

Golden Wedding



Thank you for all of the good wishes we have received from you. We are sorry we aren't with you today but will be in Frankfurt as part of a European cities trip. Enjoy the Patronal Festival and picnic we will be thinking of you. X **Steve** and **Sue** X

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Sunday 22nd June 2025

Notices for the week

Our church is a member of the Wychert Vale family of churches



10:30

PATRONAL FESTIVAL FAMILY WORSHIP with the choir

led by Revd Canon Dr Phil Groves



*Almighty God, by whose providence thy servant John Baptist was wonderfully born,
and sent to prepare the way of thy Son our Saviour, by preaching of repentance:
Make us so to follow his doctrine and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching;
and after his example constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

This week

Tues
Weds

11:00 - 13:00 **Café in the Park** – in the Jubilee Pavilion
19:30 **SJB meeting** in the church
This is open to ALL CHURCH MEMBERS. It is your opportunity to have a say in church matters

Thurs
Sun

9:00 - 10:30 **Little Wrigglers** – in the Jubilee Pavilion
11:00 **SONGS OF PRAISE** at the Chapel

If you just like to sing hymns, this **SONGS OF PRAISE SERVICE** which will be led by David Pickup provides an opportunity to spend a larger part of the service than usual praising God in song. Each hymn has been chosen by a member of our two churches, and each will explain why they chose the hymn and what it has meant to them. Come and join us at 11.00 am at Eythrope Road Methodist Chapel. There is no service in our church that day.

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Luke 1:57-66, 80

The birth of John the Baptist

⁵⁷ When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son. ⁵⁸ Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy.

⁵⁹ On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him after his father Zechariah, ⁶⁰ but his mother spoke up and said, 'No! He is to be called John.'

⁶¹ They said to her, 'There is no one among your relatives who has that name.'

⁶² Then they made signs to his father, to find out what he would like to name the child. ⁶³ He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone's astonishment he wrote, 'His name is John.' ⁶⁴ Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue set free, and he began to speak, praising God. ⁶⁵ All the neighbours were filled with awe, and throughout the hill country of Judea people were talking about all these things. ⁶⁶ Everyone who heard this wondered about it, asking, 'What then is this child going to be?' For the Lord's hand was with him.



⁸⁰ And the child grew and became strong in spirit and he lived in the wilderness until he appeared publicly to Israel..

St John the Baptist holds a place of special honour in the church; he is acknowledged as the last of the prophets – standing, as he did, on the watershed between the Old and the New Testaments – and, more importantly, he is the one who went ahead to prepare the way for Jesus and his Kingdom

For many people St John the Baptist is more easily remembered in connection with his death, but, taking our inspiration from Luke's gospel, today we celebrate his birth. Everyone would have expected him to be named Zacharias after his father, as that was tradition, but God instructed that he should be called John, meaning 'God is gracious'. His parents were already past the age when they would expect to have a child.

In John's gospel he is described as a 'man sent by God... who came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him' (John 1:6-7). His example of faith should inspire all Christians to prepare the way for the Lord in our world – to be the ones sent by God as witnesses to the light, so that all might believe through us. So let us endeavour to fulfil that calling together, here in SJB.

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Patronal Feast

Today we are celebrating our patron saint, St John the Baptist. Historically the patronal service was followed by a feast. So Terry and Clare are VERY KINDLY hosting a Post Patronal Picnic Party in the garden at **Vicarage Farmhouse** (next to the church) after today's service and ALL church friends and family are invited. Everybody can bring a picnic, but food and drinks will also be provided. St. John is particularly venerated in Italy, so this will be acknowledged by adding something typically Italian to the menu. Terry says

'This year we will be serving arrosticini, a traditional dish from Abruzzo, skewered lamb prepared on a furnacella, a special barbecue in the past made from a gutter. We will also serve a vegetarian chilli, smash burgers, rice and accompaniments'.

If you prefer locusts and wild honey please bring your own!

We will start the picnic at 13:00 with food served from 13:30. In the event of inclement weather we have 25 square metres of undercover gazebo space that we can all huddle together under (it's looking good so far though). Terry Cooper – mobile: 07968 368524

An enormous thankyou from us all to **Terry, Clare, Pumpkin and Treacle**

Thankyou to the choir

After the Patronal service today our choir will be taking a well-deserved break for the summer. They have come to the end of a busy season and we thank them for enhancing our worship on so many occasions. Choir will resume at the end of August. Watch this space for further details. Thankyou Chris and thankyou choir!



Echoes of Swing Big Band in Concert

Friday 27th June 2025

Dinton Parish Church

Music from 8:00pm to 10:00pm

Adult tickets £15.00 Children free (Sold at the door)

Tickets online (there is a booking fee): wegottickets.com/event/651357/

**This is a Special Charity concert raising funds to sponsor
ASC Foundation Malawi School Project and Dinton Church.**

******* Keep the date *******

Sunday 7th September – our annual OUTDOOR Evensong in the grounds of Hartwell House. By kind invitation.

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