

## Collects

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

We beseech you, O Lord, pour your grace into our hearts, that as we have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection; 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

## Reflection

On 24<sup>th</sup> March 1980, Archbishop Oscar Romero was celebrating Mass in his cathedral when he was shot dead. He was archbishop of San Salvador, the capital of El Salvador, a country in Central America – ruled by an extreme right-wing government, backed by the army, and well-known for repressing and torturing and murdering its citizens.

Six days later, on 30<sup>th</sup> March, thousands attended Archbishop Romero's funeral, gathering in the square in front of the cathedral. Even there, at the funeral of the murdered Archbishop, 20 people were shot dead by the army, despite the international news media who were present to report whatever they saw.

## NEXT WEEK

(See also Notice Board at side of Main Door for midweek service details etc.)

<b>Tuesday</b>	10.00 a.m. New Welcome Café 4.30 p.m. Church open until 6.00 p.m. with Evening Prayer at 5.15 p.m. approx. 7.00 p.m. Film Night – please see separate note
<b>Wednesday</b>	4.30 p.m. Church open until 6.00 p.m. with Evening Prayer at 5.15 p.m. approx.
<b>Thursday</b>	4.30 p.m. Church open until 6.00 p.m. with Evening Prayer at 5.15 p.m. approx.
<b>Friday</b>	10.00 a.m. New Welcome Café 7.30 p.m. Choir Practice
<b>Mothering Sunday</b>	9.45 a.m. Family Eucharist and Distribution of Posies Readings : <i>Colossians 3 vv 12-17</i> <i>John 19 vv 25b-27(Gospel)</i> Reader : Sally Firth Intercessions : Sophie Stramkowski Sidesmen : Christine Shelton and Ellen Smyth Tea & Coffee : Christine Shelton and Ellen Smyth <b>6.30 p.m.</b> Evensong First Reading : <i>Isaiah 40 v 27 – 41 v 13</i> Second Reading : <i>2 Timothy 4 vv 1-18</i>

## What a response!

With last week's notices was a financial report on our finances. Firstly, there was a reference to the need to raise £6500 for the repairs to the heating system. Secondly, there was an explanation of our general financial position and the request to us all to review our financial contribution to St John's (If you did not receive a copy of the report there are some at the back of church). Well, the response has been tremendous. Due to a number of generous donations we have received over £1250 towards the heating repairs so far. (That's one fifth of the total!) Furthermore, there have been requests for the forms to allow payment to our weekly collection to be made by Standing Order AND for Gift Aid Forms. This is quite remarkable, but not unexpected of the members of St John's; your generosity shines once again in the financial darkness. A BIG THANK YOU to all who have responded so far; you know who you are; and an anticipated thank you to those who are going to follow the lead!. Thanks be to God working continually through the Holy Spirit.

## Thank You

Many thanks go to John and Mary Bucknell. At their Coffee Morning last Tuesday they were raising funds for SHELTER and St. John's heating fund. St. John's will receive £200 from that event and we thank John and Mary for their hard work.

## But we must not forget others

The DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee) has launched the Cyclone Idai Appeal. You may have seen on recent news bulletins that a cyclone swept through Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe, leaving behind a trail of destruction. Hundreds have been killed and 2.6 million people are affected. A Retiring Collection will be held this week and next week after both services. We know that we have asked recently for increased giving to St. John's (see 'What a response!' above) but it was felt that we should do what we can for this Appeal. Thank you.

## Jenny Smith

Last weekend we said farewell to Jenny who has now moved to Cirencester. For anyone who would like to keep in touch with her the contact details are as follows: 21 Cambray Court, Chester Street, Cirencester, Gloucestershire. GL7 1HQ. Telephone : 01285 239894.

## Garden Work at St. John's

You will have noticed that St John's garden is beginning to bloom with new flowers becoming evident. Some of the bulbs were planted last October during a Messy Church and these have come through. Thank you to the gardening team who continue to keep on top of the garden...front, back and side. It will not be long before we need to cut the grass and a rota will be available soon for volunteers to fill in. In the meantime students from Broomfield College, not content with running the weekly café, have volunteered to work on the piece of ground right at the back of church to create a manageable area of ground. Thanks to them all for their work.

