

DIARY DATES

Mon 21 May: **Rev Norah Akidi** in church at 11am.

Thur 31 May: Jubilee Concert '**An Evening of Flowers and Music**' in church.

Weds 30 May: **Flower arranging morning** from 10.30am – see notice.

Sun 3 Jun: **Jubilee Service.**

Sun 10 Jun: **Prayer For Severnside** 6.00pm in St Mary's Almondsbury. Music led by Aust Evangelical Church band. Volunteers to bring cakes or biscuits and serve coffee would be appreciated, please contact Alison Rowe (613223).

Wanted: Volunteer Deputy Editor for the Lich Gate!

Please contact Sue and Paul Beech if you can help: 01454 615466 paul.beech@talk21.com

Acting Vicar:

Rev Ruan Crew (528239)
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Rest Day: Friday

Lay Readers:

Margaret Roberts
Paul van Rossum
Jackie Jones

Churchwardens:

Pam van Rossum
Tim Jefferis

Verger and

Church Diary Custodian:

Trevor Llewellyn (616047)

Mug shots please! We'd like to have a picture of everyone in the congregation ASAP to add to the display on the blue board at the back of the church. If you can spare a photo of you, please give it to Pam van Rossum.

Please send **notice sheet** items to office@stmaryssevernside.org.uk or put in the box in the church porch, by Wednesday of each week if possible. Our website includes the notice sheet, so all information will be on the internet.

Daily Readings: 'Security'

Pray daily before you study: "I will thank you O Lord among the nations. I will praise you among the peoples. Your constant love reaches the heavens; your faithfulness touches the skies, show your greatness in the sky O God, and your glory over all the earth." *Psalm 57:9-11*

Day 1: Samuel 8:1-22a

Day 2: Samuel 13:1-14

Day 3: Samuel 18:1-9

Day 4: Psalm 51

Day 5: 1 Kings 3:7-14

Day 6: 1 Kings 11:26-39

Confusion clouds all human experience. Notice how the people had not rejected Samuel, but had rejected God, and how saying sorry removes the guilt but not the consequences. Solomon's sin was apostasy. He forgot who God is.

Sunday 20 May 2012

Easter 7

'As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.' (*John 17:18*)



ST MARY'S CHURCH
ALMONDSBURY

All-Age Service
10.45am

Led by Jackie Jones
and Ruan Crew

We continue the series
'Resurrection Life',
discovering the skills
needed to live in the light
of the resurrection, with
today's theme 'Protect
them in your name'.
John 17.6-19 (NT p.108)

8.00am Holy Communion

David Bone

9.15am Choral Holy Communion

Margaret Roberts,
Ruan Crew

Hymns: 359, 644, 12, 104

(During Communion: 504)

The Communion setting is at Hymn 956

Voluntary: Festival (Healey Willan)

Readings at 8.00am and 9.15am:

Acts 1.15-17,21-end (NT p.114)

and John 17.6-19 (NT p.108)

Fresh coffee and other refreshments will be served after the 9.15am and 10.45am services – do stay for a drink and a chat.

Please pray for our services and events today and during the week:

- Mon 21 9–11.30am Café Almondsbury in church, with Rev Norah Akidi at 11am
7.30pm Bell ringing practice
- Tues 22 4.45pm Prayer for St Mary's, in the chancel
- Wed 23 7.00pm Jubilee Concert rehearsal
7.30pm Homegroup at Appledene, Townsend Lane
7.30pm Homegroup at 55 Gloucester Road
- Thur 24 3.30pm Jubilee Concert rehearsal
(No Choir practice)
- Fri 25 11.00am Prayers for the Suffering Church, in Lady Chapel
- Sat 26 4.00pm Praise Group practice
- Sun 27 8.00am Holy Communion – Ruan Crew
9.15am Choral Holy Communion (BCP) – Margaret Roberts,
Ruan Crew
10.45am All-Age Service – Mike Jenkinson, Ruan Crew
12.45pm Thanksgiving Service for Isabelle Portch

'Creating a community of wholeness with Christ at the centre'

From Ruan:

Philip is on sabbatical until 9th July, and I am acting as stand-in. Please feel free to contact me if you need to during his absence – please note our new phone number (on the back of this notice sheet). Alternatively, if a pastoral need arises you can also contact Jill Kirby (412399), Clare Jefferis (615471) or another member of the pastoral team.

Congratulations are due to David Chandler! On 26th May he will be taking on the role of Junior Vice President of the Bristol and District Organists' Association (one of the largest organist societies in the country), which then leads to Vice President and President in the following years – a privilege indeed.

Almondsbury school's PA is holding its annual fun run next Sunday (27th), with the main action taking place between 10.30am and 11.30am. Please be aware of possible access and parking restrictions. Our regular services will be taking place as usual, although the All-Age Service will have a 'fuzzy start' (lots of singing) to enable fun-run stragglers to join us a bit later.

Collect for Easter 7:

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.

Prayer For The Suffering Church:

"Perhaps you have been called to the kingdom for such a time as this."
Esther 4:14. On Friday 25th May we meet in the Lady Chapel for an hour of prayer for the Church around the world. Please join us there from 11am–12 noon, or at home. More information from Jan on 01454 415280.
Praise God for new homes built in Orissa. *Pray* for those in prison unjustly (Pastor Nadarkani in Iran): for a just solution, an early release and for Jesus to be their Advocate.

The Rev Norah Akidi from Uganda will be speaking in church on Monday 21st May at 11am. The café will be open for coffee before we start. She is a member of the Mothers' Union and will be speaking about its influence in Uganda. Please come, all welcome.

A Sparkling Opportunity...

...has arisen on **Wednesday 30th May**: a band of flower arrangers will be preparing for the Evening of Flowers & Music in Church. Several of our regular helpers will be in church from 10.30am that morning. *Come and see* how to sparkle lilies and show them off with greenery. Our ageing team need some younger helpers if St Mary's is to reflect God's amazing creation. Margaret Hewitt and Jane Smith are masterminding the flowers, Jill Kirby is trying to replace herself on next year's flower rota.

Pentecost Sunday 27th May

from 2–6pm: all Christians are invited to the 'Arise' event at Bristol City Football Ground, organised by Bristol Churches. The 'Ugandan Fire' Choir will be singing. Further info from www.bristolnetworks.org.uk.

The Service Rotas for July to September are being drawn up shortly. If you are a sidesman, reader or intercessor and will be unavailable for any services then please let me know. If you are not one, but would like to be included, then also please let me know as new people would be very much welcomed. If you would prefer not to have your name and telephone number on the Contacts list then please let me know. Many thanks, Pam van Rossum 01454 626160, pam@vanrossum.freeserve.co.uk

Polite request from Trevor, our Verger:

The church is open daily during daylight hours, and certain lights are deliberately switched on in order to improve the ambience. If you are passing through the church, please resist the temptation to turn out the lights – they have not been left on by accident! Many thanks.

Hartcliffe Teenage Parents Project:

I recently went to the open day presentation at Hartcliffe and was very impressed by the work done there with teenage/young parents, enabling them to improve their prospects (the work has enabled several girls to go on into further education and/or other training). They are always looking for anything that may help young Mums to bring up their children. Alison will be going there on May 24th and is willing to take anything that you may like to donate, and I do mean almost anything such as bedding, towels, toys, children's clothing, etc. I am happy to act as a collection point for anything that you may have. *Chris Coltham*