

Advance Notice

12 May 2024

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at St John's at 12.00 after the 10.30am service on 12 May, to elect the 2 Churchwardens for the next year. Churchwardens are leaders in the church, responsible to the Bishop for day to day running of the church in co-operation with, and supporting, the parish priest. Churchwardens are also stewards of the church buildings, fabric and furnishings.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held following the APM, at 12.30pm. This is meeting for all on the electoral roll to hear the review of the parish over the last year, approve the annual accounts, read reports from various groups and activities, and elect PCC Members. This year there are 3 vacancies for PCC members to serve for a term of 3 years.

Being a PCC member is a responsible position of Church leadership, requires attending meetings, and taking decisions about the governance and the ministry of the parish, jointly with the Team Rector.

There are also 3 vacancies for 2 years to serve as Lay Representatives for St John's at Deanery Synod. Deanery Synod Representatives are also members of the PCC, and attend Deanery Synod meetings as representatives of our parish.

Is God calling you to serve Him in one of these roles?

Nomination forms for Churchwardens, PCC members, and Deanery Synod Representatives are at the back of church and should be returned to Maggie Bruno or placed in the box provided.



**Please join us
for tea/coffee
after the
service**



FAIRTRADE

A Warm Welcome to Bentham Parish Church St John the Baptist 21st April



**9am Holy Communion CW
Canon Peter Greenwood**

**10.30 Holy Communion with Baptism of
Olivia Grace McColm
by
Canon Peter Greenwood**



Events next week

Wed 24th April - 7.00 - 8.30 Bell Ringing practice at St John's

Sun 28th April - 9am Holy Communion BCP Said

Sun 28th April - 10.30 Morning Worship



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Sat 4th May - 10 -12 St John's Coffee & Plant Sale in the Town Hall. Please see Judith if you have any spare plants to sell.

Please can you help with cakes, raffle prizes, tombola prizes, stalls etc. There is a notice sheet at the back of church to sign. Many thanks Diane

Sat 11th May - 10am in church We start a course called "Finding your hidden treasure". More details to follow or contact Canon Peter Greenwood

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Collect for the Forth Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Post Communion

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 4.5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

“the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.”

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.’



Gospel Reading

John 10: 11-18

‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So, there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason, the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’



Prayers for this week of those we know

We pray for - those we know who are sick in any way, especially for Michelle Hunter, Sarah Wilson, David Davis, Michael Marshall, Carol Hall, Ann Duncan, Anne Taylor, Hazel Schofield, Bryan Thwaite and any others that we know who are struggling at this time.

We ask for comfort for - all those who mourn the death of a loved one especially for the families and friends of Clifford Murphy, Gerald Titterington and Eric O'Hare