

# CHURCH ALIVE



**St. John the Baptist**  
**Midsomer Norton**  
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# THE PARISH OF MIDSOMER NORTON WITH CLANDOWN

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## SERVICES

### SUNDAY

8am Said Eucharist

10 a.m. Parish Eucharist

### WEEKDAYS

Eucharist is celebrated on a Tuesday at 12 noon.

**Baptisms, Weddings** etc. by arrangement with the Vicar.

**Communion at home** for those unable to attend church it is easily arranged with the Vicar.

### Safeguarding

***Who should you talk to if you observe or are told about Safeguarding concerns?***

Ann Munton, Parish Safeguarding Officer Tel: 01761 414979

or email: [safeguarding@stjohnschurchmsn.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stjohnschurchmsn.org.uk)

Information about reporting concerns is available on the Diocese's website here:

<https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/diocese/safeguarding/reporting-concerns-or-abuse/>.



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**News From the Pews**

A very Happy 90th Birthday to Maureen Boots who celebrates her special day on 22nd November.

We wish Maureen a very lovely day.

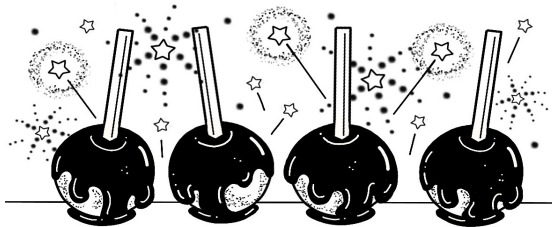
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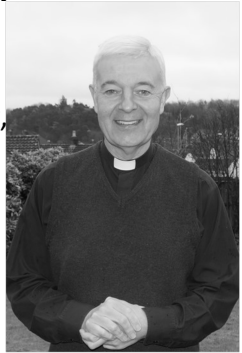
Hilary is collecting donations of food items for the Local Food Bank. You can place your items in the basket at the back of Church and she will take them to the local warehouse.

There is normally a list of “wants” on the back of the Sunday News Sheet.

Thank you for your continued generous support.



## Reflection from the Vicarage...



Dear Friends,

Remember, remember the 5<sup>th</sup> November, gunpowder, treason and plot.

November is the month for remembering. From the 1<sup>st</sup>, when we recall and celebrate the lives of all the Saints, living and departed, to the 30<sup>th</sup>, when we celebrate the call of Andrew, to become an Apostle Of Christ. On All Souls' Day (2<sup>nd</sup>) we commemorate the Faithful Departed; on the 5<sup>th</sup> we remember Guy Fawkes. Then come Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday, when we remember all those who gave their lives in war and conflict, past and present, in the hope that we may live in peace.

It is right that we should remember, because it makes sense of who and where we are in the present. As Christians we constantly remember the redeeming work of God, achieved through His Son, Jesus Christ. It is in the mystery of the Holy Eucharist, when we "do this in remembrance of me", that past, present and future become one in sacrament.

As I say, it is right and proper to remember, but we should do this remembering in a positive way.

Not harking back to old times, not raking over the past to open again old wounds and resentments, not returning to things which should be left with God. All our remembering, personal and corporate, should be exposed to the searching love and light of God, who is God of all time and eternity, who is judge of all and knows all the secrets of our hearts. It is only when we remember in God's light that we can make any sense of what has past, offer it to the present and so look to the future.

When we remember in the pure searching light of God and hold our memories before him, we will then find the wisdom and strength to let go of past hurts and failings and perhaps encounter healing of those things which prevent us from being the people God would have us be.

It is when we allow God to search and cleanse our hearts and souls, that we as disciples of Christ today, and a community of faith today, can embrace the present and look forward to God's future

In this month of remembering we will recall the lives of loved ones we have known with sadness and joy and the lives of those not known to us at all. And, in this remembering, we will carry the gifts of the past into the future. It is by remembering what Christ has won for us that we can step into the future with hope and confidence.

With hope in God's future ,  
Guy.



**Please note!!**

On Remembrance **Sunday, 14th November**,  
the Parish Eucharist will begin at **9:30am**  
so that those who wish to join the Act of Remembrance  
at the War Memorial  
on the High Street at 11:00am may do so.