### Contacting Canon Elaine

If you need to contact Canon Elaine other than the Sunday services or when the church is open during the week this can be done as follows:

'phone : 07749 867347 or e-mail : [canonelaine.stjohns@gmail.com](mailto:canonelaine.stjohns@gmail.com)

### ADVANCE NOTICES

#### Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 7.00 for 7.15 p.m. Film Night

The film this month is "Risen" which stars Joseph Fiennes and Peter Firth. It tells the story of the Resurrection as told through the eyes of a non-believer. Clavius (a powerful Roman military tribune) and Lucius (his aide) are tasked with solving the mystery of what happened to Jesus in the weeks following the crucifixion, in order to disprove the rumours of a risen Messiah and prevent an uprising in Jerusalem.

#### Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> March Mothering Sunday 6.30 p.m.

Please note that as from next Sunday the time of Evensong will revert to 6.30 p.m. until the late autumn.

#### Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 10.00 a.m. Saturday Drop-In and Spring Clean

Following the repairs to the heating system and connected works there is a need to clean the church as more dust than usual has settled in recent weeks. There is to be a working party from 10 a.m. onwards to clean and do one or two other jobs. Do please come down and help even if it is only for an hour or two. Refreshments will be available as it coincides with the Drop-In.

#### Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> April Annual Parochial Meeting

The Family Eucharist will be at the normal time of 9.45 a.m. The Annual Meeting will follow this. You will be invited to get your usual cup of tea or coffee after the service and then come back into church for the meeting. This is an important event in the life of St. John's and everyone is encouraged to attend.

#### Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 7.30 p.m. Oddfellows Brass Band in Concert

An evening of brass and voices featuring Oddfellows Brass Band and Derbyshire Community Male Voice Choir. Do come along and enjoy popular classics. Everyone is welcome. Tickets : £5 Members, £7 guests.

### The Mission of St. John's Church

To be a caring community striving to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ;  
sharing in the love of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit;  
and to love our neighbour, having the Eucharist at the centre of our worship

24<sup>th</sup> March 2019

# WELCOME

Lent 3

to

## ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST



### 9.45 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST

Introit Hymn	621	Offertory Hymn	435
Psalm	63 vv 1-9	Communion Hymn	308
Gradual Hymn	467	Final Hymn	455

Communion Setting : *Plainsong*

Readings : *Isaiah 55 vv 1-9*  
*1 Corinthians 10 vv 1-13*  
*Luke 13 vv 1-9*

Reader : John Bucknell  
Intercessions : Charlotte Beer  
Sidesmen : Beryl Fletcher and Bev Varty  
Tea & Coffee : Charlotte and Chris Beer

*Everyone is invited into the Social Room for refreshments after the morning service.*

### 12.45 p.m. Ethiopian Church Service

### 4.30 p.m. EVENSONG (First Evening Prayer of The Annunciation)

Psalm	85
First Lesson	<i>Wisdom 9 vv 1-12</i>
Office Hymn	243
Second Lesson	<i>Galatians 4 vv 1-5</i>
Hymns	239, 568

*The music played before and after services is offered as part of our worship. Please use it respectfully as a time of preparation before and reflection after the services.*

### **Insurance Donations**

Last year many of us took up the offer to ensure our homes and possessions with Ecclesiastical Insurance, who insure St. John's. In so doing we received £130 from Ecclesiastical for every new policy taken out with them. The insurance company has decided to continue this offer throughout 2019. Therefore, if anyone wishes to see St. John's receive a donation from Ecclesiastical, then do consider changing your insurance company. Please see the "130" posters or ask Nick Green for more details. Every £130 could go towards our new pipework!

### **Easy Fundraising**

Just a reminder that you can help raise funds for St. John's by purchasing goods and services through the Easy Fundraising website ([www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)). It is simple to use. Start your online shopping first at easy fundraising, then within that website shop as normal using the app of the shop or services you wish to buy and nominating St. John's as the charity you wish to receive your donation.

### **Church Website**

St. John's website address is : [www.stjohnsmillstreet.org](http://www.stjohnsmillstreet.org)