

**FOR THE DEPARTED AND THOSE WHO MOURN:**

Mildred Wiggins David Allen Jean Suttie Pam Thompson (Mother of Martin)

The Funeral of Mildred Wiggins will be on Thurs 25th Jan, 12 noon at Guildford Crem

The Funeral of David Allen will be on Mon 22nd Jan, 12 noon at St Pius Church

**For Rona and her family as they prepare to move to St John's.**

**For Jacqueline as she prepares for her move to Wrecclisham.**

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**This week in Church**

No Morning or Evening Prayer this week

Tues	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Wed	10.30am	Holy Communion in Merrow Hall
	10.30am	Wednesday Coffee Club
Fri	6.30pm	Choir Practice

**Next Sunday - 21st January - 3rd Sunday of Epiphany**

8am	Holy Communion
10am	Parish Eucharist
<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>TiC Service at St Pius</b>

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**NOTICES**

**BISHOP JO BAILEY-WELLS** - we are delighted to welcome Bishop Jo to St John's today at the 10am Service.

**CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES** - please hand to Judith Sampson or the Parish Office asap. Thank you.

**ECUMENICAL LENT COURSE - SIGN UP TO GROUPS BY NEXY SUNDAY 21st JANUARY PLEASE!** An inspiring 5-session course - see January's Parish Mag pg14 for more info.

Sheets at the back of church from next week - course to commence w/b 19th Feb.

**TiC SERVICE NEXT SUN 21st JAN, 4pm at ST PIUS CHURCH** to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity whose theme this year is 'That all may be free'. **Refreshments and fellowship will follow. All most welcome.**

**MERROW DRAMATIC SOCIETY** proudly presents '**Cinderella**' the pantomime. A fun filled entertainment for the whole family. Performances in Merrow Village Hall on Jan 25th to 27th at 7.30pm, and a matinee at 2.30pm on the 27th. Tickets Adults £12 and Children £8 from Pat Baldock 570621.

**PARISH MAGAZINE** - don't forget to subscribe to our Parish Magazine for the year. See page 17 of January's magazine for details.

**Our Parish Magazine Meeting will be held on Sunday 4th Feb at 11am in Merrow Hall.**

**EASYFUNDRAISING** - please remember to use this website when you are browsing or purchasing any items from John Lewis etc.

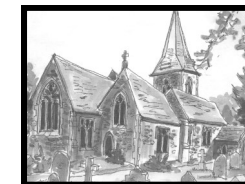


**St John the Evangelist  
Merrow**

**14th January 2018**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

**Today's Services**



**8.00am Holy Communion (C W Order 2)**

*President & Preacher: Jacqueline Drake-Smith*

**10.00am Parish Eucharist with Bishop Jo**

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*Deacons: Diana Matthews, Dermot Verschoyle & Jacqueline Drake-Smith*

*Readers, Intercessions & Elements: Dorothy Seymour & Sara England*

**HYMNS: NEH**

**271 Alleluia, sing to Jesus**

**294 Just as I am**

**353 Dear Lord and Father of mankind**

**272 All for Jesus**

**6.30pm Evening Prayer (said)**

*Officiant: Dermot Verschoyle*

**You are all invited to Rona's Institution at St John's at 5.30pm on Saturday 17th February 2018, followed by refreshments in the Centre.**

**A Welcome Hamper is being organised for Rona and her family by Jean Spencer. Please bring items to Church by Sun 21st Jan. Thank you.**

**Jacqueline's last Service before moving to Wrecclisham will be on Sunday 11th February. Please reserve the date now.**

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## TODAY'S COLLECT & READINGS

### Collect

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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.

### First Reading 1 Samuel 3: 1-20

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.' Then the LORD said to Samuel, 'See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house for ever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering for ever.' Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, 'Samuel, my son.' He said, 'Here I am.' Eli said, 'What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.' So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, 'It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him.' As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

### Second Reading Revelation 5: 1-10

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then

one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.' Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

### Gospel John 1: 43-end

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

### Post Communion Prayer

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## **FOR YOUR PRAYERS:**

**ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:** The Anglican Church of Australia  
The Most Revd Philip Leslie Freier Archbishop of Melbourne & Primate of Australia

**DIocese CALENDAR OF PRAYER:** Pray for Diocesan Administration Staff

Diocesan Secretary: Peter Coles

Deputy Diocesan Secretary: Chris Ellis

Pray for Peter and for Chris as he takes up his new responsibilities and all staff as they work to assist the parishes of our diocese in their mission to further God's Word.

**IN AND AROUND THE PARISH:** Pray for those who live and work in Bushy Hill

**OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:** Alan Purser Linda Ratnieks Joan Simon  
Penny Evans John Higgins Brenda Mansey Joan Ashbee Elizabeth Jordon Barbara  
White Paul Ratnieks Barbara Booth

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