

CHURCH ALIVE



St. John the Baptist
Midsomer Norton
June 2023
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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?

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



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The Church Annual Meetings were held on Sunday 30 April 2023

29 people were present comprising 10 members of the PCC and 19 members of the congregation

Meeting for the Election of Churchwardens

Hilary Denning was re-elected to serve 2023-2024

Beth was not seeking re-election

Pat Clynes was elected to serve 2023-2024

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Report and Accounts were approved with no queries raised.

The following people were elected to serve as PCC members from 2023 to 2026.

Robert Broughton, Sally Curtis and Kay Harvey

To cover vacancies which have occurred on the PCC

Ann Munton will serve 2023-2025 and Lesley Garvey 2023-2024

The positions below are held as follows:

Chairman: Father Guy Scott

Vice Chairmen: Father Philip Hopper and Hilary Denning

Treasurer: Kay Harvey

Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO): Ann Munton

Electoral Roll Officer: Linda Broadhurst

Secretary: Margaret Marshall

Dear Friends,

On the 18th May we said farewell to the beautiful Easter garden that had nestled within the altar for forty days. The altar was rotated, and returned to wearing its white seasonal frontal. From the Feast of the Ascension until Pentecost it remained dressed in celebratory Easter white. But at Pentecost, some fifty days after Easter, the coming of the Holy Spirit and the Christian Church's birthday were celebrated with flaming red.



The season that follows is known as *Ordinary Time*, and the altar returns to wearing green, the familiar colour of most of the year. But punctuating the green of the coming months will be special times and occasions that are marked with splashes of red or white. For the saints remembered in June, such as Justin, Boniface and Alban, the altar will be dressed in the red of martyrdom. Other occasions such as Corpus Christi, when we celebrate the gift of Holy Communion, it will shine in white.



St John the Baptist was a martyr. He met a gruesome end, imprisoned and then rashly beheaded. But on 24th June when Christian churches honour him, the altar will not be clothed in crimson but in white, because the day we celebrate is not the day of his death but that of his birth.

In the days of the early church it became the tradition to honour John's birth rather than his death. All four Gospels show us how crucial John was as Jesus' forerunner. Endowed with grace from before his birth, John leapt within his mother's womb when she met her cousin, the mother of our Lord, according to the gospel of Luke.

Our church and school are named after St John the Baptist, the prophet and martyr, the one who came pointing to Christ, the Lamb of God. St John is our patron saint. Traditionally churches were given patron saints as special intercessors and advocates in heaven.

This year at St John's we will be celebrating our Patronal Festival on 18th June, on the Sunday before the Feast of St John. It will be a very special occasion for us as we come together to celebrate our patron saint with our bishop, the Bishop of Bath and Wells, +Michael. The church will be dressed for celebration, the altar dazzling white and the church furnished with welcome. Do come and join us, all are welcome!

Fr Philip.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS



Congratulations to Guy & Kate's daughter
Alice, who married Simon
on 13th May at St Mary the Virgin,
in Woodford, Northamptonshire

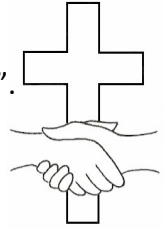
"May they live together in joy and peace"

Also congratulations to Fr. Jim
Who celebrated a milestone birthday
On the 28th May



MAY LADIES GROUP REPORT

In May the theme of our meeting was “Holiday Reflections”. We shared photos and memories of our favourite holidays. Some people told us about their ‘once in a lifetime’ holidays. Other people had fond memories of holidays in this country. The views to be found on both the Cornish and East Anglian coasts are very beautiful. Thanks to Sheila for hosting this meeting, especially as we were able to see John’s paintings of all the places they had been to on holiday.



On Thursday 8th June at 2:45pm we will be visiting Downside Abbey. We will have a tour of the Abbey followed by a drink and a piece of cake in the café. The cost will be £5 payable on the day. Please contact Ann Munton to book a place.

Ladies Group welcomes new members. If you would like more information about Ladies Group please pick up a yellow programme from the back of church or speak to a committee member.



ST JOHNS' FRIENDSHIP GROUP

In May we were thrilled to welcome Margaret and Carol with us and we all enjoyed having a nice tea together.

On June 13th, we look forward to welcoming Pat Clynes, who is going to talk to us about her voluntary work at the Courts.

