

## Page for Prayer

### Prayer for Lent

Lord, Teach me a new freedom.

Freedom to reject comparison

And to embrace uniqueness.

Freedom to cut ties with greed

And feast on love.

Freedom to abstain from over indulgence

And feast on self-control.

Freedom to leave behind selfish thoughts

And to focus on the needs of others.

Freedom to fend off insecurity

And to embrace grace.

Lord, at this time of Lent,

Thank you for the freedom you bring.

Amen.

## 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, Carly Hicks, Andrew Wiltshire, Sophie Redman, Pameela Miller, Ruth Miller, Pete Flook and William Murray.

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

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## Weekly Newsletter



Benefice of 3 Churches seeking to equip

God's people to live as a Christian presence in the world



St. Aidan's Church



St John's Church



St Michael's Church

## Welcome

## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March

### Our Collect Prayer for this week – The Third Sunday of Lent

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### What's happening this morning?

St Michael's Church	9.00am	Service of the Word	Anthony Hick
St Aidan's Church	10.30am	Eucharist and Baptism	Rev. Chris Beaumont leading and presiding and Anne Laurence preaching
St John's Church	10.30am	Eucharist and APCM	Rev. Jordan Ling

Readings this week	Isa 55. 1-9;	1 Cor 10. 1-13;	Luke 13. 1-9;



## 'Reaching Out to Welcome In'

[www.staidansbristol.co.uk](http://www.staidansbristol.co.uk)

**Sunday Service 10.30am**

### Special notices

**St Aidan's APCM.** This will take place during the Service today.

**Baptism Preparation Session.** The next session will take place this afternoon 4pm at St Aidan's Church.

### Regular weekly events

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



### Further ahead

**EBP Weekend away.** The EBP are going camping again this year from Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May to Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May. The venue campsite is to be Northam Farm, near Brean [www.northamfarm.co.uk/index.htm](http://www.northamfarm.co.uk/index.htm). It came highly recommended and Northam allows us walkable access to the sea which we thought was a real treat! We will be camped in the Lakeside Seasonal field, just behind the dog exercise field. If you would like to book please do so direct with the campsite - either online or telephone 01278 751244. If you are unsure which field use the name Kesteven when booking. Everyone is very welcome!

**Aust Pilgrimage.** Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May. For many years the Pilgrimage to Aust has taken place on a Saturday on or near to the Feast Day of St Augustine of Canterbury to commemorate the meeting of Augustine with the Celtic Bishops which, according to Bede, took place at 'St Augustine's Oak,' which, he says "lies on the border between Hwiccas and the West Saxons". Aust, on the banks of the River Severn, is thought by many to be the place where this meeting could have taken place. Pilgrims meet at Bristol Cathedral at 8am on the morning of the pilgrimage and walk the 16 miles to the Chapelry of St John at Aust, where there will be a tea followed by a Pilgrimage Service at 5pm. We would like to encourage those who might find the full walk too long either:

- to join in along the way - details of the route are published on Facebook (search for Aust Pilgrimage or at [www.austpilgrimage.wordpress.com](http://www.austpilgrimage.wordpress.com))
- or arrange their own walk (or travel by other means) to Aust Church
- or simply to join those who have walked at St John's for the Pilgrimage Service at 5pm.

Rev. Paul Denyer has walked this pilgrimage many times and hopes to do so again this year, so if anyone wants first-hand information they are welcome to contact him on [paul.joanne4647@btinternet.com](mailto:paul.joanne4647@btinternet.com).

**Personal safety workshop.** There are still spaces available on this workshop taking place at the Diocesan Office on Saturday 30th March from 10am until 1pm. This popular training is useful for all those in the church who may on occasion work alone or who might be in a situation where they feel their personal safety could be impacted. If you would like to book a place, please use this link: Book Here <<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/personal-safety-workshop-registration-51511204399>>

## This month

**Hillfields homes for heroes.** Saturday 6th April at Hillfields Library. All members of the community are warmly invited to our Sharing Memories event to help us learn more about the fascinating history of Hillfields. This is a free event providing an opportunity for people to learn more about the project and how to get involved.

- Bring your memories and memorabilia of growing up in Hillfields.
- See the exhibition created by Minerva Primary School pupils
- Come on a guided walking tour of 1920s Hillfields and meet some of the original tenants
- Try your hand at monoprinting with project artist, Carmen Garaghon
- Have a go at designing your own council house

Free refreshments will be available. This is a drop in event, no need to book, but for more information contact [Ruth@locallearning.org.uk](mailto:Ruth@locallearning.org.uk).

