

DIARY

Tues 5th DEC	9.00am 10.30am 1.30pm	Morning Prayer in St Ben's Church. Holy Communion at St Patrick's Chapel, Glastonbury Abbey. St Ben's School Collective Worship in St Ben's Church.
Wed 6th	CHRISTMAS TREES ARRIVING 9.00am 10.00am 10.45am 3.30pm	Morning Prayer in St John's Church. Holy Communion Service in St John's Church. Bereavement meeting in the Adams' Vestry. Visiting meeting at the home of Sue Gowland.
Thurs 7th	SETTING UP OF CHRISTMAS TREES IN ST JOHN'S - CHURCH CLOSED 9.00am 10.30am 12noon 3.00pm 7.45pm	Morning Prayer in St Ben's Church. Holy Communion Service in St Ben's Church. Funeral of Pamela Woodburn in St Ben's Church. Healing Prayer Group meeting & Compline in St John's Church. Bell-ringing practice in St Ben's Church.
Fri 8th	9.00am 12noon PM 2.00pm 7.00pm	Morning Prayer at Abbey House. Soup lunches in St Ben's Church. Decorating of Christmas Trees in St John's Church. Thanksgiving Service for Alan Difford in St. Mary's Church, Meare. Avalon Ladies W.I. meeting in St Ben's Church.
Sat 9th	AM 9.00am	Decorating of Christmas Trees in St John's Church. Morning Prayer in St John's Church.
Sun 10th	The Second Sunday of Advent 8.00am 10.00am 10.30am 6.30pm 5.00pm	Holy Communion in St John's Church. Parish Communion & Switching on of Christmas Tree Lights in St John's Church. St Ben's Church at the URC for shared Service. Carol Service in St Mary's Church, Meare. Healing Service in St John's Church.
	Readings: Isa.40:1-11; Ps.85:1-2,8-end; 2 Pet.3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8	

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 3rd December 2017

The First Sunday of Advent

St John's

8.00am: Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Revd. David Fox-Branch

9.30am: Parish Communion

Celebrant: The Revd. Robin Ray

Preacher: Mrs. Margaret Wynn

6.00pm: Advent Carol Service

Led by: The Revd. David Fox-Branch
& The Revd. Robin Ray

St Benedict's

11.00am: Parish Communion

Celebrant: The Revd. David Fox-Branch

Preacher: Mrs. Philippa Chapman

St Mary's

11.00am: Morning Service

Leader & Preacher:
Mrs. Di Grenter

Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness
and put upon us the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility;
that in the last day
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge both the quick and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Bible Readings for today:

Isa.64:1-9; Ps.80:1-8,18-20; 1 Cor.1:3-9; Mark 13:24-end

SABBATICAL 2017/2018

Many of you will know that the Diocese encourages their full-time Clergy to have a three month Sabbatical every 10 years. In fact, I have had to wait 18 years for mine! I will therefore be on Leave from 1st December 2017 – 3rd March 2018, during which time, I hope to spend some of it abroad, some of it with family and some time in study and research, underpinning all of it with prayer. Whilst I am away, I am very grateful to our Churchwardens who will be there to support you and also to David, Diana, Robin and Andrea; our Readers and our retired Clergy. In the first instance, if you would normally want to speak to me, please go to one of your Churchwardens in your respective Church. If you send me an email, Sharon is able to view it and will pass on to the relevant person however, there will be an automated response. I would like to thank you all for your continued love and support and look forward to returning next year! May I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Joyous New Year! Yours in Christ, David, Vicar

'Securing The Future' Campaign

St John's Church will be serving refreshments, in aid of the 'Securing The Future' Campaign, on **Sunday 10th December 2-4pm and Thursday 14th December 11.15am-12.30pm**, after the Cutting of the Holy Thorn Ceremony. Please come and support us. Rumour has it that mulled wine and mince pies will be served!

Larry Schenck & Joy Taylor

Thank you

St Benedict's Church would like to thank all of you who helped out with, or came to our Christmas Market. We had a very busy and successful day, raising over **£1,500!** Hope to see you all again next year!

St John's Church : Frost Fair

Thank you for all your support for the Frost fair. We raised just over **£2,400** for the church funds, this includes Pam's stall for the 'Securing the Future' fund. Please pass on thanks to people who I do not have an email address for. A lovely day!

Jessie Henderson

Organ Scholar

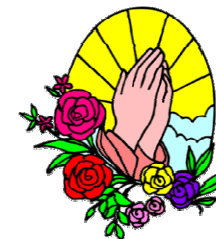
It is a great pleasure to welcome Matthew Walters as our Organ Scholar this year. Matt is an Upper Sixth student at Downside where he is studying for his A Levels. He has already got his Grade 8 Organ and is now working on widening his repertoire and experience, before taking up his Organ Scholarship at Cambridge next year.

Please do chat with him and make him feel welcome. Vicar

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have asked for prayer: Liz Affleck-Edwards, Janet Allen, Stuart Allen, Joseph Badman-Outram, Avril Baker, Dawn Bonham, Sophie Contaris, Glenys Difford, Muriel Ferris, Sue Gowland, Joan Green, Martin Grist, Marie Harris, Valerie Moreton, Jean Rooney, Jeanne Rout, Andrew & Sheila Scott-Evans, Rebecca Whitehead and Brian & Freda Williams.

For those who have died: **ALAN DIFFORD**
PAMELA WOODBURN



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Parish Office opening hours this week:
Tues - Fri : 9.00am - 1.00pm

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