



Keynsham Parish

Sharing Jesus Christ

Notices for the week beginning

Sunday 5th May 2024

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.15am	Holy Communion Rev'd Anika Gardiner	St. John's
9.30am	Faith in Action Shop Security	St. Francis
11.00am	Morning Worship Rev'd Anika Gardiner & Paul Thurlow	St. John's
11.15am	Rogation Service Church Warden's	St. Michael's
11.15am	Holy Communion Rev'd Margaret Snook	St. Margaret's
6pm-7.30pm 6pm-7.30pm 7.30pm-9pm	Impact Youth Group Youth Home Group	Parish Hall OCT OCT
Collect for the day		Readings for the day:
<p>Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.</p>		<p>Acts 10: 44-end (Psalm 98) John 15.9-17</p> <p>Mark 8: 27-38 (St. John's)</p>
<p><u>Please pray for those who are sick:</u> <i>Lesley Allwood-Coppin, Nicholas Anderson, Patrick Baker (Anne-Marie's Father), Sue Burke, Rex Cotton, Pat Dawes, Gareth Denning, Anna Dodson, Ken (Hero) Flatt, Derek William Francis, Cathy Gardiner, Liz Greaves, Hewson family, Richard Hardy, Mike Holdway, Louvaine Jackson, Laura</i></p>		

Kenrick-Fearns, Ethan Knott, Logan Manton, Andrew Rees, Lee Sadler, Howard Scott and Michael Watts.

We remember those who have died:

Nigel Hutchings, Heather Lapham and Michael McKenna

The funeral service of Nigel Hutchings is taking place at St John's on **Tuesday 7th May at 1.30pm**. Ruth and family extend a warm welcome to anyone who wishes to attend.

Midweek communion this week will be on **Thursday (9th May)**, not Wednesday as it is Ascension Day. There will also be an evening service at St Francis for Ascension on Thursday, 9th May at 7.30am.

It is time for **Keynsham Parish APCM** which this year will take place on **Tuesday, 7th May at 7.30pm** in the Parish Hall. Come and long to hear what happened in the last year within the lives of our churches across the parish. More details on the website in the next week.

Christian Aid TONIGHT Please join us for a **United Service** at Victoria Church **Sunday 5th May at 6.30pm** Visiting speaker: David Hart, Christian Aid's Somerset and Dorset Church Engagement and Fundraising Officer. Our **Big Brekkie** is at Keynsham Baptist Church **Saturday 18th May 9.30am-12pm** (including plants and cakes).

Please see <https://www.keynshamparish.org.uk/christian-aid-1> for more Christian Aid Week information and how to donate. Further details from Wendy Robbins wrobbins0@gmail.com or Tina Stubbs 0117 986 9664.

Mothers Prayers Our next gathering is this **Saturday (May 11th)**. It's hosted by Lisa at the **Chocolate Quarter** and we'll meet in the **Sanctuary** (*go into the main foyer and it's on the right*). **Coffee, croissants and chat from 9.30am, Prayers start at 10am**. Mothers Prayers provides a safe, supportive and confidential environment where women can pray specifically for their own children (old or young), step-children, grandchildren, godchildren, children we grieve for, indeed any child for whom we have 'a mother's heart'. Together, we place them, and our love and concerns for them, into God's safe hands. **You are welcome to join us.** More details from Rachel Shaw rchrishaw@gmail.com or 07974412261

BRF Notes Bible Reading Fellowship notes for **May-August 2024** are now available and I will be distributing them over the next couple of weeks. St. John's subscribers will find them for collection at the back of the church. If

you would like to order bible-reading notes for the first time, please let Graham Shaw know (grashaw54@gmail.com or Tel: 9868638). If you have not yet paid your annual subscription for May 2024-April 2025, I shall be pleased to receive it as soon as possible.

ST JOHN'S GENEROSITY MONTH AND GIFT DAY 12TH MAY- PLANNED GIVING

St John's has a shortfall in the budget. The DCC will review how this is going in June, so we are asking people to review their giving, and consider a move over to the new Parish Giving Scheme, PGS, at the same time, if they are able; this is a much more efficient way of giving. Forms are in church, or can be accessed online:

<https://www.waystogive.org.uk/keynsham-st-john#ParishGivingScheme>

or using this QR code:



Or you can just phone 0333 0021260 and a helpful person will talk you through it all. In addition, **ONE-OFF GIFTS** are needed for our new heating system. One-off gifts can be made through the PGS, or by BACS to ST JOHNS CHURCH KEYNSHAM, 40 26 27, 01075713

We hope to arrange presentations about our new heating in the near future; we are going for an electric system which is not only greener, but less expensive to run. Any queries. Stewardship secretary ajstockall@hotmail.com 01179861655

Or the Treasurer Anne Hewett:

treasurerstj@keynshamparish.org.uk mobile 07792243175

Pentecost Breakfast

To celebrate the birth of the worldwide church we are running a Pentecost Continental Breakfast, between 10am and 11am on Sunday 19th May. Come join us in the Parish Hall, either before the 11am service or after the 9.15am, to celebrate and enjoy pastries and/or toast with your tea and coffee.