**EBP Joint Service.** As the fifth Sunday in March falls on Mothering Sunday this year the next East Bristol Partnership Joint Service is on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 10.15am at St Mary's Church. Please make every effort to support this and come along!

**Music and Readings for Passiontide.** This will take place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm at St Mary's Church. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

**St George Singers Concert.** Concert of seasonal music at St Mary's Church given by the St. George Singers in aid of the Organ Appeal on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April starting at 7.30pm. Admission by programme - £5 at the door. Everyone welcome.



**St John's Fishponds**

Serving the community. Worshipping God.

## 'Serving the Community Worshipping God'

[www.stjohnsfishponds.com](http://www.stjohnsfishponds.com)

**Sunday Service 10.30am**

## Special notices

**Six Week Lent Course: Turning to Christ.** A weekly Lent Course continues on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at St John's Church. Please meet at 7pm for a 7:30pm start. For more information or to book a place please speak to Erin Gilmour or email [erin.gilmour@live.co.uk](mailto:erin.gilmour@live.co.uk).

**Flowers for Mothering Sunday.** 2 or 3 helpers are needed to help bunch the flowers for Mothering Sunday. This will take place at Joan Seville's house on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am. Please let Joan know if you can help. Also anybody with any greenery please bring to Church before this date and place it in the bucket provided. Many thanks.

**Spring Cleaning.** We are planning to have a spring clean of the Church ready for Easter on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April from 11am. Please come along and help if you can – many hands make light work. Thanks Anne.

**Standing Committee.** St John's Standing Committee will next meet on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm.

## 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**

## Special notices

**Friends and Neighbours.** On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March St Michael's Friends and Neighbours group are delighted to be welcoming Anita Edgar from the Shaddei Trust as our speaker. Anita has just returned from India where she helps to look after more than 300 street children and is travelling down from London to tell us about it. She has lots of Indian artefacts and loads of pictures and it should be a fascinating couple of hours. We meet from 2pm-4pm in the Church hall on the last Wednesday of every month and everyone is welcome. We make a small charge of £2 which includes tea/ coffee and cake and there will be a raffle so do come along and join us. We look forward to seeing you!

**Spring Fair.** St Michael's Spring Fair will take place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 10am until 1pm. Please save this date in your diaries, more details to follow.

**St Michael's Church hall.** Just a reminder that St Michael's Church hall is available for hire for regular or one off lets. If interested please contact Amy at the EBP Office on 0117 9586412 or email [eastbristol.org@gmail.com](mailto:eastbristol.org@gmail.com).

## Regular weekly events

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



## Special notices and upcoming events for all

Everyone is very welcome to come along to anything that is advertised as happening in any of the Churches!

**The Community of the Sisters of the Church.** Easter Egg appeal. Last year this charity handed out nearly 400 Easter eggs and are hoping to do the same this year. They would be grateful to receive gifts of Easter eggs or specific financial donations in order to buy them. The eggs will be distributed during Holy Week so donations need to reach them by 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Their contact details are 82 Ashley Road, Bristol. Tel: 0117 9413268 or 07724 717985. Thank you.

## This week

**Lent Groups.** Three groups running six sessions. Sessions continue this week on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 7pm at St John's, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 1.30pm at All Saints Link Room and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm. Contact Ruth 9390529 for venue. Everyone is welcome to come along to any of these groups.

## THE HIDING PLACE

The Corrie ten Boom Story

Produced by

ODDMENTS THEATRE COMPANY

at

Fishponds Baptist Church

Downend Road BS16 5AS

Thursday 28th March - 7pm



Tickets £10 in advance  
from [www.oddments-theatre.co.uk](http://www.oddments-theatre.co.uk)  
or Fishponds Baptist Church office

Welcome to pay on the night  
tickets will be £12

Suitable for 14 years to adults



Oddments Theatre Company brings 'The Hiding Place' – the inspirational and heart wrenching testimony of Corrie ten Boom, to life in their latest production –. Corrie, born on April 15, 1892 in Haarlem, Holland, and her Christian family are outraged at the German occupation in the Second World War, and the constant persecution of the Jewish community. Her sister, Betsie, and father, Casper, join Corrie and thousands of others in the unceasing resistance of God's underground. Their refusal to stand by and watch the Nazi's horrendous onslaught, and their faith that prevails throughout their subsequent suffering of the Second World War's darkest terrors, continues to inspire all of those who encounter Corrie's incredible story.

**Tabletop Sale.** Saturday 30th March from 10am to 1pm at St Ambrose and St Leonard Church. Pitches still only £5.00. Booking is essential. Please contact Liz Welling for further details on 07762 429016.