

# 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

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### **Visit from the local Beaver Scouts Group**

Father Guy had agreed to a request from one of the local Beaver Scouts Group asking if they could bring their group of 16 children (aged 6-8) on a Wednesday evening to listen and observe bell ringing. It was interesting that nearly all the group were pupils at St John's School.

As an introduction Guy explained about the ropes and the different parts of a bell. Using the carved bell on the ringers' noticeboard he showed, theoretically how a bell is rung.

The group was then split into two.

The first group stayed in the ringing room where Guy and Adrian, who came to help from Chilcompton, gave a practical demonstration of ringing a bell. Each Beaver in turn was, under very careful supervision, allowed to ring a bell at backstroke.

The second group went into church & were shown the handbells and how a handbell is rung. They each then had a go to ring both the smallest and the largest bell in the set of 12 bells. With enough adult ringers present, we were able to ring all 12 handbells to let them hear how bells sound when rung in sequence.

It seemed that the leaders as well as the Beavers seemed impressed with what they'd been shown and numerous questions were asked and answered.



Dear Friends,

August is here... the school holidays are with us and many are looking towards snatching some time to rest and relax in the sunshine. The sunshine we experienced on St Swithin's Day, during the July heat-wave, may have forecast 40 days of sunshine but experience tells us to prepare for the opposite!

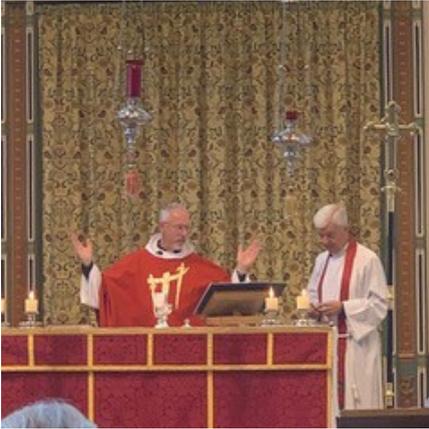
Last month's sunshine was a mixed blessing for some, though for those of us at the Midsomer Norton Fayre it was heaven sent. Not only were we blessed with a glorious summer's day but after the pandemic, much fun was had as our town came together to celebrate being a community.

It was wonderful to be part of that greater community as we set out our cheerful stall of home grown plants. Our main aim was to join in ... but we were also delighted to have made some money... over £100!

A big thank you goes to all who contributed plants, to all who came and parted with cash, and to all who managed the stall and nattered in the shade. Thank you!



Last month saw another very special event, another event that drew us together in community, into the body of Christ that we strive to be as Christians here at St John's Church. At the end of June, at Bath Abbey hundreds of people from across the diocese joined 8 deacons as they were ordained Priests, myself included. It was another glorious sunny day, where we came together in celebration of our joint endeavour as a 'Royal Priesthood'. That celebration was to peak for me a week later when I presided at the mass for the very first time. It was another joyful experience for which I am hugely grateful.



So another big thank you to all who helped make it possible, by being there or by contributing to the nurture that got me there. Thank you!

Being able to come together as a community has become more precious to many of us following the restrictions of the pandemic. As we face the turning of the year, the cooling and darkening seasons and the uncertainty they may bring, let us give thanks for these special times where sunshine and community have warmed our souls.

Fr Philip



## *From The Registers*

### **Christian Funeral**

***"May they rest in peace."***

30th June Lori Grace Robertson

13th July Paul Terry Brimble



### **Safeguarding**

A safeguarding Basic Awareness session is being held in the  
**Church Hall**  
**At: 2:30pm**  
**On: Thursday 11th August**

The aim of this session is to build a more safeguarding aware church community.

This session is for anyone with a volunteer role in the church.

So whether you are a sidesperson or a flower arranger, a server or on the coffee rota, this session is aimed at you.

Please contact Ann Munton (Parish Safeguarding Officer) to book a place. Tel:07895 038871

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## **Fr Philip's Milestones**

### ***His Ordination to the Priesthood Bath Abbey Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2022***

What a wonderful occasion it was, not only for participants but also for members of St John's congregation who attended.

It was lovely to see Kate as Bishop's Chaplain, Guy as Philip's training incumbent and Jim as a nominated priest all taking part in the service. Some hymns had unfamiliar words, which were appropriate for the occasion, but, being set to well-known tunes, they were sung with gusto.

It was the first time some of the St John's contingent had seen the Abbey since the renovations. How much lighter the building appears with the dark wooden pews removed.

The fine weather enabled everyone to flood out into the abbey churchyard after the service to mingle

### ***His first Celebration of the Parish Eucharist on 3 July.***

This was the feast day of St Thomas the Apostle so red, which we don't see very often, was the colour for vestments & the altar frontal. Philip was supported by several clergy in the chancel. As well as our own church members, friends, family and people from churches that Philip had previous connections with, were present in the congregation which almost filled the church.

