

Notice Sheet

April 2025

Welcome to St. John's Church!
Especially if you are a visitor or new to our church.

Sunday Services

10am services streamed on [YouTube](#)
and available to watch via the [website](#)

6 th April	
8.30am Holy Communion	Philippians 3: 4b – 14 John 12: 1 -8
10am Morning Worship	
13 th April Palm Sunday	
10am Holy Communion	Philippians 2: 5 – 11 Luke 19: 28 – 40
20 th April Easter Sunday	
10am Morning Worship	Acts 10: 34 – 43 John 20: 1 – 18
27 th April	
10am Holy Communion	Acts 5: 27 – 32 John 20: 19 – 31

Weekday Services

10am Wednesday (in church)	Holy Communion 1 st week of the month Morning Prayer All other weeks of the month
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Holy Week Services

7pm Holy Communion	Maundy Thursday (17 th April) in church
10am Service of Reflection	Good Friday (18 th April) in church
12 noon BCT United Service	Good Friday (18 th April) in Victoria Square, Stockton Heath

Notices



Electoral Roll Renewal

Have you completed an Electoral roll form? The Electoral Roll is being completely renewed this year and only those who complete and return a form will be on the new roll.



For more information, please speak to our Electoral Roll Officer, Noel Parr, or one of the church wardens, Chris Lloyd & Tony Robins. The closing date is **Sunday 20th April**.

APCM Elections

At our Annual Meeting on 11th May there will be the opportunity to elect new PCC members. Also, our treasurer has informed us that she will not be offering herself for re-election at the APCM.

Please be thinking and praying about whether you could undertake these roles. If you feel you could, please speak to one of our church wardens - Chris Lloyd or Tony Robins.

Nomination forms are available in church - all nominations need to be in before the meeting on 11th May.

Please note: To confirm that they are eligible to act as a charity trustee, all newly elected PCC members are required to sign a declaration confirming their eligibility to hold office as a charity trustee (i.e., non-disqualification under charity law) and will be asked to sign a Fit and Proper Person declaration. Also, PCC members will need to be DBS checked and to undertake online safeguarding training.

April Meetings & Events at St John's

Tuesday 1st	1.30pm: Knit and Natter (CCH) 7.30pm: Lent Course – Week 5 (CCH)
Tuesday 8th	7.30pm: Lent Course – Week 6 (CCH) 6.30pm: Prayer meeting (in church)
Saturday 12th	10.30am: Coffee and craft morning (in church)
Tuesday 15th	1.30pm: Knit and Natter (CCH)
Weds 23rd	11.00am: Prayer meeting (in church)
Thursday 24th	7.30pm: Ensemble Practice (in church)
Monday 28th	7.30pm: PCC meeting (CCH)
Thurs 1st May	7.30pm: Ensemble Practice (in church)



Prayers

The Fifth Sunday of Lent (6th April)

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Palm Sunday (13th April)

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. Amen.

Maundy Thursday (17th April)

God our Father, your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end and drank the cup prepared for him: may we who share his table watch with him through the night of suffering and be faithful. Amen.

Good Friday (18th April)

Eternal God, in the cross of Jesus we see the cost of our sin and the depth of your love: in humble hope and fear may we place at his feet all that we have and all that we are, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Easter Sunday (20th April)

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Second Sunday of Easter (27th April)

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. Amen.

The St John's Prayer Chain

As part of our Pastoral Ministry at St John's various church members form our Prayer Chain. They pray daily for those in need.

If you would like prayers to be offered on behalf of yourself or someone for whom you have a particular concern at this time, then we would be pleased to do so. We normally include a request daily for two weeks. To arrange your request please contact one of the following people:

Gill Povey-Robins (Pastoral Worker)
on 07970 983 308

Ian Jerrard-Dinn (Lay Reader)
on 01925 265557

Keith Fletcher (Lay Reader)
on 07359 445 564

Alternatively, you can fill out a label & pin it to the prayer board in the porch.



A Prayer for Peace

O God of all hope and peace, we bring to you the needs of our broken and hurting world.

Our hearts are breaking with images of lives lost and torn apart by grief in Israel, Palestine, Ukraine and so many other places around the globe.

We pray for an end to violence and warfare so that the challenging work of rebuilding may begin.

Help us, O Lord, to affirm our common humanity so that in our differences we may build together for justice and peace.



In Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.



(adapted from the Church of England Website)

A prayer for a time of vacancy

God our Father

You have welcomed each one of us in Jesus and called us to be His Body in this place;

Send us your Holy Spirit,
at this time of uncertainty and change,
to fill us with vision, energy,
and faithfulness in prayer,
that we may be true to our calling
to bring new life to our community;

And guide with your heavenly wisdom
those who are to choose a new Incumbent for
this parish,

that the one who we receive
may be a wise and gentle shepherd
of your people:

ready to serve us with joy,
to build us up in faith,
and to lead us by example
in loving obedience to your son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

*(From 'Managing a Vacancy and Appointing a New Priest',
Diocese of Bath & Wells)*

Those we have been asked to pray for

Ester
Luke

Jim

Linda
Richard

Prayer Group

Members of St John's meet on the **2nd Tuesday evening of the month at 6.30pm** and at **11am** on the **4th Wednesday morning** each month for prayer.

Both meeting will take place in the lady chapel at Church. The **Lady Chapel just to the left of the pulpit** as you come down the aisle.

If you would like to join us at either meeting, please do come along.

