King's Way Benefice News

Living and sharing the Good News of Christ by serving East Bristol

Sunday 18th October

Collect for Today — The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

God, our light and our salvation:
illuminate our lives,
that we may see your goodness in the land of the living,
and looking on your beauty
may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Worship Services on Sunday 18th October

St Michael's	9.00am	Holy Communion	Rev. Nicola Callen
King's Way Benefice		**No Junior Church**	
St Aidan's	10.30am	Service of the Word	Team
St John's	10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev. Matt Stone

Worship Services on Sunday 25th October

St Michael's	9.00am	Service of the Word	Jim Elliott
King's Way Benefice	10.30am	**Junior Church**	St John's Church hall
St Aidan's	10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev. Canon Trevor Denley
St John's	10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev. Canon Paul Denyer

Lectionary readings for 18th Oct	2 Timothy 4. 5-17;	Luke 10. 1-9;
Lectionary readings for 25th Oct		

Regular Meetings King's Way Benefice

Mondays	**Home Group** 2.30pm - 4.00pm at Wesley Cottage (for more details, email: anthony.hick@methodist.org.uk or phone 07726 342744)
Tuesdays	**Morning Prayer** 9.15am at St John's
Wednesdays	**Morning Prayer** 9 am at St Aidan's
Thursdays	**Holy Communion** 10am at St John's Church followed by Coffee & Chat **Coffee & Chat** 10am -12pm at St Aidan's **Home Group** 7.30pm (now meeting face to face every fortnight, speak to Rob Towler for more information)
Saturdays	**Bible Study** 10am -11.30am at St John's

Thought for the Week by Rev Paul Denyer

Having Courage

When I was Vicar of Lockleaze in North Bristol, we decided to knock on the door of every house in the parish. We gave whoever opened the door a copy of the parish magazine. Where possible, we engaged in conversation. There were six of us, going from house to house in pairs.

We were nervous, apprehensive and by no means certain of a cordial reception. Even the gentleman who told me he was a 'serious atheist' said it with a twinkle in his eye.

What was obvious when we gathered at the end of the evening for a debrief and cup of tea was our animation. We were rosy-cheeked and excited! It had done us good, strengthened us as Christians.

In this Sunday's Gospel (Luke 10.1-9) Jesus organises what must be the first Christian mission ever conducted. Seventy followers are sent out in pairs. Jesus does not mince his words. They will feel like lambs amongst wolves. They will carry no purse, haversack or footwear. Just themselves. And the desire to share their faith.

As happened in Lockleaze, the disciples come back "full of joy". It causes Jesus to exclaim, "O Father! I thank you for hiding these things from the clever and the intelligent and for showing them to mere children!"

Sometimes our fear of embarrassment stifles our willingness to speak up. But, in my experience, our fears prove groundless. Speaking openly and naturally about our faith is good. I remember our mission at Lockleaze with affection.

I speak as an introvert -not one looking for trouble!- but it may be a blessing of old age that I worry less about appearing odd.

Jesus often says to his disciples, "Do not be afraid". He is saying that to you and me too!

With my best wishes,

Paul

Deanery Synod

The next Deanery Synod will take place on Thursday 22nd October 7-8.30pm at B&A, 279 Gloucester Road, BS7 8DL. The theme will be around our use of church buildings, and various members of the Deanery will talk about their varying experiences of building projects, change of building use, accessibility and other ideas.

This is open to anyone and if anyone needs a lift to please let Anne know.

Cinderella needs Screening!!

I am sure that she has already been put on film at some time, as well as numerous performances on stage, but that is not what this is about! She will be appearing, live, at St. Aidan's for a couple of nights at the end of January 2027, performed by the Kings Way Benefice Players. As part of the stage setup, we need some screens – the sort that used to be pulled around hospital beds – and were wondering if anyone in the Benefice had anything like that, or knows someone who has. If you do, please contact Bernard on 9407142 or merrickqs@blueyonder.co.uk

Arts at St Aidan's

Fir Tree Lane, St. George, Bristol BS5 8TZ

Doors open 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start

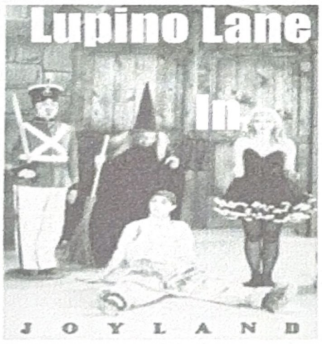
SILENT FILM NITE

14TH NOVEMBER

with

Donald MacKenzie,

Internationally acclaimed organist



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All seats £11.00, including interval refreshments.

To reserve ring Amy on 9586412 or 07437190465 between 9am and 5pm Mon, or 9am – 1pm Thurs – money with order, please. Any other time leave message on Answerphone. Booking opens 19th October.

See www.staidansbristol.co.uk for further information

Safeguarding training

A reminder that **Safeguarding Foundation Training** is mandatory for all PCC members and anyone working or volunteering with children, young people, and vulnerable adults. **Domestic Abuse Awareness Training** is mandatory for anyone working or volunteering with children, young people and vulnerable groups.

Recognising that some people prefer face-to-face learning, Clare Wagget, Volunteer Safeguarding Trainer in the Diocese, is offering to provide two in-person training sessions during October 2026 in Westbury on Trym.

To book a place please contact Clare Waggett 07972 376 194, volunteerrecruitment@westbury-parish-church.org.uk

Safeguarding Foundations
Saturday 31 October @ 10.00am – 12.30pm
A face to face course delivered by the Diocesan Volunteer Trainer

Domestic Abuse Awareness
Monday 19 October @ 7.30pm - 8:45pm

A prayer on the final day of baby loss awareness week

God our father,
you know our thoughts and share our sorrows,
lead us out of desolation to the caring comfort of your love,
when we forget what happiness is, renew is us fresh springs of hope.
when we feel bereft of peace, restore our hearts and calm our dears,
and when we come at last to our departing,
bring us home with you for ever,
the family of God complete;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Praying for ....

Ann Jurish and Emily Jurish

Martin & Susan Smith

Trisha Clark

Andrew Wiltshire

Louise Pearce

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