



St. John the Evangelist
Merrow



NEWSLETTER

Trinity 4

Sunday 28th June

8am BCP Holy Communion - Church
10am Parish Communion - Church (Livestreamed)
Sparks 5-11s Group

Monday 29th June

9.15am Glow Toddlers - Centre

Wednesday 1st July

10.15am Wednesday Coffee Club - Centre
10.30am Holy Communion Service - Centre
5pm Youth Café - Centre

Friday 3rd July

3pm Choir Practice - Centre

Saturday 4th July

12.30pm - 3pm Church Fete - Rectory Garden

Sunday 5th July

8am BCP Holy Communion - Church
10am All Age Service in the Rectory Garden

(Please take this news sheet home with you)

Regular Calendar Events

(in the Centre unless mentioned otherwise)

Sundays	8am Holy Communion - Church 10am Parish Communion - Church
Mondays	9.15am Glow Toddlers
Tuesdays	7.30-9pm Bell Ringing Practice
Wednesdays	10.15am Wednesday Coffee Club 10.30am Holy Communion Service 5pm Youth Café
Fridays	3pm Choir Practice

Other Calendar Events

(in the Centre unless mentioned otherwise)

July

Tues 7 th Jul	Green Team 4pm
Sat 11 th Jul	Women-in-Fellowship - Breakfast
Sun 12 th Jul	Sparks 5-11s group - during 10am service in church
Sat 18 th Jul	Men-in-Fellowship - Watercress Line 'Real Ale Train'
Sun 19 th Jul	Inter-Church 4pm in Church
Tues 21 st Jul	Green Team 4pm
Thur 23 rd Jul	Mission Rescue Holiday Club Prep Session 9.30am - 1pm
Sat 25 th Jul	Men-in-Fellowship - Breakfast
Sun 26 th Jul	Sparks 5-11s group - during 10am service in church
Wed 29 th Jul	Mission Rescue Holiday Club Prep Session 12.30pm - 4pm

August

Sat 1 st Aug	Churchyard Tidy-up 9.30 am
Sun 9 th Aug	Sparks 5-11s group - during 10am service in church
Sun 23 rd Aug	Sparks 5-11s group - during 10am service in church
Sun 30 th Aug	Sparks 5-11s group - during 10am service in church
17 th -21 st Aug	Mission Rescue Holiday Club (Mon-Fri)

Hymns

818 To God be the glory

721 Love divine all loves excelling (tune 2)

448 I come with Joy a child of God (tune 2)

715 Lord for the years your love has kept and guided

Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Reading

Psalm 89.1-4, 15-18

My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord: with my mouth will I proclaim your faithfulness throughout all generations. I will declare that your love is established for ever; you have set your faithfulness as firm as the heavens. For you said: 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant: "Your seed will I establish for ever and build up your throne for all generations." Happy are the people who know the shout of triumph: they walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance. In your name they rejoice all the day long and are exalted in your righteousness. For you are the glory of their strength, and in your favour you lift up our heads. Truly the Lord is our shield; the Holy One of Israel is our king.

Gospel

Matthew 10.40-end

'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

Readings next week:

Romans 7.15-25

Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Sick or in need - Ben, Amelia Butler, Sophie, Anna Collins, Walter Hicks

Departed - Sally Norcliffe

NEWS

Judith Hunt will be presented with an award this weekend in recognition of her contribution to the community. Congratulations Judith and well deserved!

First Aiders

If you have a First Aid Certificate and would like to help at the Church Fete on the 4th July, please can you contact Tim at rector@saintjohns.org.uk.

Do you have an Allotment?

Do you have an allotment in Merrow or somewhere else in Guildford? We would love to have a chat with you about Harvest Festival in October and how we could work together to celebrate the Harvest in the community. If you would be happy to come and have a chat about it please contact the Rector, Tim at rector@saintjohns.org.uk

CHURCH FETE TRANSPORT: if you need transport to and from the Fete, please contact Rosanne no later than Sunday 28th June, on 01483 579462

CHURCH FETE VOLUNTEERS - 3rd and 4th July

The Church Fete team are still looking for volunteers to sell Raffle Tickets at the Fete and also for help with setting up on Friday 3rd (5 - 7pm) and the Saturday morning (9-12 noon).

