



Keynsham Parish

Sharing Jesus Christ

If you are a visitor or newcomer to any of the churches in our parish we are delighted that you are here and extend you a very warm welcome.

Notices for week beginning: Sunday 10th March: The first Sunday of Lent

Worship in the parish today:

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST:

8.00am	Holy Communion
9.30am	Holy Communion
11.15am	Morning Praise with Kidzone

ST FRANCIS:

9.30am	Holy Communion
6.00pm	Evening Quiet Worship

ST MARGARET, QUEEN CHARLTON:

No Service

ST MICHAEL, BURNETT:

11.15am	Holy Communion (1662)
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CHEWTON KEYNSHAM:

No Service

Readings for the day:

Romans 10.8b - 13 Luke 4.1 - 13

Collect for the day:

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in
wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fairtrade Fortnight finishes today

Please pray for those who are sick:

Julian Arthur
Joan Bruton
Dan Curtis
Ellie Hall
The Hewson Family
Andy Hudson
Ethan Knott
Philip Loxton
Marguerite Lush
Caroline Mallinson
Christina Parry
Judy Presland
Hannah Shaw
David Sprague
Stuart Turner
Liz Wilkinson & daughter

And for those in the parish who have died:

Mary Robertson

And pray for our Mission Partners:

Audrey and Colin Gibson - our CMS Mission Partners in the Lebanon
Ruth Butlin - working with The Leprosy Mission
Chipata South - Our link Parish in Zambia
Ruth Radley-Prayer Partner

Lent began on Wednesday, and with the news-sheet last week was a flier about using the period of Lent for considering our use of plastic. There are copies in the churches. This ties in with the Bishops' Lent Challenge 'To live well in God's world.' See <https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/2019/01/lent-2019-living-well-in-gods-world/>

The Bishop is encouraging us to consider the care of God's creation this Lent: At the back of church there is a petition to encourage B&NES council to revise their target for becoming a carbon neutral authority from 2050 to 2030. Please feel free to sign if you share this concern. Mike Burke

Churches Together Lent Series - a series of talks and worship on the theme of "What would we do?" Venue : Keynsham Baptist church

Tuesday 12th March - Topic: Serving Speaker: David Cooling (Tearfund)

Tuesday 19th March - Topic: Sharing & Caring Speaker: Chris Williams

Tuesday 26th March - Topic: Mission Spirituality Speaker: Mike Burke

Tuesday 2nd April - Topic: Joy & Generosity Speaker: June Lowe

Tuesday 9th April - Topic: Eating Together, Breaking Bread Speaker: Severine Deneulin

The pattern for the evening is: 7.00pm Refreshments, 7.30pm Worship, 7.45pm Talk, 8.20pm Questions, 8.35pm Closing Reflection All Welcome.

'For you are my Refuge' Evening Quiet Worship for Lent. A reflective service with prayer, music and silence, and words from the Psalms. **TODAY**, 6pm, St Francis Church, Warwick Road. *All very welcome. Contact Rachel Shaw, 0117 9868638, for more details or for a lift.*

Nigel Williams joins us as curate in the Parish at the end of June. His wife Emily was delivered of a baby boy: Isaac Williams on 03.03.19. If you would like to send a card or greetings, the Parish office will send them on for you. We as a parish have sent them flowers

New team vicar appointment We had two applicants for the post, one of whom the interview panel thought about carefully at the shortlisting meeting, but decided was not a suitable fit for the post, and one of whom, having found a job elsewhere, withdrew their application. The decision has therefore been made to re-advertise the post again. Please pray for the process and for the second round of advertising:

Gracious God, You are our Provider, giving to us all that we need. As we seek for a new member of the Clergy team we pray that You will guide us to the person chosen by You, who has the gifts and talents given by You to help bring a Kingdom change in our community. We ask this in the Name of Jesus. Amen.

We are sorry to announce that Ria Harding will be resigning her role as Parish Youth Worker at the beginning of April. Her last Sunday will be 31st March, at which we will have the chance to wish her a fond goodbye. There are envelopes in St John's for contributions to a leaving gift - cheques to be made out to Keynsham PCC - please return envelopes to the Parish Office by Sunday 24th March.

The Church and Parish AGMS are taking place soon:

St John's - Sunday 24th March at 11.45am after the service; St Margaret, Queen Charlton - Monday 25th March at 2.30pm; St Michael, Burnett - Monday 25th March at 7.30pm; Chewton Keynsham - Monday 25th March at 7.30pm; St Francis - Wednesday 27th March at 7pm; whole Parish AGM -Tuesday 2nd April at 7.30pm. Perhaps you might like to serve the parish on the PCC (Parochial Church Council) or your church on the DCC (District Church Council). Whether you yearn to be involved in the leadership of your church, or are just curious, please do speak to one of the clergy - there are definitely vacancies. **There is a vacancy for PCC secretary.** There are even vacancies on Diocesan and Deanery Synod too.

Tearfund Bristol 2nd to 17th March a whole fortnight of events including a service on Saturday 16th March at 7.30pm www.tearfund.org/bristol for more details.

Quiz Night, St. Francis, 16th March 7.30pm £3 per person, nibbles provided but please bring your own drinks. Any queries to Pat Daniels on 0117 9498860.

The Alpha Course Holy Spirit Day is on Saturday 16th March - please pray for those present on the day.