Save the date: Saturday 29th June

- Walk in the afternoon (optional)
- BBQ in the early evening in Chewton Keynsham

All welcome - more details nearer the time.

Vacancy Update

As you may be aware we held the interview for the Team Rector post just over a week ago. Unfortunately, the panel felt it was not the right fit for our parish, therefore we did not appoint. While initially we may feel disappointed, it is important we discern the right person for the post. The advert has gone out again (Friday) so please share with people who may be interested or to networks you may have. We are hoping and praying that we will interview in mid-June.

Vacancy Prayer

God our Father, you have welcomed each one of us in Jesus and called us to be his body in this place.
Send us your Holy Spirit, at this time of uncertainty and change, to fill us with vision and energy.
We ask now that you will help us
to share responsibility,
grow in faith,
love one another,
care for those in need,
reach out to others,
and welcome newcomers.

Lord Jesus, guard and grow these churches in our parish as we serve you together in this period without a team rector. Please guide those who are seeking the right person for us, and those who are seeking the right parish for their ministry, that together we may discover your way for the future and see your kingdom grow.

Amen.

Exam season has begun Some of our young people have started their exams this week already and others are about to start. Let us pray for them during this time, that they will know God's peace with them. Here is a prayer you may want to use:

Dear Lord of body, mind and soul.

We think today of those about to take school and university exams and we ask you to give them your peace. We think also of those who invigilate and mark the exams, may you give them wisdom and compassion.

Be with the teachers, parents, family, and care givers as they support the young people both through the exams and with the results. May they show love and understanding and give them insight in guiding the young people forward with their lives.

Amen.

Garage clear-out

This is a callout to anyone who has items stored in the garage by One Community Trust. We are planning to clear and tidy the garage in June to create some much-needed storage space and room for Graham to work. If you have anything stored in the garage, please could you see Graham, Lin or Vanessa in the parish office to let us know if you want it kept. We can then label it and store it appropriately. Anything not required or not claimed that isn't worth keeping will be disposed of. If you could do this **by the end of May**, that would be much appreciated. If you're aware of anyone who may have an item stored there that may not read the news-sheet, please spread the word. Thank you! Parish Office Team

Abseil Event Update So the numbers have been counted and we're very pleased to say that **over £7,000** was raised in total with some additional sponsorship to come! This was raised through Raffle sales, Sponsorship, Refreshment sales including a BBQ, Craft and Puzzles etc.

So once again a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who gave their time and generosity towards this event, we really couldn't have achieved this without you.

CLERGY TEAM AVAILABILITY								
	W/C 5 th May 2024	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
Revd Anika Gardiner Team Vicar	0117 9853470 anikagardiner@keynshamparish.org.uk	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Trevor James Pioneer Missioner	07368 526997 trevorjames@keynshamparish.org.uk	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Items for the next issue News Sheet to the Parish Office by 10am, Wednesday 8th May, 2024 (Email office@keynshamparish.org.uk)								

Diary

Monday 6 th May 2024 (Bank Holiday)		
Tuesday 7 th May 2024		
9am -12pm	Church open for Private Prayer	St. John's
1.30pm	Funeral Service of Nigel Hutchings - Rev'd Geraldine Kirk	St. John's
7.30pm	Keynsham Parish APCM Meeting	Parish Hall
Wednesday 8 th May, 2024		
9am-12pm	Church open for Private Prayer	St. John's
10.30am	BRF Coffee - Graham & Rachel Shaw	Zoom
8pm	Worship Band Practice	St. John's
Thursday 9 th May, 2024		
9am	Morning Prayer	St. John's
9am-11am	Church open for Private Prayer	St. John's
11am	Holy Communion - Rev'd Anika Gardiner	St. John's
7.30pm	Ascension Day Service - Rev'd Anika Gardiner	St. Francis
7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice	St. John's
Friday 10 th May, 2024		
9am-12pm	Church open for Private Prayer	St. John's
5.30pm	Choir Practice	St. John's
Saturday 11 th May, 2024		
12pm	Free Community Lunch	Parish Hall
6.15pm	Keynsham Town Council Youth Gig	Parish Hall
Sunday 12 th May. 2024 - The Seventh Sunday of Easter		
9.15am	Holy Communion Rev'd Preb Jan Knott	St. John's
9.30am	All Age Rachel Shaw	St. Francis
11.00am	Holy Communion Rev'd Anika Gardiner & John Wilkinson	St. John's

11.15am	Holy Communion	St. Michaels
6pm	Choral Evensong Rev'd Anika Gardiner	St John's
Collect for The Day		Readings for the day
<p>Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.</p>		<p>Acts 1: 15-17, 21-end (Psalm 1) John 17: 6-19</p> <p>Mark 12: 28-34 (St. John's)</p>