After the solemnity of the service, Guy led a toast to Philip wishing him well for the future to which there was a loud response from everyone.

***His first celebration for the 8am service*** was a very quiet event but still a significant step for him.

## Bishop's letter

I'm new around here. Following retirement from ordained ministry last year Somerset has become my adopted county and Bath and Wells my adopted diocese. Sally and I are delighted to be full time now in this lovely and stimulating area. We join many of you who have been part of this diocese and county for a lifetime or for decades, and also some who have recently arrived like ourselves.



We have chosen to be here. Others arrive here because of a range of circumstances and decisions. Perhaps sometimes the journey seems haphazard or inexplicable. Some people come here as refugees fleeing persecution, injustice, or war, especially from Syria, Afghanistan, and Ukraine. They arrive with uncertainty, and often anxiety or trepidation in an unknown and entirely new place far from home.

In our churches and Christian communities, we are committed to welcome everyone – those settled here and also those who are newer. We know we are sisters and brothers in God's family, regardless of background, nationality or indeed any other thing which distinguishes us. God's family is the family of humankind. It's not that we pick and choose whom to call family; we share the same flesh and blood.

St Paul tells us that each one of us has been adopted into that family which is divine and human. God sent Jesus "so that we might receive adoption as children" enabling us to be gifted with the Holy Spirit. (Galatians 4:4-7)

We don't belong out of personal choice, in contrast to my decision to choose here as my adopted diocese and community. We don't pick and choose our ultimate citizenship. God chooses and calls us without us desiring or deserving such adoption. That's why, following God's adoption of us, we never select who to welcome into our church or parish. All belong and all are welcome without hesitation.

We have been adopted into God's family and we are thrilled to adopt everyone into our communities. Thank you for welcoming me!

+Christopher Foster (Honorary Assistant Bishop Bath and Wells)

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF BATH & WELLS, 1st July**  
**Bishop Michael Beasley has legally become the**  
**80th Bishop of Bath and Wells.**

Bishop Michael's new role as the Bishop of Bath and Wells was confirmed at a ceremony in London at which he was formally given spiritual responsibility for our diocese. The Confirmation of Election is a combination of legalities and worship.

Before the Ceremony of Confirmation of Episcopal Election began, the Diocesan Registrar for Bath and Wells, Christopher Jones, was asked to confirm that Bishop Michael had been elected as the new Bishop of Bath and Wells by the College of Canons of Wells cathedral.



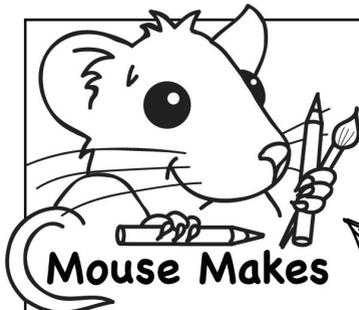
During the service the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev Justin Welby, gave Bishop Michael his charge. It includes these words from the Archbishop:

“My charge to you today is to Pray. Pray that the suffering Christ, saviour and sovereign, might walk alongside you in the difficulties as well as the joys of the road ahead.

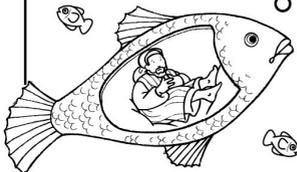
“Pray that the Holy Spirit, comforter and advocate, will empower you to bring comfort and strength to the world and His church as you welcome others to the path of the Cross.

“And pray that God the Father might guide you in this calling - on the good days and the bad days - by His infinite grace and power, that the world might know and believe the Good News of His Son who died and conquered death. “

We pray for Bishop Michael, his wife Lizzie and their family as they prepare to leave St Albans Diocese and move to Somerset. He will not formally take up his new role in Bath and Wells until the autumn.



READ the full story  
in the book of Jonah



What swallowed Jonah?

A big \_\_\_\_\_

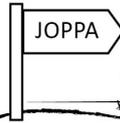
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three \_\_\_\_\_ and  
three \_\_\_\_\_

Jonah 1:17

### JONAH'S JOURNEY

Which city did **God**  
tell **Jonah** to go to?



and why?

Jonah 1:12

Where did Jonah  
try to go instead?

What did he travel in?

Jonah 1:3

What did God send to stop him?

A great \_\_\_\_\_

What did Jonah tell the **sailors**  
to do to make the sea **calm**?

\_\_\_\_\_

him into the **sea**

Jonah 1:4-16



What did Jonah do?

\_\_\_\_\_

then what did the fish do?

Jonah 2:1-10

### DID YOU KNOW?

In Bible  
times wearing itchy  
sackcloth made from  
goat's hair was a sign of  
grief and repentance



When Jonah reached Nineveh  
he proclaimed God's **message**...

the city would be overthrown in

\_\_\_\_\_ days

Jonah 2:1-10

What did the people do?