We welcome anyone who would like to join us for a 2:30pm start

CALLING ALL GARDENERS..... YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!

The Midsomer Norton Fayre takes place on
Saturday 8th July 2023
from 12pm-4pm
at the Town Park & Leisure Park.



Once again Fr Philip will be running a small plant stall and he needs some colourful stock!

So if you have any unwanted summer bedding, spare seedlings or plants in need of a new home, why not pot them up and bring them along to the **church car park** on the morning of

Friday 7th July between 10-12.00.

Thank you!



With the help of ringers from Chilcompton and Farmborough, our bells were rung on the morning of the Coronation and for Sunday service the following day.

Both lots of ringing were dedicated to the celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III.

On Saturday we managed a team of ten ringers and on Sunday all 12 bells were rung.



SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

On Friday 21st July at 7pm, there will be a Cheese & Wine evening with a silent Auction, in the Church hall.

We would be very grateful to accept goods for the auction (no large furniture), new or second-hand in good order.

E.g.: pictures, China items, dustpan & brush, jewellery, etc.

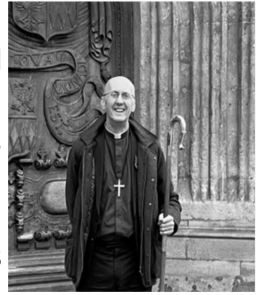
Please could you let Heather have any items, by Sunday 15th July (collection if required).

Thank you for all your support.

Please invite friends and family to what should be a really happy and fun evening

A commitment to serve

'Your Majesty, as children of the kingdom of God we welcome you in the name of the King of kings'. In reply to these opening words at his Coronation, King Charles III responded 'In his name and after his example I come not to be served but to serve.' This short exchange summed up what the service was about and what it intended to convey.



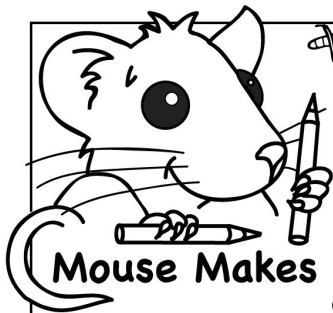
The King's commitment to service is not in any doubt. To give just a few examples, he has engaged with our most challenged communities far more than any politician, he called on us to care for the environment years before it became popular to do so and, of course, founded The Prince's Trust, which supports our most challenged younger people in so many ways.

He becomes king of a new era, the Carolean era. Our times see us face some big challenges. Our question is how to address them. I was immensely struck by all the agencies and charities present in the Abbey for the King's Coronation. Their participation spoke of the ways in which we're going to need to act differently in the years ahead to address the issues that confront us.

Because it's all too evident that the power of government, be that local or national, to respond to the problems we see is less now than it was when the late Queen began her reign. Our challenge in this era is of how we're going to come together, in service, to address the different challenges that lie before us, be that the climate, how we tackle poverty, how we respond to a troubled international situation. All of us will have a part to play.

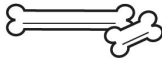
Where to find the resource to act in the way that's going to be needed? As I stood beside the King at the Coronation what inspired me was to see the way he drew so much strength, purpose and resolve and assurance from his Christian faith for the service he's called to give. And in that we can follow him too.

Bishop Michael



The Lord said to Moses,
 "Your brother Aaron shall tell Pharaoh
 to let the people of Israel go out of his land...
 The Egyptians shall know that I AM the Lord
 when I stretch out my hand against Egypt..."

As Pharaoh's heart was hardened against the
 Israelites, God sent ten plagues upon him...



1
Water turns to Blood
 Which water turned
 to blood?
Read - Exodus 7:19

D F G B O I L S L
 L S O O T O P I B
 A W D P E O P L E

6
A Break out of Boils
 What did Moses throw into
 the air before boils appeared
 on people and animals?
Read - Exodus 9:10

