#### This Week

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 10 am – Holy Communion



## Our Prayers are asked for:

#### The World

For the leaders of the nations, that you will guide them in the ways of freedom, justice & truth. We pray for peace & the laying down of weapons in Ukraine. We pray for restraint on all sides in the violence in Israel, Gaza & Yemen.

#### The Church

Our Bishops David, Mark & Mathew. Archdeacon David & Area Dean Daniel, Revd Paul, Revd Christine and all visiting clergy. All those who work in the background to provide a welcoming Church her at St John's.

## The 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 – the residents of Smith Street.

### The Sick

Jean Smith, Grace Stansfield, Terence Davies, Reverend Canon Marcia Wall, Baby Jonah Wolfenden, Michael Brogan, Richard Makinson, Geoff & Hazel Gee, Pat Menzies, Samantha Lewis-Badgett and any one close to our own hearts.

## The Anniversary of Death

Roger Farrand, Ronnie Giles, Emily Robinson.

### Day-by-Day

16 March – Graham Steel - birthday

#### 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.

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

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## Receiving & Sharing the Love of God Everyday

## Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

8.00 am. - Holy Communion 9.30 am. - Holy Communion

## Readings & Hymns

Processional

532 Now thank we all our God

First Reading	332	Numbers 21.4 - 9
Second Reading Gradual	666	Ephesians 2.1 - 10 Sing we of blessèd Mother
Gospel Reading Offertory	383	John 3.14 - 21 Jesus, good above all other
Communion Communion	194 156	For Mary, mother of our Lord Do not be afraid
Final	223	Glorious things of thee are spoken

#### **Collect**

Merciful Lord, absolve your people from their offences, that through your bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins which by our frailty we have committed; grant this, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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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.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Saviour gave his back to the smiters and did not hide his face from shame: give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please take this pew sheet home to guide you in your bible study, aid your prayers and remind you of forthcoming events.

## **Notices**

#### **Easter Lilies**

If you would like to donate towards the cost of Easter lilies in memory of loved ones, please put your donation in an envelope with your name and the names you wish to be remembered and give to Edna Green - Treasurer or any PCC member.

Alternatively, you may pay direct to our bank account with the reference "Lilies" and your name and let Edna know with the names to be remembered by email - treasurer.stjbhey@gmail.com.

#### **Conformation Classes**

It is planned to have six or seven classes; the dates are yet to be finalised. There will be a rehearsal on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024, with confirmation service on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024. Any candidates, in school year 6 and above, who are interested or want to know more, please complete the form at the rear 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.

#### **Food Bank Donations**

We have reinstated the box at the back of the Church for donations to the St Barnabas food bank. Please remember those in need when you are shopping and purchase an additional item which can be placed in the box.

## **Sunday School**

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

## **Candle Recycling**

We have agreed to trial the recycling of candles. Place any candles into the box at the rear of the Church. It doesn't matter if they are in a glass container etc., the wax will be removed and the container recycled.

#### **Book Exchange**

We have a collection of books at the rear of the Church. You are welcome to bring your books you have read and exchange them for another. There is also a box for any cash donations.

## **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/email: giftaid.stjohns@gmail.com

## **Standing Orders/Gifts**

No cash and want to donate to Church? We now have a contactless donation device at the back of Church.

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

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



"You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you." – *Isaiah 26:3, ESV* 

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