as if the year is passing at breakneck speed. But it means that the space after Easter, and before Advent, will be longer than usual. Perhaps that makes having a 'good' Lent even more important this year: re-aligning yourself with God, with his call to discipleship through Christ, so that you may live well with him in the weeks and months ahead. In the Orthodox churches, Lent is often thought of as the great fast. In the Western church, we've often almost trivialised it. So how, this year, will you let God provide you with a Lent that will change the rest of your year for the better? What will your Lent reading be? Your prayer discipline? Will you start attending morning prayer? Perhaps make a point of coming to any evening services available? Or set aside an extra space in the day for God. Lent is a gift to you from God, for learning more of Him and his call upon your life. Let it be a time of blessing.

**The Revd. David Fox-Branch, Assistant Curate**

WE WILL BE CELEBRATING **Shrove Tuesday** at St Margaret's Chapel on **Tuesday 13th February, 3.00-5.00pm** with *free pancakes!* All welcome!

**Chris Craig**

**ON Ash Wednesday 14th February** there will be an hour of Quiet prayer at the Abbey House, Chilkwell Street, from 2pm. No charge, all welcome. Please consider supporting this. Thank you.

**ON Friday 16th February** the Choir will be singing Evensong at the Cathedral; this will start at 5.15pm and lasts around 45 glorious minutes! Do feel free to join them in this meditation at the start of Lent. **Matthew Redman**

### **LENT LUNCHEES IN 2018**

Donations for the work of Christian Aid

**Thursday 22nd Feb:** *at the home of John Brunson*

**Wednesday 28th Feb:** *at the Methodist Church Hall*

**Tuesday 6th March:** *at the URC*

**Saturday 17th March:** *in St John's Church*

**Thursday 22nd March:** *at the home of Christine & Michael Ball*

**12—2pm**

All Welcome!

**Details to follow**

## **FOR YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Those who have asked for prayer:** Liz Affleck-Edwards, Janet Allen, Stuart Allen, Alan Asbridge, Joseph Badman-Outram, Avril Baker, Kenneth Burton, Sophie Contaris, Glenys Difford, Muriel Ferris, John Foreman, Linda & Joan Green, Martin Grist, Marie Harris, Valerie Moreton, Jean Rooney, Jeanne Rout, Andrew & Sheila Scott-Evans, Rosemary Turnbull, Rebecca Whitehead, Nicky Wilkins and Brian & Freda Williams.

**For those to be baptised:** **Stephanie-Jayde Spurrell**  
(11/02/18 at St Mary's, Meare)  
**Edward Sawyer**  
(25/02/18 at St Ben's)

**For those who have died:** **Pamela Dean**  
**Alice Monkton**  
**Dennis Paul**  
**Glenys Phillips**  
**Rosina Welch**  
**Dorrien & Douglas Whitcombe**  
**Hilda Williams**



## **Please contact us on:**

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**Parish Office opening hours this week:**

**Monday—Thursday: 9.00am-1.00pm**

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