## Holy Baptism

*"We welcome you into the Lord's Family"*

26th September Freddie Ray Jack Rugg  
17th October Addy Jia Sheppard

## Holy Matrimony

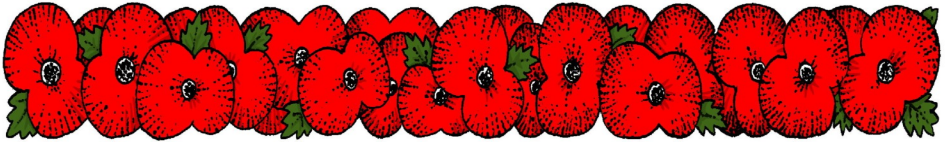
*"May they live together in joy and peace."*

4th October Jade Anne-Marie Bowles & Jack Mower

## Christian Funeral

*"May they rest in peace."*

8th October Joan Mary Martindale



## CHRISTMAS STALL

Throughout November after the 10.00 a.m. Sunday service, there will be a table at the back of the church with Christmas items for sale.

- Handmade Christmas cards ..... 50p each
- Christmas wrapping paper ..... £1.50 a roll
- Christmas serviettes ..... £1.50 a packet
- Christmas tags ..... donation

All proceeds will go to St John's Church Fund

# Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

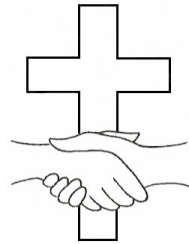
On Tuesday 12th October we enjoyed the Church Service followed by a Fellowship lunch. Thank you to Heather and Pat for organising the lunch.

We are really looking forward to seeing you all next time on Tuesday 9th November at 2:30pm. Everyone is welcome to join in with us.

Sally

## Ladies Group Report

Ladies Group held their AGM in October. We met to discuss our program of events for the coming year. Like other social groups up and down the country we have had very little contact with each other during the lockdowns of the last 18 months. So it was lovely to be able to sit, relax and catch up on everyone's news. Hopefully there will be something to please everyone in our activities for the coming year.



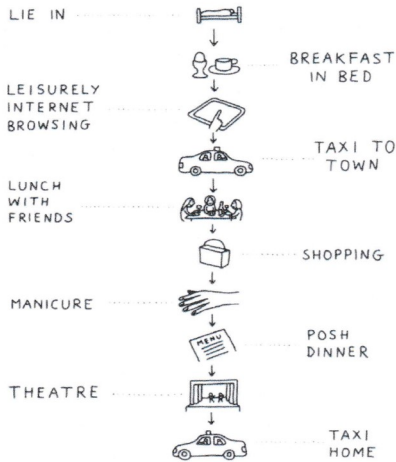
Our November meeting will be a visit to The Soap Bar in Clutton for a drink and a chat and some Christmas Shopping. We will meet at The Soap Bar at 6:00pm on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

If you would like more information about Ladies Group please talk to Kay Harvey or Ann Munton.

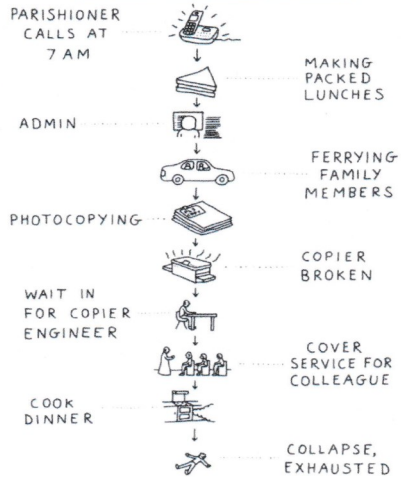
New members are always welcome. Look out for our program of events which will soon be available from the back of church.

# THE VICAR'S DAY OFF

## WHAT PEOPLE THINK HAPPENS



## WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENS



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## FROM THE DIOCESE MANNA MAILING

### Abbey celebrations

Hundreds of Bath Abbey's supporters, congregation, staff and volunteers have attended a special Footprint Celebration Service followed by a Thanksgiving reception and tour on Sunday 17th October.