2
A Swarm of Frogs
 In which
 places were the
 frogs found?
Read - Exodus 8:3-4



D R S N G N A T S
 U M I D N I G H T
 S S T A F F U U O

7
A Rain of Hail
 What also rained
 down with the hail?
 Where did it not hail?
Read - Exodus 9:24-26



3
A Plague of Gnats
 When Aaron struck his
 staff on the ground
 what became Gnats?
Read - Exodus 8:16-17



T A A R O N E N O
 D E B K D F S D G
 T M A N W A T E R

8
A Swarm of Locusts
 Where did the wind
 come from that brought
 the locusts to the land?
Read - Exodus 10:13



4
Swarms of Flies
 In which land were the
 flies not be found?
Read - Exodus 8:22



M O S E S R W R O
 C R F S N I L E U
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5
Death of Animals
 Which animals that belonged
 to the Egyptians died?
Read - Exodus 9:2



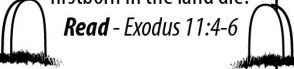
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9
Darkness over the Land
 How many days did
 it remain dark?
Read - Exodus 10:21-22



10
Death of the Firstborn
 At what time would the
 firstborn in the land die?
Read - Exodus 11:4-6



Be uplifted by the award
winning all female
Jenny Peplow choir at a
special

Spring Concert

Supporting



children's hospice
SOUTH WEST

Registered Charity No. 1003314

FRIDAY, JUNE 16TH AT 7PM
ST JOHN'S CHURCH, MIDSOMER NORTON



No Ticket Needed.
Refreshments available
on the night & donations
greatly appreciated for
CHSW

From The Registers

Christian Funeral

“May they rest in peace.”

4th May Pamela Ruth Carver

11th May Peter Young



Baptism

“We welcome you into the Lord’s Family”

7th May Sven William John Scarsbrook



CORONATION TEA

Thank you to the Social Committee for organising the Coronation Tea on Saturday 13th May. A glass of sparkling wine was provided on arrival and used to toast His Majesty before a tea of Coronation chicken with new potatoes and salad, Eton Mess, and tea or coffee with cake and mints.

A quiz based on the life of King Charles III was followed by musical entertainment provided by Heather and Jim. Finally a game of “Royal Bingo” called by Hilary concluded events with chocolates provided for each winning line and a box of chocolates for the full house. The event raised £300.



Date	Reader/Intercessions	Sides person
4th June	Robert Broughton <i>Carol Moore</i>	N Barnett, P Clynes
11th June	Linda Broadhurst <i>Ann Munton</i>	A Broadhurst, L Broadhurst
18th June	Hilary Denning <i>Beth Davies</i>	R Broughton, S Broughton
25th June	Lesley Garvey <i>Kay Harvey</i>	A Fitch, L Hurst
<p>If you have to swop or cannot do any of the dates, please can you let Pat or Hilary know. Thank you</p>		

Coffee Rota	
4th June	Heather & Tony Hill
11th June	Pat & Hilton Taylor
18th June	Sue Holley & Margaret Small
25th June	Josie Mitchard, Margaret Cleaves
<p>If you swop or are unable to fulfil your rota, please can you let Margaret Small know. Thank you</p>	



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Church Organisations

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

The Friendship Group: meets on the 2nd 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. A warm welcome is extended to all who would like to attend the service or join us on Pilgrimage.

Further details can be obtained from a member of the Clergy.

**You can stay in touch with us on our website: www.stjohnschurchmsn.org.uk
Twitter: [@StJohnMSN](https://twitter.com/StJohnMSN), on Facebook: [@StJohnMSN](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnMSN)
and on YouTube: [St John's MSN channel](https://www.youtube.com/StJohnsMSN).**



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Friday 2nd	12:00	Trio Paradis Concert
Sunday 4th	Trinity Sunday	
Tuesday 6th	10:30 - 11:45	Coffee in Church
Thursday 8th	13:00	Ladies Group
Friday 9th	10:00	Gardening Group
Sunday 11th	Barnabas the Apostle	
Tuesday 13th	10:30 - 11:45	Coffee in Church
	14:30	Friendship Group
Wednesday 14th		<i>Magazine Copy Date</i>
Friday 16th	11:00	St Johns cell of Our Lady Of Walsingham - Eucharist
	19:00	Jenny Peplow Singers Concert
Sunday 18th	Patronal Festival	Bishop Michael will be joining us at the 10am Eucharist
Tuesday 20th	10:30 - 11:45	Coffee in Church
Friday 23rd	10:00	Gardening Group
Sunday 25th	Birth of St John the Baptist	
Tuesday 27th	10:30 - 11:45	Coffee in Church



*This month's front cover was taken by Fr Philip
our banner in church, of St John the Baptist*