

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS WEEK

Sunday 15 March	Third Sunday of Lent
8.00am	BCP Communion at St Catherine
10.00am	Eucharist
Tues 17 Mar 2.45pm	Key Stage 2 Assembly in Batheaston Church School
Wed 18 Mar 2.00pm	Open the Book in the school
2.00pm	Lent Bible Study Course (5) in St John's
Thurs 19 Mar 3.20pm	Going Bananas after school club in the school
Fri 20 Mar 12.30pm	Lent Soup Lunch in the Good Shepherd Church Hall

Sunday 22 March	MOTHERING SUNDAY
9.30am	Café Church Breakfast
10.00am	Café Church Service
11.30am	BCP Communion in St John's
Tues 24 Mar 2.45pm	Key Stage 2 Assembly in Batheaston Church School
Wed 25 Mar 11.45am	School singing in St John's
2.00pm	Open the Book in the school
2.00pm	Lent Bible Study Course (6) in St John's
Thurs 26 Mar 3.20pm	Going Bananas after school club in the school
Fri 27 Mar 12.30pm	Lent Soup Lunch in the Good Shepherd Church Hall
Sat 28 Mar 1.30pm	Thanksgiving Service for Peter Giles in St John's followed by refreshments in church

Sunday 29 March	Fifth Sunday of Lent
10.00am	Morning Worship
Tues 31 Mar 2.45pm	Key Stage 2 Assembly in Batheaston Church School

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Notice Sheet

Sunday 15 March 2020

St John the Baptist
Batheaston
with St Catherine

Third Sunday of Lent

Do take this
sheet home to
use in your
Prayers and for
your diary.

Welcome!

A warm welcome to anyone visiting us today.
Do stay for coffee after the 10.00am service

To check dates and times of services please see
www.batheastonchurches.uk

At Today's Services:

Collect for the Day

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy
but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory
before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we,
walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other
than the way of life and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace
to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds
to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord

Readings:

Page Nos. refer to the Church Bibles
OT = Old Testament (to front of Bible)
NT = New Testament (to back of Bible)

1st Reading:

Exodus 17: 1-7
(OT page 68)

Epistle:

Romans 5: 1-11
(NT page 165)

Gospel:

John 4: 5-42
(NT page 101)

Readings for next Sunday 22 March MOTHERING SUNDAY

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 1: 20-end

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 1: 3-7

Gospel: Luke 2: 33-35

Please submit notices to Imogen Fry (810709); fry414@googlemail.com. Thank you.

Prayers for those in special need

Sometimes we receive requests for prayerful support for those who are ill, or at some particular crisis in their lives. We do pray for these, in the Intercessions on Sunday mornings. We would like to be sure that we know who needs this support. There may be people who would prefer not to be named publicly. Others will prefer to know that they are supported by the community, and will be happy to be named in the services. Even in this case, we will not use surnames unless we have permission to do that. As a community we also like to remember those recently deceased on the anniversary of their death, or their birthday. So if you have anyone you would like to hear mentioned in this way, again please let us know.

This may also include those who have recently died. Here we especially remember Peter Giles, his family and friends.

We are asked to pray for Thelma, Neil, Anne, Gracie, Judith, Eli, Rob, Jean, Kirsty, Carole, Joyce, Olive, Shelagh, John, Eric, and those supporting them.

These will be named in the notice sheet each week. Please pray for these, and let Elizabeth know of others.



Future Dates for your Diary:

Sunday 22nd March - 9.30am - Café Church Breakfast in St John's
10.00am - Café Church Service

This is also Mothering Sunday

Saturday 28th March - 1.30pm - Thanksgiving Service for Peter Giles
in St John's to be followed by refreshments in church

Genesis Trust

The Urban Garden – a new social enterprise

Bath's newest garden centre is opening at **11am on Saturday 28th March in Royal Victoria Park.**

It is a social enterprise, providing free therapeutic horticulture and training to disadvantaged adults.

Please see the website for more details or to volunteer: www.theurbangarden.org.uk

Books

New books available this week. Subjects, gardening and cookery.

Following the book sale and coffee morning in February, we plan to hold another one in April. Sociability associated with opportunity to buy books, has the added 'plus' of helping the Church's finances.

Corona Virus - an update

The diocese and indeed the National Church is advising us to suspend the common cup and serve only the host or wafer. The priest alone can take the cup. They also advise that we should avoid physical contact at all times, including the peace. Everyone should use the hand gel at the door and if we can secure more of it then we'll have it at other locations within the building.
Rev Elizabeth

Revision of the Church Electoral Roll

Our Church Electoral Roll must be revised before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). The Revision will take place **between 8th and 20th March** this year. The present Roll is displayed in the church porch. Names of those who have moved away and no longer attend our churches, and those who have sadly died, will be removed at the Revision.

Those on the Roll are eligible to attend and to vote at the APCM, and to be elected to the PCC (after 6 months on the Roll) and other posts to assist with the management of our churches.

If you would like your name to be added to the Roll, please complete a form TODAY - available from Diana or Imogen.

Lent Soup Lunches

Please come to the Lent Soup Lunches
FRIDAYS 20th and 27th MARCH
12.30pm in the Good Shepherd Church Hall

Donations for Christian Aid and Cafod

Difference

Jacque is planning to run a 5 week course about reconciling **Differences** (created by the Archbishop of Canterbury) after Easter on a Saturday afternoon from April through to May - either in her own home or in the church depending on numbers.

Please let her know by email or in person if you are interested in taking part. The only cost will be that of printing off the downloads and if you don't have a PC Jacquie will be able to do that for you. She may well open it up to the village and other churches too.

Her email is jacquebailey2010@hotmail.co.uk

Batheaston Churches in Partnership (BCiP)

Batheaston Churches in Partnership was established more than 25 years ago by a Covenant between the Congregational, Methodist and Anglican churches in the village, joined later by the Catholic church of the Good Shepherd. The institution of a monthly united service showed that Christians from different backgrounds could come together in worship. Various open meetings on important subjects such as restorative justice and climate change were also organized and attended by a wider public. Friendships were cemented in more informal activities such as Lent lunches, study groups and Messy Church and other services for children. Times have now moved on and **we have decided to disband what remains of our formal partnership (BCiP) and to discontinue united services.** We have received the blessing for this from the Anglican and Catholic authorities and look forward to continuing to do things with our friends in an informal way from time to time.