Guy Bridgewater, Rector of Bath Abbey, said: "We are overjoyed to celebrate the completion of the building work of the major Abbey Footprint project. The vision of a fully restored Abbey floor, and greatly enhanced facilities for welcome, worship and ministry with the city and its visitors, has been gloriously fulfilled. The Celebration Service is a chance to express our gratitude to God - and to everyone who has helped renew Bath Abbey by their generosity, patient faith and hard work."



## **FROM THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

### **HARVEST THANKSGIVING**

How lovely to be able to share a meal together as we celebrated and gave thanks for the Harvest. How blessed we all are.

An incredible £525 was raised for the Church Fabric Fund and £107:20 for the Food Bank, raised from the Auction of peoples' generous Harvest gifts, helped along by our Auctioneer Fr Jim.

Thank you to everyone who supported and helped in any way.

### **BEETLE DRIVE, Friday 12th November at 7pm**

We look forward to welcoming you to an evening of friendship and fun. It will not be a late evening.

Beetle is a game for all ages, all it takes is shaking a die and drawing parts of a Beetle until someone completes a whole one and shouts 'Beetle'. We add up our scores after each game. When we get to the end of the evening, the person with the highest total of points is the winner.

Supper will be provided.

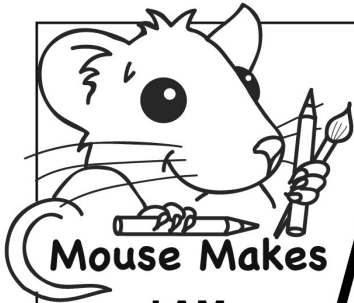
It would be really nice if we could invite a family member, a friend, or neighbour. If a lift home is required, please ask early.

We look forward to a lovely evening shared together.

### **ADVANCED NOTICE**

#### **ST JOHNS CHRISTMAS FAYRE.**

Saturday 4th December 10am to 12 noon  
Offers of goods and help will be welcomed  
Please Contact Heather.



# I AM

**I AM**  
THE



Read John 10:11 and 14

**I AM**  
THE



Read John 15:1 and 35

**I AM**  
THE



OF

Read John 6: 35,51

Seven times in John's Gospel Jesus calls Himself "I AM" - the same name that God calls Himself when He speaks to Moses in Exodus 3:14. Jesus is telling us who He really is.



**I AM**  
THE

AND THE

Read John 11:25

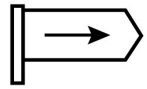


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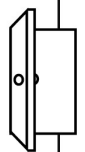
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Read John 14:6



**I AM**  
THE

Read John 10:9



**I AM**  
THE



OF THE

Read John 18:12

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 S H E P H E R D F A T H E R  
 L O J G A T E R W O R L D E  
 I V E D D I A M O A U I N A  
 F I S E O B L I G H T F O D  
 E N U G O O D W A Y H E H E  
 R E S U R R E C T I O N B L

Look up the Bible references, fill in the missing words then look for them in the word search

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See details on how to play on page 9

Tickets available from a member of the Social Committee

## **Sunday 14th November is Remembrance Sunday.**

Our 10am Parish Eucharist will move for this  
week only to **9:30am**, so that people who  
wish to can attend the Act of Remembrance  
at the War Memorial.

## **Trio Paradis Café Concerts on the Mendips**

Trio Paradis have been the Palm Court Trio in residence at Midsomer Norton Town Hall since 2012 and give monthly daytime concerts at several South West venues. Trio Paradis concerts are informal, with cafe-style seating and refreshments: tea, coffee and home-made cakes. “Our concerts are as much social hubs as musical events,” says organiser Jacquelyn Bevan, “a great place to meet friends and make new ones, and socialising is so important for wellbeing and mental health”. Entrance is by donation so everyone can attend, and people are invited to join in and contribute cakes and read poems, as well as helping to set out tables and chairs and publicise the events.

The trio have now been awarded National Lottery funding to help bring café concerts to Mendip villages and communities in 2022.

