

Services in the Benefice on
**Sunday 2nd May
2021**

10am: Holy Communion
in St John's Church

&

11.30am: Holy Communion
at St Mary's Church, Meare

All Welcome!

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NB: Day off Monday

Parish Office opening hours:
Tuesday - Friday;
9am - 1pm

St Benedict's Church
Glastonbury

HOLY COMMUNION



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 25th April 2021

Welcome & Notices

**Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
*Amen.***

Hymn : The day of resurrection!

- 1 The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over
with hymns of victory.**
- 2 Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
and listening to his accents,
may hear so calm and plain
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.**
- 3 Now let the heavens be joyful!
Let earth her song begin!
The round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen
their notes in gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen,
our joy that hath no end.**

Please keep the following people and their families in your prayers:



Liz Affleck-Edwards
Emma Baker-Cooke
June Bobbett
Neill Bonham
Paul Branson
Eric Cobb
Fr. Robert Featherstone
Joan Green
Bishop Peter Hancock
Ewan Hayes
Peggy Howell
Michael MacGeoch
Rosemary Martin
Elizabeth Perks "EP"
Rick Pudner
Barbara Sutton
Rosemary Turnbull
Jodi Wall
Brian & Freda Williams

RIP

**Christine Coggan
John 'Malcolm' Firth
Leonard 'Len' Rolls**



ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH

OPEN:

Wednesday & Saturday

10am - 12noon

ST JOHN'S CHURCH

CLOSED this week

**2 Summer and winter,
and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars
in their courses above
Join with all nature
in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness,
mercy and love.**

Chorus

**3 Pardon for sin
and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence
to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today
and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine,
with ten thousand beside!**

Chorus

Dismissal

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia.

In the name of Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Amen.

New Testament Reading: Acts 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.'

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gloria ~ Said

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy upon us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Please Stand

Gospel Reading: John 10: 11 - 18

When the Gospel is announced, the reader says:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John**.

Glory to you, O Lord.

'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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon ~ The Vicar

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Blessing

The blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

With the risen life of Christ within you,
go in the peace of Christ, Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Hymn : Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,

**1 Great is thy faithfulness,
O God my Father,
There is no shadow
of turning with thee;
Thou changest not,
thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been
thou forever wilt be.**

Chorus:

*Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning
new mercies I see;
All I have needed
thy hand hath provided,
Great is thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me!*

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory
for ever and ever. *Amen.***

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
To share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei ~ Said

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God
Who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
But only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. *Amen***

Confession

We all say...

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen**

The Absolution

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Intercessions

These responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said:
'Peace be with you.'
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.
Alleluia. Alleluia.
The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.
And also with you. Alleluia.

The Preparation of the Gifts

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
Which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
Fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give thanks and praise.

The Celebrant praises God for his mighty acts and all respond:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord ~ Said
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Sit as the Celebrant recalls the Last Supper

After the Consecration, this acclamation may be used:

Jesus Christ is Lord:
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
You have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**