King's Way Benefice News

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

Services for Sunday 25th Ocotber

St Michaels	**9.00am**	**Service of the Word**	**Jim Elliott**
King's Way Benefice	**10.30**	**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 reacings Gospel, OT and NT:

Deuteronomy 34: 1-12;
Laviticus 19. 1-2, 15-18
1 Thessalonians 2. 1-8
Matthew 22. 34-end

Regular Meetings across all 3 Churches

Monday	• **Home Group** 2.30pm - 4.00pm at Wesley Cottage (for more details, email: anthony.hick@methodist.org.uk or phone 07726 342744)
Tuesday	• **Morning Prayer** 9.15am at St John's • **Art & Craft Cafe** 10am-12pm at St John's
Wednesday	• **Morning Prayer** 9.00am at St Aidan's
Thursday	• **Holy Communion** 10am at St John's 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)
Saturday	• **Bible Study** 10am -11.30am at St John's

A thought for the week by Rev. Pippa White

A Time for Everything

There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens.

Ecclesiastes 3:1

I've been thinking a lot about time lately. It has an elastic quality. An ordinary week or year can go past in a flash, while new experiences, be they good or bad, can slow time right down. We can long for time to hurry up, or wish it would cease its endless march forward.

We can be harsh judges of time, particularly our own, measuring its worth by what we manage to accomplish. It's easy to suppose certain uses of time are more valuable than others - work more valuable than rest, giving out more valuable than play or a treasured hobby. And these assumptions run deep in our society, where the worth of disabled people, those without paid work, older people and children can too easily be overlooked in a world where productivity and efficiency seem to be the metrics that matter.

The question Ecclesiastes helps me ask is: what if all time is sacred? What if sitting on the sofa is as sacred as preparing a meal, chatting with a neighbour in the street, or offering prayers in church?

I think it may be so.

A year of unexpected illness, and being able to do very little, has offered me a reckoning with time. I'm beginning to see the sacred in putting the washing on, making a cup of tea, or simply sitting as much as preparing resources for schools or church sessions. More and more, all of time is becoming hallowed. And I'm discovering it's a better way to live.

The church year, which begins again before long with Advent, can help us with this sacred marking of time, reminding us year after year that seasons matter. Darkness, quiet and reflection matter as much as sunshine, abundance and singing. We need Advent as much as Lent, Easter as much as Christmas, the blessing of seeds and land as much as Harvest.

And then there is that beautiful long stretch of Ordinary Time, when the church colour is green, weaving its way between the festivals and seasons of preparation. *Ordinary Time and our ordinary time matters just as much.*

Learning to recognise our ordinary days as hallowed, sacred, holy is a journey that adds such depth and richness to life.

There is a time, sacred time, for it all. All is hallowed.

At this changing of the clocks, a little shifting of time in our worlds, perhaps take a moment to read Ecclesiastes 3:1–8.

And don't forget — the clocks go back this Sunday. An extra sacred hour.

Pippa

Notices

St John's Church

- **Bottle Stall**. We are looking for bottles for the bottle stall at the fair. Please bring any donations to church.

- **Message from the Foodbank at Fishponds Baptist Church.** I am writing on behalf of the Foodbank Team at Fishponds Baptist Church. A huge thank you for your recent donation to our Foodbank. We are so grateful to groups and people like yourselves who support us so brilliantly.

- **Request for Prayer Space items at St Johns.** Would you like to donate or loan any items for our first Prayer Space for our local primary school, in Anti-Bullying Week? The Prayer Space is taking place at St Johns on 17th, 18th and 19th November. Year 3 from Chester Park Juniors will be visiting 5 zones in rotation: Fizzy Forgiveness, Reconciliation Zips, Name that Feeling, Be the Light and Pillar of Hope. The prayer activities are interactive so we are looking for some items. Please see separate attachment. Please bring them in to us at St Johns by Sunday 15th November. There will be a dedicated area for collection. Thank you for your support, Pauline and Diane
  Diane (07396732318) dianemsimms4977@gmail.com
  Pauline (07754 781840) paulinelovering@gmail.com

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- **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

- **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. Recognising that some people prefer face-to-face learning, Clare Wagget, Volunteer Safeguarding Trainer in the Diocese, is offering to provide an in-person training session in Westbury on Trym.
  To book a place please contact Clare Waggett 07972 376 194,
  volunteerrecruitment@westbury-parish-church.org.uk
  Safeguarding Foundations on Saturday 31 October @ 10.00am – 12.30pm

Events at St Aidan's

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

&

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.

Events at St John's

Reg charity no 282751 and SC038422

Society of Recorder Players

Bristol Branch

CONCERT

Blockflute Band

Conductor: Richard Little

Friday, 13th November 2026, 7.30pm

St John's Church, Lodge Causeway,
Fishponds, Bristol BS16 3QG

Music from 16th to 21st Centuries played on a full range of recorders from sopranino to contrabass

joined by
Yvonne Rippeth (flute) and John Edwards (guitar)

Free Entry: Retiring Collection in aid of church funds, Julian Trust and Wild Goose Café

Julian Trust

Join the St. John's Christmas Choir!

Celebrate Christmas at our annual Carol Service .
Whether you are a lifelong singer or just love singing in the shower, all are welcome!

Rehearsals: Tuesdays at 7pm,
Starting on Tuesday 3rd November
St. John's Church, Lodge Causeway
(please enter via the back door)

Carol Service: Sunday 13th December 6.30pm

No formal audition—just enthusiasm !

For more information contact:
Jo Towler - jotowler06@gmail.com
Sue King - soosking76@gmail.com

St John's Community Hall

Lodge Causeway

Christmas FAIR

Saturday 14th November
10.00am – 2.00pm

CAKE STALL | BOTTLE STALL | GOOD BRIC-A-BRAC | BOOKS | HAMPER RAFFLE

All Welcome

Get into the Christmas spirit

Services for Sunday 1st November

St Michaels	**9.00am**	**Holy Communion**	**Rev. Diane Simms**
St Aidan's	**10.30am**	**Holy Communion**	**Rev. Susan Allman**
St John's	**10.30am**	**Holy Communion**	**Rev. Derek Clacey**

Praying for...

Ann Jurish and Emily Jurish
Martin & Susan Smith
Trisha Clark
Andrew Wiltshire
Louise Pearce

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Working hours: Mondays 9am-5pm & Thursdays 9am-1pm.
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