

THE PARISH VISION PRAYER:

*Lord of life, as we work to build a vision for St John's,
enable this Church to hear your calling,
to discern your direction and to prepare the way.
Limit us not to our own hopes, ideas and agendas,
but enlighten us to your eternal vision for our church, community and new
Incumbent;
so that together we can be messengers of your gospel,
walking faithfully in the ways of your Son Jesus Christ. Amen*

This week in Church

Mon - Thurs	8.10am	Morning Prayer
Mon - Thurs	5.15pm	Evening Prayer
Tues	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Wed	10.30am	Holy Communion in Merrow Hall Wednesday Coffee Club
Fri	6.30pm	Choir Practice

Next Sunday - 23rd July - Trinity 6

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Parish Eucharist
6.30pm	Evening Prayer (said)

NOTICES

STEWARDSHIP - don't forget to continue to pray for our financial situation. Brian Taylor and Sara England will answer your questions on the Parish Giving Scheme and on making a Legacy for St John's.

TOILET TWINNING - a HUGE and heart felt thank you to everyone who made cakes, bought cakes and eat cake last Sunday. We have already twinned at least one toilet, which Dick P suggested Jacqueline should 'Christen'! Hmm I think we will move on from that! But please continue to bring in any donations of soaps/hand cream/shower gel/bath soap/shampoo etc and put them in the box in the Centre. If you haven't already, do please take a box to put in your toilet and put a coin in every time you use it.

PARISH BBQ 10TH SEPT in the Rectory Gardens. If you can help, please come to a meeting this morning after the 10am Service.

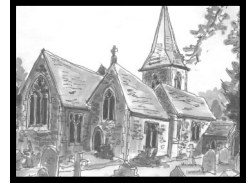
STORAGE OF DOUBLE BED - could anyone store a double bed for Jacqueline for six months? She would be so grateful.

JUNIOR CHURCH PICNIC - NEXT Sun 23rd July, 12-2pm at Newlands Corner. Bring a picnic. Everyone is welcome.

NEW PARKING CHARGES AT THE CATHEDRAL - there is now a two hour parking restriction at the Cathedral. If you are attending any event at the Education Centre or Cathedral itself you must register your car registration number on their computer system. Registration can be done in the Cathedral, Education Centre, the Reflectory or Shop. You will be issued with a parking charge notice if you exceed the time and have failed to register.



St John the Evangelist Merrow 16th July 2017 TRINITY 5 Today's Services



8.00am Holy Communion (C W Order 2)

President & Preacher: Jacqueline Drake-Smith

10.00am Parish Eucharist

President: Dermot Verschoyle

Preacher: Jacqueline Drake-Smith

Deacon: Diana Matthews

Readings, Intercessions & Elements: Joe Bullock & Tom Mabbort

HYMNS: NEH

362	Glorious things of thee are spoken
407	Lord thy word abideth
137	Come down O love divine
285	For the beauty of the earth

6.30pm Meditation & Compline 'Pastoral Service'

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TODAY'S COLLECT & READINGS

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading Isaiah 55.10-13

Thus says the LORD: For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Second Reading Romans 8.1-11

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Gospel Matthew 13.1-9,18-23

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked

them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

Post Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: Pray for Ontario (Ontario, Canada), The Rt Revd George Lindsey Russell Bruce and Coadjutor Bishop (Ontario, Canada), The Rt Revd Michael Oulton

DIOCESE CALENDAR OF PRAYER: Pray for The Diocesan Communications Team

Deputy Diocesan Secretary & Communications Team Leader: Nick Edmonds
David Green (Communication Officer); Mary Peters (Information Officer)

Pray for the work of the Communications Team in helping to make God's love known in the diocese.

IN AND AROUND THE PARISH: Pray for those who live and work in Epsom Road North

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Alan Purser Martin Jeffreys Linda Ratnieks Liz Gale Kaye White
Barbara White John Higgins Dawn Swarbrigg Brenda Mansey Penny Evans

FOR THE DEPARTED AND THOSE WHO MOURN:

Hilda Cooles Arthur Wild

FOR THOSE BEING BAPTISED NEXT SUNDAY: Luke Foster (Adult)