This Week

Wednesday 1st March 2023 10 am – Holy Communion

Our Prayers are asked for:

World

For the leaders of the nations, that you will guide them in the ways of freedom, justice & truth. For the people affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria and on the anniversary of the start of the invasion, the people of Ukraine.

Church

Our Bishops Mark & David. Archdeacon David & Area Dean Daniel.

Community of the Parish

Staff & Pupils at Hey with Zion Primary School, Springhead Primary & junior School. The staff & residents of Oakdene Care Home, Millfield Care Home. The street of our Parish -Rowlands Way & Sunfield Way.

The sick

Jean Smith, Grace Stansfield, Samantha Baron, Reverend Canon Marcia Wall.

Recently Departed

Anniversary of death

Rosemary Cox, Julie Shepard, Hetty Jones, Bill Cullen, Joan Walker, Jeannie Bowler.

Day-by-Day

Humanitarian Earthquake Appeal.

In response to the devastating effects of the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, we at St John's have agreed to contribute to the appeal to help the people and children who have been affected. If you would like to contribute personally, there will be a collection tray at the rear of the Church. We will also accept payments made through our bank account (details overleaf), please make reference/narrative "Earthquake Appeal".

St John the **Baptist** Hev



Receiving & Sharing the Love of God Everyday

Sunday 26th February 2023 1st Sunday of Lent

8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Holy Communion

Readings & Hymns

Processional First Reading Second Reading Gradual	65 474	Be thou my guardian & my guide Genesis 2.15 – 17, 3.1 - 7 Romans 5.12 - 19 Lord of Lords & King eternal
Gospel Reading Offertory Communion Communion	66 43 79	Mathew 4.1 - 11 Be thou my vision As the deer pants for the water Blest are the pure in heart
Final	27	All who would valiant be

Collect

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer, that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

What do I do at Communion?

If you receive Holy Communion at any Christian Church, you are welcome to receive it here. Otherwise please come forward with everyone else to receive God's blessing, keeping your head bowed. If you are unable to come forward, please speak to a warden to arrange for Communion to be brought to you.

Baptisms

We welcome Joshua Kershaw coming for Baptism today.

Everyone is welcome to join us for coffee/tea and biscuits after the 9.30 service in the Church Hall.

Notices

Volunteers Required

Following Rev Lyn's retirement, the PCC are looking for volunteers to help with the day-to-day running of the Church/rotas etc. We are particularly keen for volunteers for; Church grounds, Church spring cleaners, readers (intercession and Gospel) and choir. Reading and singing are not as daunting as they may look.

Please contact Stewart Morrish 07948546097

Flower Fund

Thank you to those who have been decorating the Church with fresh flowers. As we are now in Lent, there will be no flowers in the Church – so please do not bring any. The next time we will have flowers will be Easter Saturday.

You can still donate to the flower fund by placing your donation in the box at the back of the Church.

Pastoral Care

If you know of anyone who is sick or unwell and would like a telephone call or visit or would like a name adding to the pray list, please contact Freda Davies 07901806748 or Ann Knowles 07751567645.

Sunday School

A list of when the Sunday School is operating is at the back of the Church.

Tea & Coffee Rota

We are looking for volunteers to serve coffee/tea after the morning service on Sundays.

If you can help, please contact Ann Knowles – 07751567645 or Hilary Saxon – 07983263113.

Defibrillator

In an emergency we have a defibrillator in the Church Hall.

Fire Safety

Leave the Church by the nearest exit.

Front right of the Church.

Back of the Church through main door or through the Church

Hall.

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Finances

The Day-by-Day Scheme

You can choose a date, for example in memory of a dear one, a birthday or wedding anniversary, or any day that has a special meaning to you, when you would like to give thanks by sponsoring the Church upkeep. We record that date and show it on the Pew Sheet and include it in the prayers of intersession. For further details, speak with Veronica Royle – 0755 2225220

Weekly envelopes

If you would like to start donating by envelope each week, there are spare sets of envelopes available at the back of Church. Just take a set and fill in your name and contact phone number and add your name to the corresponding sheet.

Gift Aid

Gift Aid is an arrangement that allows the Church to reclaim tax on donations made by a UK taxpayer. This means that every donation to St John's will be worth 25% more at no extra cost to the giver. If you would like to discuss or take forward gift aid, please contact our gift aid officer Stewart Morrish - 079 485 46097.

Standing Orders/Gifts

If you wish to set up a standing order are wishing to make a gift to the Church, are banking details are:

Hey, St John, the Baptist Church Virgin Bank 05-06-46 60865731

Annual PCC Meeting

This will take place on Sunday 26th March directly after the Sunday service. If you would like to be a member of the PCC please contact Stewart Morrish -07948546097 or Carole Owen 07736 679704

Please forward any items to be included in the pew sheets by the end of Wednesday each week to Stewart Morrish mail_woodark@btinternet.com 079 485 46097