

DIARY 2018

Mon 8th JAN	9.30am 6.30pm	Support group meeting in St Ben's Church. Support group meeting in St Ben's Church.
Tues 9th	9.00am 10.30am 1.30pm	Morning Prayer in St Ben's Church. Holy Communion at St Patrick's Chapel, Glastonbury Abbey. St Ben's School Collective Worship in St Ben's Church.
Wed 10th	9.00am 10.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer in St John's Church. Holy Communion Service in St John's Church. Funeral of Phyllis Wall in St Mary's Church, Meare.
Thurs 11th	10.30am 7.45pm	Holy Communion Service in St Ben's Church. Bell-ringing practice in St John's Church.
Fri 12th	9.00am 12noon 7.00pm	Morning Prayer at Abbey House. Soup lunches in St Ben's Church. Avalon Ladies W.I. meeting in St Ben's Church.
Sat 13th	9.00am	Morning Prayer in St John's Church.
Sun 14th	The Second Sunday of Epiphany 8.00am: HOLY COMMUNION in St John's Church. 9.30am: PARISH COMMUNION in St John's Church. 11.00am: JOINT SERVICE WITH THE URC in St Ben's Church. 11.00am: PARISH COMMUNION in St Mary's Church, Meare. 5.00pm: HEALING SERVICE in St John's Church.	

We are pleased that you are here in our church and we pray that your visit may bring you closer to God's Love.



Welcome to the Benefice of Glastonbury with Meare



St John's Church



St Benedict's Church



St Mary's Church,
Meare

Sunday 7th January 2018

The Epiphany

St John's

8.00am: Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Revd. Diana Greenfield

9.30am: Parish Communion

Celebrant & Preacher:

The Revd. David Fox-Branch

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St Benedict's

11.00am: Parish Communion

Celebrant & Preacher:

The Revd. David Fox-Branch

St Mary's

11.00am: Morning Service

Leader & Preacher:

Mrs. Di Greuter

Collect

O God,
 who by the leading of a star
 didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles:
 mercifully grant that we,
 who know thee now by faith,
 may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead;
 through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
 who liveth and reigneth with thee,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Bible Readings for today:

Isa.60:1-6; Ps.72: [1-9] 10-15; Eph.3:1-12; Matt.2:1-12

**The Epiphany: An extract from *Jesus and Politics:*
*Confronting the Powers*¹**

As Herod entered his final years, suffering from bowel cancer, the birth of Jesus must have been like a red rag to a bull. After the string of earlier conspiracies, he was now worried that his first son was poisoning him. Suddenly, three nobles/astrologers turn up from Eastern territory that is basically Parthian. The Parthians not only were potentially hostile to Rome and him but had also been instrumental in the deaths of his father and brother. The wise men ask, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?" Herod must have gone ballistic.

The Revd. David Fox-Branch

¹(Storkey, A., 2005, *Jesus and Politics: Confronting the Powers*, Michigan USA: Baker Academic, p23)

Indian Experience

Diana, and some of the students with whom she travelled to India, would love to share their experiences on **Friday 12th January 2018 at 7pm** in The Mission Church, Vestry Road, Street. There will be Tagore Singing, Tabla drumming and plenty of pictures and stories along with curry to eat! Tickets are £5 each. Please email Diana at: dmgreenfield@me.com to reserve yours.



Concert at St John's Church - Saturday 20th January 2018

Here's an opportunity to enjoy one of the top Brass Bands in the UK. "Glastonbury Brass" will play from their amazing repertoire of music with a general theme: "A Night at the Movies". This will be interspersed with performances from talented vocalist Hannah Wills. The Concert will be held at St John's Church **starting at 7.30pm on Saturday 20th January 2018** (doors 7pm). Tickets £5 available at the door and there will be light refreshments, coffee or tea available in the interval.

Parking at St John's Car Park (BA6 9JJ) is free from 6pm and is adjacent to the church. **This amazing band are not to be missed!** At their previous performance Michael Eavis was so impressed that he immediately invited the band to open the Glastonbury Musical Extravaganza 2018!

Here's your chance to experience their wonderful sound close-up.

St John's Church - Christmas Tree Festival

Thank you to the churchwardens, Welcomers and everyone who helped behind the scenes to make the Church look so beautiful with the Christmas Tree Festival. A big THANK YOU to Michael Masters for devoting so much time and effort in making it such a success! **Jeanne Bradban**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have asked for prayer: Liz Affleck-Edwards, Janet Allen, Stuart Allen, Joseph Badman-Outram, Avril Baker, Dawn Bonham, Sophie Contaris, Glenys Difford, Muriel Ferris, Joan Green, Martin Grist, Marie Harris, Valerie Moreton, Jean Rooney, Jeanne Rout, Andrew & Sheila Scott-Evans, Rebecca Whitehead, Nicky Wilkins and Brian & Freda Williams.

For those who have died: **PETER CLARE**
SYLVIA GREGSON
PHYLLIS WALL



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Monday - Friday : 9.00am-1.00pm

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