

Today 4th Sunday after Trinity

The Feast of the Birth of John the Baptist

10am Parish Communion

Leading: Rev'd Mark Lord-Lear

Welcoming: Judith Johnson

Reading: Wendy Brimicombe

Praying: Mary Quine

The Week Ahead at All Saints'

Events held in the church or Fellowship Rooms, unless otherwise stated.

Tuesday 26th June 2pm Scrabble

Saturday 30th June 10am-12pm Coffee Morning

Next Sunday

1st July, 5th Sunday after Trinity

10am Parish Communion

Old Testament reading for today

Isaiah 40.1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. ³ A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵ Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.' ⁶ A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. ⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. ⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

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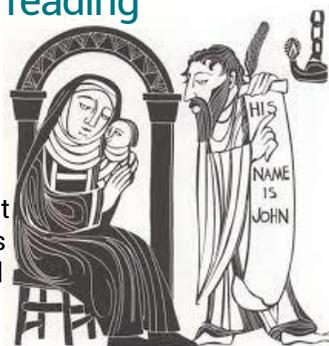
⁹ Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' ¹⁰ See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹ He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Today's Gospel reading

Luke 1.57-66 & 80

⁵⁷ Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. ⁵⁸ Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

⁵⁹ On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. ⁶⁰ But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' ⁶¹ They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' ⁶² Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. ⁶³ He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. ⁶⁴ Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. ⁶⁵ Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. ⁶⁶ All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him. ⁸⁰ The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.



Psalm 84

¹ How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

² **My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

³ Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

⁴ **Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.**

⁵ Happy are those whose strength is in you, **in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

⁶ As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; **the early rain also covers it with pools.**

⁷ They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

⁸ **O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!**

¹⁰ For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

¹¹ For the LORD God is a sun and shield; **he bestows favour and honour.**

No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly.

¹² **O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.**



News, Events & Notices

THE GREATEST STORY EVER... TOURED!

Join comedian Paul Kerensa and *The Bible Course* creator, Dr Andrew Ollerton, for a night of laughter and learning, as the big story of the Bible is unfolded in *The Greatest Story Ever Toured*.

It'll be at **Exeter Cathedral, 7.30pm on Friday 13th July**.

It's a Goliath of a show as Paul and Andrew explain how key events, books and characters fit together and, like Samson, it's sure to bring the house down. They can't promise to turn water into wine, but there will be free liquid refreshments and you'll get to see the big story while discovering how the Bible applies to your life. Whether you're a doubting Thomas, with a little Bible knowledge, or a theologian, with the wisdom of Solomon, you'll come away knowing more about the drama of Scripture - the greatest story ever told.

Buy tickets (£6) at Exeter Cathedral Box Office or online at www.biblesociety.org.uk/products/ticket-tbc-exeter/



'PIP'S PLOD' - WALKING FROM DUNNET HEAD TO LAND'S END (in aid of Hospiscare) - UPDATE

This week Pip Bowhay has walked from Haydon Bridge in Northumberland into Cumbria. Today she reaches Morland. Take a look at her route so far and more info on the board in the Fellowship Room.

Thought for the week

"We rise by lifting others."

Robert Ingersoll

Collect for today

Almighty God,
by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour by the preaching of repentance: lead us to repent according to his preaching and, after his example, constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice, and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake; 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.
Amen.

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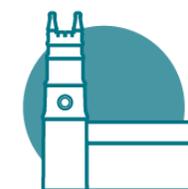
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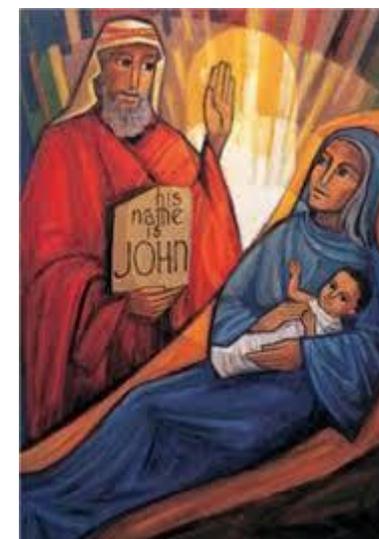
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All Saints Kenton Weekly News



Sunday, 24th June 2018

4th Sunday after Trinity Feast of the Birth of John the Baptist



10am:
Parish
Communion

Welcome to our service today, especially if you are visiting All Saints' for the first time this morning. We hope you will all feel at home with us, and experience the presence of God as we worship together.

Please join us for refreshments in the Fellowship Rooms (the glass rooms at the back of the church) after the 10am service and do take this sheet home with you to refer to during the week.