If you are interested in getting involved in hosting a series of café concerts in your village hall, church or other community venue from 2022, please contact Jacquelyn via email: [trioaradis@icloud.com](mailto:trioaradis@icloud.com) or WhatsApp (Facebook@trioaradisbath) or visit: [www.trioaradis.com](http://www.trioaradis.com) Where there are details of current concert series and links to the trio’s YouTube channel.

## **FROM THE PARISH PUMP**

**National Tree Week** is the UK’s largest annual tree celebration, marking the start of the winter tree planting season (November to March each year).

This year, it runs from Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December. It is a good time to both celebrate your current trees, and to consider planting more trees in your area.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Reader/<i>Intercessions</i></b>	<b>Sides person</b>
7th November	Beth Davies <i>Colin Tincknell</i>	N Barnett P Clynes
14th November	Heather Hill <i>Sally Curtis</i>	A Broadhurst L Broadhurst
21st November	Esther Marshall <i>David Moore</i>	R Broughton S Broughton
28th November	Carol Moore <i>Heather Hill</i>	A Fitch E Marshall
If you have to swop or cannot do any of the dates, please can you let Beth or Carol know. Thank you		

<b>Coffee Rota</b>	
7th November	Lyn Powell Margaret Barnes
14th November	Esther Marshall Lyn Hurst
21st November	Heather & Tony Hill
28th November	Pat & Hylton Taylor
If you swop or are unable to fulfil your rota, please can you let Margaret Small know. Thank you	



## Parish Directory

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Coffee Rota	Mrs Margaret Small	411474
Electoral Roll Secretary	Mrs Linda Broadhurst	415562
Flower Rota	Mrs Sue Holley	412569
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Head Server	Mr John Norman	
St John's School	Mrs Danielle West-Gaul	412019
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Magazine Distribution	Mrs Linda Broadhurst	415562
M U Branch Leader	Mrs Sally Curtis	201435
Organist	Mrs Margaret Whatley	418072
PCC Secretary	Mrs Margaret Marshall	413895
PCC Treasurer	Mr John Shears	479033
PCC Vice Chairperson	Mrs Beth Davies	418787
	Mrs Carol Moore	412226
Safeguarding Person	Mrs Ann Munton	414979
Tower Secretary	Mrs Margaret Marshall	413895

### Church Organisations

**The Choir** practise on Fridays from 6:30 pm until 7:50 pm.

**The Mothers' Union:** Prayer Group meets on the first Tuesday of the month except January and August. The Branch meeting is on the second Tuesday of the month.

**The Ladies Group** meets on the second Thursday of the month

**The Society of Our Lady of Walsingham** meets 4 times a year and takes an annual pilgrimage to Walsingham in September. Further details from Christine Plummer 07870 216479

<b>Magazine deadline for copy is the 14th of the month</b>
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# November



Tuesday 2nd	10:30am - 11:45am	Coffee in Church
	<b>All Souls Day</b>	12 noon Said Eucharist
	14:00	M.U. Prayer Group
<b>Sunday 7th</b>	<b>3rd Sunday Before Advent</b>	
Tuesday 9th	10:30am - 11:45am	Coffee in Church
	12noon	Said Eucharist
	14:30	Mothers Union
Thursday 11th	18:00	Ladies Group
Friday 12th	19:00	Beetle Drive
<b>Sunday 14th</b>	<b>Remembrance Day</b>	<b>8am Holy Eucharist</b>
	<b>2nd Sunday before Advent</b>	
	<b>Please note time change</b>	<b>9:30 Parish Eucharist</b>
	This week only	
		<i>Magazine Copy Date</i>
Tuesday 16th	10:30am - 11:45am	Coffee in Church
	12noon	Said Eucharist
	19:00	PCC Meeting
<b>Sunday 21st</b>	<b>Christ the King</b>	
Tuesday 23rd	10:30am - 11:45am	Coffee in Church
	12noon	Said Eucharist
<b>Sunday 28th</b>	<b>1st Sunday of Advent</b>	
Tuesday 30th	10:30 - 11:45	Coffee in Church
	12noon	Said Eucharist

**The Front Cover** is the outside altar in the gardens of the Holy Shrine, Walsingham. Photo provided by Heather Hill