

Prayer before the proclamation of God's word

Lord God, enlighten us through your word so that we can discover the needs of the people around us.

You are God, the Almighty, and we thank you that like a Father you protect us and through your divine mercy and love you create living space for us and for every single person.

We ask you especially to show mercy to our nation. Enlighten us through your divine Spirit and create in the hearts of the people interest in your word.

And in this time of crisis and challenges give wisdom from above so that we stay true to your word so that we can respond to the different needs - in both the spiritual and physical aspects.

God, watch over us, because of the mercy and love of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
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 31st March

Our Collect Prayer for this week – Mothering Sunday

Merciful Lord, you know our struggle to serve you: when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts, come to our aid and turn us back to you again; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

What's happening this morning?

St Michael's Church	9.00am	Eucharist	Rev. Nicola Callen
St Aidan's Church	10.30am	Eucharist	Rev. Canon Paul Denyer
St John's Church	10.30am	Worship for All	Rob Towler and Erin Gilmour

Readings this week	Exod 2.1-10;	2 Cor 1. 3-7;	Luke 2. 33-35;
Readings next week	Isa 43. 16-21;	Phil 3. 4b-14;	John 12. 1-8;

‘Reaching Out to Welcome In’

www.staidansbristol.co.uk

Sunday Service 10.30am

Special notices

Church Hall Spring Clean. If you have an hour or two free on Friday 12th April (10.00am – 1.00pm), the Church Hall is in real need of getting dust and cobwebs removed and swept clean please. See Nigel or Jim who are coordinating. Many thanks.

Celtic Compline. On Tuesday 16th April at 7pm St Aidan’s will host Celtic Compline with Holy Week reflections. Everyone is very welcome!

Easter Vigil. On Saturday 20th April at 7.30pm St Aidan’s will host an Easter Vigil Service as part of Holy Week. Everyone is very welcome!

Regular weekly events

Sundays - 1st 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
Thursdays	MORNING PRAYER	9.15am in the Lady Chapel
Thursdays	COFFEE & CHAT	10am - 12pm in the Café area of Church



Further ahead

EBP Weekend away. The EBP are going camping again this year from Friday 3rd May to Monday 6th May. The venue campsite is to be Northam Farm, near Brean 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 25th 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)

- 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.

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 7th 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 7th April 6.30pm at St Mary's Church. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

This month

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 9th April starting at 7.30pm. Admission by programme - £5 at the door. Everyone welcome.

FREE Easter Lunches
For families with school aged children *

New!
for
2019

hot lunches and crafts in the school holidays

APRIL
Tues 16
Wed 17
Thurs 18

12.00
until
2.00

* children need to be with a parent or carer

ALL SAINTS CHURCH FISHPONDS
Grove Road Fishponds BS16 2BW
To reserve places, text Lizzie on 07973917720

Walking the Cross. On Good Friday 19th April we are Walking the Cross from St John's Church to St Michael's Church to St Aidan's Church starting with breakfast at 9am at St John's. This will end at 12pm with the Service on the Hill at Troopers Hill. Everyone is very welcome to join in.

Joint Benefice PCC meeting. On Monday 29th April a Joint Benefice PCC meeting will take place at St Aidan's Church starting at 7.30pm.



St John's Fishponds
Serving the community. Worshipping God.

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www.stjohnsfishponds.com

Sunday Service 10.30am

Special notices

Old Font. At our APCM we prayed for the old font and for the children baptised in it. We then decommissioned it. This is to let you all know that the font will be removed at the end of April. If you would like pictures of it please do so before then.

Spring Cleaning. We are planning to have a spring clean of the Church ready for Easter on Saturday 6th 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 8th April at 7.30pm.

Real Bread. Real bread will be offered at Communion on Sunday 14th April.

RELEASE. The next RELEASE Service is on Sunday 14th April starting at 7pm. Everyone is very welcome to come along.

Celtic Compline. On Monday 15th April at 7pm St John's will host Celtic Compline with Holy Week reflections. Everyone is very welcome!

Agape Meal. On Maundy Thursday 18th April at 7pm St John's will host an Agape Meal as part of Holy Week. If you are planning to come so we have an idea of numbers meal please sign up on the sheets available at the back of each Church.

Rev. Chris Beaumont and Erin Gilmour. Chris' and Erin's last Service with us will be on Sunday 12th May. There will be a farewell after the Service with cakes; everyone is very welcome to stay.

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

Stations of the Cross. On Wednesday 17th April at 10am Stations of the Cross will take place at St Michael's as part of Holy Week. Everyone is very welcome!

The Last hour at the Cross. On Good Friday 19th March at 2pm The Last hour at the Cross will take place at St Michael's as part of Holy Week. Everyone is very welcome!

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

Regular weekly events

Fridays	COFFEE	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	2pm - 4pm 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 3rd April. Their contact details are 82 Ashley Road, Bristol. Tel: 0117 9413268 or 07724 717985. Thank you.

This week

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 Garrahan
- 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.