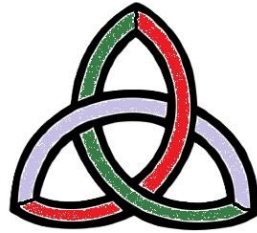


Welcome



10th to 16th May

Welcome to St John's

Thank you for being with us here at St John's.

Whether you are worshipping with us for the first time today or have been worshipping for many years, we pray that you will feel the love of God in our midst.

Please stay for refreshments after the service if you wish; all are welcome.

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Sunday services for 10th May (6th Sunday of Easter)

Said Communion 8.00 a.m.

Presiding Reverend Colin Simpson

Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.

Presiding Reverend Canon Stephen Bowen

Readings Acts 17.22-31

Gospel: John 14.15-21

Organist Ed Jenkins

Hymns

(11) Alleluia, sing to Jesus

(630) The head that once was crowned with thorns

(742) Ye choirs of new Jerusalem

Prayer

Please pray for

John Harmsworth

Brian Carter

Mary Nickerson

Jeanette Tucker

Bethan Davis

Aurelia and Tori

Julie Morton

Ben

Ann Everett

Shirley Rayson

Lyn Sims

David & Cynthia Bowen

Diana Smith

Sylvia Waymouth

David Mills

Maggie Doble

Rest in peace

Timothy Richards

West Buckland Services

This is the usual pattern of services at St Mary's, West Buckland. All are welcome.

1st Sunday of the month

Lay-led Morning Worship at 11.00 a.m.

2nd Sunday of the month

Holy Communion at 11.00 a.m.

3rd Sunday of the month

Join St John's Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m.

4th Sunday of the month

Holy Communion at 11.00 a.m.

What's on this week

Sunday

Said Communion 8.00 a.m. followed by *Holy Communion* 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday

Talking Cafe 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Supported by CCS, Village Agents and Waitrose

Wednesday

Morning Prayer at St Mary's, West Buckland at 9.00 a.m.

Wednesday Sings 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the hall

Slimming World 5.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. in the hall

Thursday

BCP Communion 10.00 a.m. with Reverend Ian Brierley

Blackdown Community Choir in church 7.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

Coming Up

Tuesday 19th May

Basic Awareness Safeguarding Training in the hall 2.00 p.m. Details below.

Thursday 21st May

Armed Forces Outreach Service 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. in the church

Friday 22nd May

Bellringing full peal attempt 10.00 a.m.

Saturday 23rd May

Coffee morning in the hall 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon

Baptism of Max Wilkins in the church 1.00 p.m. followed by refreshments in hall

Safeguarding Training for all

Colin will be holding a Basic Awareness Safeguarding Training session in the church on Tuesday 19th May at 2.00 p.m. We warmly encourage anyone who would like to understand more about safeguarding — what it is, why it matters, and how we can ensure our church is a safe space for everyone who worships with us or takes part in our groups — to come along. The session will be informal, lasting around an hour and a half, with plenty of opportunity for questions and discussion.

If you would like to attend, please add your name to the list at the back of the church, or let Sharon, Colin, Jo, or Patrick know. Many thanks.

Coffee morning update

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the coffee morning at St John's on 25th April. Together, we raised a fantastic £616.62. A huge thank you as well to all who baked, helped, and volunteered—your support made the morning such a success. We're already looking forward to the next one on 24th May.

Update from the APCM

Thank you to everyone who attended our APCM on Sunday, 3rd May. It was great to see such a good turnout as Colin presented the 2025 Annual Report for St John's. Once approved by the PCC, the minutes will be available in church. We also held our annual elections for Churchwardens, PCC Members, and Deanery Synod. We received two nominations for Churchwarden this year: Jo Leigh was re-elected for her fourth term, and we are pleased to welcome Patrick Clarke, who begins his first term. We are also grateful to those who have offered to serve as Assistant Churchwardens. We welcome Emma Peacock and John Massey to this role, along with Andrew Maddocks, who has stepped back from being a full Churchwarden but will continue to assist. For Deanery Synod, William Brown was elected as our representative. We thank Diane Elloway, who stepped down from this role this year. We received five nominations for the PCC, and with twelve spaces available, all were elected. We welcome David Grabham, Roger Webb, Diane Elloway, Sophie Reynolds, and Eddie Olliffe, who join the continuing PCC members listed on the noticeboard.

Thank you to everyone who volunteers for these important roles and supports the life and ministry of St John's.

Parking outside the church

We would be grateful if everyone could take a moment to help us keep the area outside the church safe and accessible for all. We know that parking is limited and that some members of our congregation have reduced mobility. However, only Blue Badge holders are permitted to park directly outside the church. Over recent Sundays, the area has become very congested, with cars parked in ways that make it difficult for emergency vehicles to get through and for wheelchair users and families with buggies to use the path safely.

If you are bringing someone with limited mobility, please feel free to drop them at the church door, where a steward will be very happy to assist. Wheelchairs are available on request, and level access can be provided through the double side doors. For those who are able, we kindly ask that you use the Rectory car park or Longforth Road whenever possible.

Thank you so much for your help and understanding as we work together to make sure everyone can arrive and worship safely.

Richard and Diane Elloway

Richard and Diane would like to thank everyone who joined them to celebrate their wedding and for all the kind wishes they received. If you would like to see the photographs, please place your clearly printed email address in an envelope and give it to Richard or Diane. They will send the photos to you by email.