Keynsham Orchestra is presenting a concert on Saturday 16th March at 7.30pm in St

John's. It will feature Beethoven's 6th Symphony "Pastoral", Aaron Copland's evocative Appalachian Spring and the overture to Mozart's opera, Idomeneo. Tickets are £10/£8.50, and are free for under-18s. They are available from members, the parish office and on the door. Further details from Andrew Rees or at the website, <http://www.keynshamorchestra.org.uk/>

Quiz Aid All are welcome at this year's Christian Aid Quiz Friday 29th March at 7.30 pm at St Dunstan's Catholic Church, Keynsham. £3 a head, £20 team prize. Come as a team or an individual. Raffle. Tea, coffee and nibbles provided. Wendy Robbins

GOLD Project Study Day: Learning from the Celtic Saints (Mission in the Twenty first Century) Led by Revd Dr Howard Worsley. A study day considering the legacy of the Celtic saints as we consider mission today. **Saturday 30th March 2019, 10.00am - 4.00pm at St Anne's, St Leonard's Rd, Eastville, Bristol BS5 6JN**
For more information go to www.goldproject.org

Opportunity to Visit Eastern Zambia. May 21st - JUNE 6th There are still a few spaces on this visit, run by Christians Aware, an *'international and ecumenical movement that aims to develop multi cultural understanding and friendship'*. It is partly fact-finding, partly pilgrimage, partly holiday, partly friendship building. **The group's itinerary includes Chipata South, our Link Parish.** It would be an ideal way for you to experience Zambia with seasoned travellers, and to meet some of our new friends face-to-face.
****Deadline for applications end of March.**** More details via Rachel Shaw (0117 9868638) or contact the leader, Mike Capel, direct, (01643 821300) or visit www.christiansaware.co.uk

From Syria to Sanctuary - A young man's journey. A young man's illustrated talk - his story through his eyes. The Ammerdown Centre, Radstock on Monday 8th April at 7pm.
<https://80yearson.org.uk/>

Food for Thought Join us for a Passover meal* on Wed. April 17th at St Dunstan's Church Hall. 7 - 9.30pm. We will join in with each part of the meal to be explained to us by Ziggy Rogoff of Jews for Jesus. Tickets (which are free but limited to 70) are available from local churches and the Lent Series. Booking is essential. *Includes a meat course with desert. If vegetarian required please inform us beforehand. Any enquiries to m_scotty@hotmail.com. A Churches Together in Keynsham & Saltford event.

Jo Formby is running the London Marathon on 28th April 2019 for Christian Aid and would be very grateful for any donations to support her efforts. If you would like to donate then go to Jo's just giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/joannaformby>

NEW LOOK Parish Weekend! Sidholme Hotel, 11-13 October - see applications forms in the churches or the Parish Office. Any queries to Frances Sadowski:
frances.sadowski12@gmail.com / 0117 986 5062

Interested in a trip to the Oberammergau Passion Play in June 2020. Try Sarah Askew at sarah@christianguild.co.uk for more information.

Stem Cell Donors Wanted If you are over 17 and under 55 (or thereabouts) there is a possibility that your blood cells could help someone with leukaemia or another blood disease. Sonia Hall's granddaughter, Ellie (aged 16) needs a suitable donor. Finding a match is hard but the more people who sign up the more chance people like Ellie will have. Current blood donors can sign up when they give blood, or anyone in the right age group can get a swab kit through DKMS - www.dkms.org.uk/en/register-now (recommended by the NHS) or visit www.nhsbt.nhs.uk/british-bone-marrow-registry/how-can-i-help/ Please help if you can and keep Ellie in your prayers. Thank you. Rev Trevor Stubbs

The Parish magazine 'Contact' - which has a print run each month of around 430 copies, would welcome content. If you would like to contact the editors with articles about one of the churches in the parish or with something of interest for a church magazine please email keynshamcontact@gmail.com There's likely to be space for your article.
Did you know you that if you live in the parish you can order Contact and have it delivered each month for only £5 for 11 issues? Just contact the Parish Office if you would like to arrange this: office@keynshamparish.org.uk / 0117 986 3354

Items for the next News Sheet to the Parish Office by **10.00am** Wednesday 13th March please.

Availability W/C 11 th March							
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
<i>Stephen M'Caw</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
<i>Mike Burke</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		

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DIARY

Monday 11th March

- 9.05am Common Worship Morning Prayer, St John's
- 7.30pm Youth Group, OneCT

Tuesday 12th March

- 9.30am Toddlers, St Francis Hall
- 10.00am Toddlers, Parish Hall
- 7.45pm St Francis DCC

Wednesday 13th March

- 11.00am Holy Communion, St John's
- 7.30pm PCC Meeting, St Michael, Burnett
- 7.30pm Choir Practice, St Francis
- 8.00pm Worship Band Practice, St John's

Thursday 14th March

- 8.00am Deanery Chapter Meeting, St John's (starting with Eucharist)
- 10.00am Toddlers, Parish Hall
- 10.00am Open Doors, St Francis
- 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice, St John's

Friday 15th March

- 6.15pm Junior Choir Practice, St. John's
- 7.30pm Full Choir Practice, St. John's

Saturday 16th March

- 9.30am Pastoral Visitors Holy Communion, St John's
- 9.30am Clergy Consultation Hour, Parish Office
- 9.45am Who Let the Dads Out?, Parish Hall
- 7.30pm Keynsham Orchestra Concert, St John's
- 7.30pm Quiz Night, St Francis

Sunday 17th March: The second Sunday of Lent

Readings for the day: Gen 15.1-12,17-18 Luke 13.31-35

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- 3.30pm Recharge

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- 11.15am Holy Communion

ST MICHAEL, BURNETT:

- 11.15am Holy Communion (1662)

CHEWTON KEYNSHAM:

- 9.30am Sunday @CKC (informal service)

This news-sheet is available on the website, as are some St John's sermons.

Word for Today - The new issue is now available in the churches, please pick up your free copy.