

Further ahead



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Page for Prayer

A Prayer of St. Augustine

God of life, there are days
when the burdens we carry are heavy on our shoulders and weigh us down,
when the road seems dreary and endless, the skies grey and threatening,
when our lives have no music in them,
our hearts lonely,
our souls losing their courage.
Flood the path with light.
Turn our eyes to where the skies are full of promise;
tune our hearts to brave music;
give us the sense of comradeship with heroes and saints of every age.
So quicken our spirits
that we may be able to encourage the souls of all,
who journey with us on the road of life,
to your honour and glory.

Those we are praying for

Rev'd Father Robert Britton, Derek Lucas, Paul, Elaine Mason, Caroline Rowley, Pat Holloway Far, Susan Smith, Malcolm Holbrook, Renee Nicholls, Rob Carstairs, Carly Hicks, Pat Turpin, Andrew Wiltshire, Sophie Redman, Pameela Miller and Ruth Miller.

Please keep Amy updated as to who needs prayer. We commit to praying for one month unless otherwise advised.



Weekly Newsletter



4 Churches seeking to equip God's people to live as a Christian presence in the world



St. Aidan's



St John's



St Michael's



St Ambrose
& St Leonard's

Welcome

Sunday 27th January

Our Collect Prayer for this week – The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

God of heaven, you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

What's happening this morning?

St Michael's Church	9.00am	Lay-led Service	Rosalind Hick
St Ambrose Church	9.30am	Eucharist	Rev. Nicola Coleman
St Aidan's Church	10.30am	Eucharist	Rev. Canon Paul Denyer
St John's Church	10.30am	Eucharist	Rev. Jordan Ling leading and presiding and Rev. Chris Beaumont preaching

Readings this week	Neh 8. 1-3, 5-6, 8-10;	1 Cor 12. 12-31a;	Luke 4. 14-21;
Readings next week	Ezek 43. 27-44. 4;	1 Cor 13;	Luke 2. 22-40;

‘Reaching Out to Welcome In’

www.staidanbristol.co.uk

Sunday Service 10.30am

Special notices

St Aidan’s PCC. The PCC will next meet on Monday 28th January at 7.30pm.

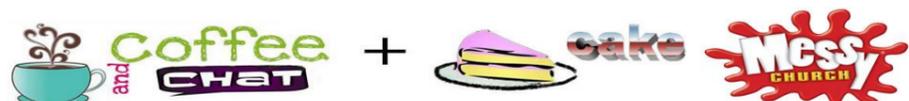
APCM Reports. Anyone who has submitted a report in the past needs to submit a report for 2018 to their relative PCC Secretary by the 30th January at the latest please. Many thanks.

St Aidan’s APCM. This will take place on Sunday 24th March.

Plant and Spring Fair. We are holding our annual plant and spring fair on Saturday 11th May within which we are considering including a craft stall - this could be knitted items, sewn items, cards, homemade sweets, bottled goods or anything else that you could supply that could be loosely classed as ‘crafts’. If you feel you could contribute items please speak to Sue or June so that we can see if it is feasible.

Regular weekly events

Sundays - 1 st in month	MESSY CHURCH	9am - 10.15am in the Church
Sundays – Fortnightly	DEAF CHURCH	3pm
Tuesdays	EVENING PRAYER	7pm in the Lady Chapel
Wednesdays	MESSY CHURCH	3.30pm at Air Balloon Primary School
Thursdays	MORNING PRAYER	9.15am in the Lady Chapel
Thursdays	COFFEE & CHAT	10am - 12pm in the Café area of Church



CAP. Has the costs of Christmas left your finances in a mess? The CAP money course is a free course that teaches budgeting skills and a simple cash-based system that works. In just a few weeks you can get to grip with your finances so you can budget, save and prevent debt. The CAP Money Course returns to St John’s Church this month....Running over 3 evenings – 29th January, 5th and 12th February starting at 7.30. You can sign up by phoning Amy at the EBP Office on 0117 958 6412 to book a place. To find out more about CAP visit capmoneycourse.org or ask Anne Laurence, Rob or Jo Towler or Nicola Callen. If you know anyone who you think might benefit from the CAP Money Course please pass these details on.

Fish ‘n’ Chip Quiz. On Saturday 2nd February there will be a Fish ‘n’ Chip Quiz Night 7.30pm at All Saints Community Hall. Tickets £8.50 each. Teams of 6. Contact Dot 9657596 or Elisa 9584164.



This month

Prayer and Praise. The next Ecumenical ‘Prayer and Praise’ Service will take place on Sunday 3rd February at 3.00 pm at All Saints Church. This will take the form of a Celtic Service of Evening Prayer. Everyone is very welcome to come along.