**F** \_\_\_\_\_

What did they put on?

Jonah 3:1-9

What did God do?

**R** \_\_\_\_\_

Jonah 3:10

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

Find the missing words. Look up the Bible references then  
look for them and the words on this page in **bold** in the word search

# Church Picnic



Come and join us after our 10am service on  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August  
In the closed Churchyard

Bring your own picnic and chair and invite  
your friends to bring theirs too.

Perhaps you're Teddy Bears would like to  
come and enjoy your marmalade sandwiches!

We're hoping to have some fun and games laid  
on if the weather permits.

No need to book but for more information ask  
Beth or Hilary

## Lamego Cathedral in Portugal - “Nassa Senhora dos Remedias” (Pictured on the front cover) visited by Linda & Andy Broadhurst



The impressive baroque sanctuary theatrically appears at the top of a hill up 686 steps. (Andy and I chose to walk **down** them!) Landings along the way have statues and chapels and decorated with azulejo tiles.

During the annual pilgrimage to the shrine between the 6th & 8th September, many penitents climb the steps on their knees

The fine cathedral is a mix of Gothic and Renaissance architecture dating back as far as the 12th century. This makes it the oldest cathedral in all of Portugal, although the only surviving feature from this time is the Romanesque base of the bell tower.

Dedicated to Our Lady of the Assumption, Lamego Cathedral was built on the site of an older chapel and consecrated in 1175. Much of the cathedral’s façade was constructed in the 15th century.

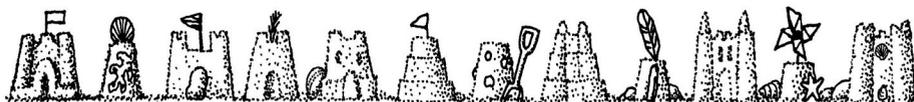
The church’s interior doesn’t quite match with the façade as it is much more recent, being mostly 18th century. It is however notable for the beautiful biblical frescoes which adorn the ceiling.

The main altar has the image of ‘Nossa Senhora dos Remedios’ (Our Lady of Remedies) carved in wood and three stained glass windows.



<b>Date</b>	<b>Reader/Intercessions</b>	<b>Sides person</b>
7th Aug	Hilary Denning <i>Sally Curtis</i>	J Shears, M Small
14th Aug	Lesley Garvey <i>David Moore</i>	D Winter, J Winter
21st Aug	Heather Hill <i>Heather Hill</i>	N Barnett, P Clynes
28th Aug	Les Martindale <i>Rebecca Daly</i>	R Broughton, S Broughton
If you have to swop or cannot do any of the dates, please can you let Beth or Hilary know. Thank you		

<b>Coffee Rota</b>	
7th Aug	Pat & Hilton Taylor
14th Aug	Sue Holley, Margaret Small
21st Aug	Josie Mitchard, Margaret Cleaves
28th Aug	Margaret Wilton, Kathy Sinkins
If you swop or are unable to fulfil your rota, please can you let Margaret Small know. Thank you	



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### 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 every 3rd Friday of the month at 11am for Said Mass and the Angelus. The Cell takes an annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham in September. Further details from Christine Plummer 01249712894 or 07870216479. A warm welcome is extended to all who would like to attend the service or join us on Pilgrimage.

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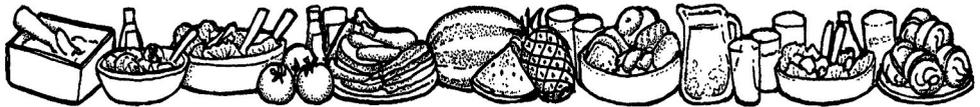
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# August 2022

Tuesday 2nd	10:30am - 11:45am	Coffee in Church
<b>Sunday 7th</b>	<b>Transfiguration of our Lord</b>	
Tuesday 9th	10:30am - 11:45am	Coffee in Church
Friday 12th	10am - 12 noon	Churchyard gardening group
<b>Sunday 14th</b>	<b>9th Sunday after Trinity</b>	
		<i>Magazine Copy Date</i>
Tuesday 16th	10:30am - 11:45am	Coffee in Church
Friday 19th	11am	Holy Eucharist for our St John's parish cell of Our Lady of Walsingham
<b>Sunday 21st</b>	<b>10th Sunday after Trinity</b>	
	11am	Parish Picnic
Tuesday 23rd	10:30 - 11:45	Coffee in Church
Friday 26th	10am - 12 noon	Churchyard gardening group
<b>Sunday 28th</b>	<b>11th Sunday after Trinity</b>	



This month's front cover was taken by Andrew Broadhurst  
It is the famous cathedral "Nassa Senhora dos Remedias"  
In Lamego, Portugal.