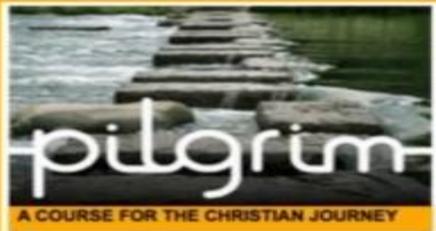
Children’s Praise Party “Orbitron.” Christ Church, Downend are hosting this party on Saturday 16th February at 2pm. Tickets are £3 per primary age child, parents and younger siblings are free. You can book tickets online via this link <http://christchurchdownend.com/event-items/orbitron-childrens-party/>. Chip Kendall & Orbitron have appeared at Spring Harvest and Big Church Day Out and Christ Church are delighted to host him in Downend this February Half Term.

Special notices and upcoming events for all

Revd Chris's New Post. It was announced just before Christmas that Chris has been appointed as Associate Vicar for St John the Baptist, Clarendon Park in Leicester. This is a newly designated resourcing church. Leicester have designated six churches across the diocese as resourcing churches - with the aim to impact the surrounding churches and ministries not just to put more resource into a single parish - the idea not being to just grow a massive church, but to grow and give away resources - to assist churches struggling to make an impact or reach parts of their community because of lack of resource, finance or people. Part of the funding from the Church Commissioners was to appoint Associate Vicar's in each of the churches to assist with the training and equipping of people to go and make a difference - whether in lay leadership, fresh expressions or even workplace ministries. So a lot of my time will be looking to teach, train, equip and encourage God's people to be the people he has called them to be, confident in their faith and confident in sharing their faith in words and action. Please can I ask you to pray for us as we work our way through this transition as a family. Please especially pray for school places, and for life with a new child, in a new city, with a new job and all the stresses that this entails. Many thanks, Chris.

New Curate. We are pleased to announce that Mary Hotchkiss will be starting her Curacy in June 2019 in the benefice of St. Aidan, St. John and St Michael and across the wider EBP. Please pray for her and her husband and 3 children as they prepare for their move and join our church communities.

This week



How should Christians behave and how should we live?

The Commandments explores that question through one of the core texts of the Christian faith:

The Commandments

**All Saints Church Community Hall,
Link Room, Grove Road, Fishponds
1.30pm - 3.00pm**

All welcome to join in at any time during the 6 weeks
Books are available from Lizzie or Diane, cost £5
Or downloadable on e-readers.

Session One 17th January	Priorities Looks at Jesus' summary of the law as the foundation for the way a disciple is called to live.
Session Two 24th January	Reverence Explores the vital importance of reverence and worship for God and the danger of making idols of what we love.
Session Three 31st January	Rest This session further explores the theme of reverence in the third commandment and the linked theme of rest and the Sabbath in the rhythm of our lives.
Session Four 7th February	Respect Focussing on the honour shown within the family and respect for the sanctity of life, this session explores the theme of respect.
Session Five 14th February	Righteousness Looks at the commandments about adultery and theft and their implications for our daily lives.
Session Six 21st February	Reliability What are the dangers of dishonesty and covetousness? This session looks at the damage they may cause.

St John's Church

'Serving the Community Worshipping God'

www.stjohnsfishponds.com

Sunday Service 10.30am

Special notices

CAP Course. The CAP Course is running again at St John's Church starting this Tuesday 29th January at 7.30pm for 3 weeks. If interested in booking a place please see Anne or Nicola or contact Amy in the EBP Office.

APCM Reports. Anyone who has submitted a report in the past needs to submit a report for 2018 to their relative PCC Secretary by the 30th January at the latest please. Many thanks.

RELEASE. Over the next few months Release will be hitting the reset button and looking at how we can go deeper with God. So the themes will be as follows: Jan - RESET (getting right with God), Feb - RENEW (going deeper with God) (with Jimmy Rocks) and Mar - RE-ENGAGE (going further with God). Release is an informal space for us all to engage with an extended time of contemporary sung worship, to pray, and to seek God's presence (and for coffee and biscuits). Please feel free to come along and give it a try.

Standing Committee. St John's Standing Committee will next meet on Monday 11th February at 7.30pm.

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Regular weekly events

Tuesdays	MORNING PRAYER	9.15am in Church
Tuesdays	COFFEE & CRAFT	10am - 11.30am in Church
Thursdays	HOLY COMMUNION followed by Coffee	10am in Church
Saturdays	BIBLE STUDY	10am in Church



St Michael's Church

'Serving the Community of Two Mile Hill'

Sunday Service 9am

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St Michael's APCM. This will take place on Sunday 10th March.

Regular weekly events

Fridays	COFFEE AFTERNOON	2pm - 4pm in Church
Saturdays	COFFEE MORNING	10am - 12pm in Church
Wednesdays - 1st and 3rd in month	HOLY COMMUNION With prayers for Healing	10am in Church
Wednesdays - last in month	FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS GROUP	2pm - 4pm in Church hall

St Ambrose and St Leonard's Church

'At the heart of the Community'

Sunday Service 9.30am

Regular weekly events

Wednesdays	HOLY COMMUNION followed by Coffee	10am in Church
Tuesdays - 1st in month	HEALING EUCHARIST	7pm in Church