Children's area - This year we will have 10 stalls in the children's area. We are still looking for a few volunteers. If you can help, please contact Georgie at youthworker@saintjohns.org.uk

St John's Church Fete
Saturday 4th July 12.30-3pm

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FREE ENTRY

ST JOHN'S, MERROW

CHURCH FETE

FETE OPENING BY
THE VERY REV'D BOB COOPER,
DEAN OF GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL

12.30PM - 3PM

SATURDAY 4TH JULY

BBQ & ICE CREAM REFRESHMENTS
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
MUSIC AND DANCE FROM
MERROW INFANT SCHOOL
MERROW JUNIOR SCHOOL CHOIR & JAZZ TRIO

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ESTATE AGENTS

DONATIONS

Please can you leave your donations before Friday either in Church on Sunday 28th June or during the week 29th June to 3rd July, 9am-1pm at the Parish Office.

- **Bottle Tombola** - The ever-popular bottle tombola needs alcoholic & non-alcoholic drinks in bottles, cans, multipacks, cartons, sachets, etc.
- **Chocolate Tombola** - Chocolate is needed - we're having a Chocolate Tombola, and we'd be very grateful for your delicious donations. Big bars, boxes of chocolates, multipacks of smaller treats - they're all welcome. Thank you for helping to make the fete extra sweet!

Please pop your Bottle and Chocolate donations into the box in the office anytime on weekday mornings.

- **Book Stall & Jigsaws** - Now is a great opportunity to clear your bookshelves of books you enjoyed but won't read again.

Please drop your good quality books into the box at the back of church on Sundays or the office Mon to Fri 9-1pm. Any queries contact Peter Topp peter.topp2@btinternet.com

ON THE DAY

Please deliver before 11am on the morning of the 4th of July

- **Refreshments Stall** - your tray bakes, individual cakes, cookies & small savoury foods (sausage rolls/individual quiches, etc.) to go with your tea & coffee - to Carole Burtonwood
- **Cakes and Home Produce** - sale products to Micky Clare
- **Plants and all things horticultural** - to Cathy Thompson

Thank you very much from the Fete Team

CHURCH FETE RAFFLE TICKETS

Tickets can be bought at the Fete or from the Church office Monday to Friday 9am-1pm until Friday 3rd July.

As in previous years, there are some excellent prizes to be won in the raffle. These include:

- 2 Tickets to a Guildford Flames home match
- 2 Holiday Course vouchers for Gymnastics Factory
- 2 Tickets for Bocketts Farm
- Dine in voucher for Ashuka Tandoori Restaurant
- Silent Pool Distillery Tour for 2 people
- A week's holiday course voucher at Planet Soccer

Sunday 5th July 10am - All Age Worship in the Rectory Garden (weather permitting). Followed by coffee and biscuits in the garden. Please do bring a blanket and any other refreshments if you wish. There is no need to rush off at the end and we welcome people hanging around, talking and relaxing in the garden after the service.

Women in Fellowship upcoming Events

Your Women-in-Fellowship team are busy planning events for 2026 and here is a summary of what you can look forward to....



- **Saturday 11th July - 8.30 am** - Breakfast with talk by Rev. Margaret Dean - Life in a rural parish
- **Saturday 10th October - 8.30 am** - Breakfast and talk - TBA

If you wish to know more about the Women-In-Fellowship or the events, please contact Carole Burtonwood carole.burtonwood@saintjohns.org.uk or Lindsay Dobson treasurer@saintjohns.org.uk

Men-in-Fellowship upcoming Events

Your Men-in-Fellowship team has been busy planning events for Summer 2026 and here's a summary of what's coming soon.....



- **Saturday 18th July** - Watercress Line "Real Ale Train" - evening departure from Alton Station - always a popular event / more details to follow.
- **Saturday 25th July** (8.30am) - Breakfast Meeting with Philip Pratley on a talk entitled "Reflecting Ethics in leadership; inverted or subverted"

Please save the dates and we hope you can join us. More details will follow, meanwhile contact Robert robertavis@raavis.plus.com or Richard Richard.burtonwood@saintjohns.org.uk if you need more information.

Mission Rescue Holiday Club Prep Sessions – 23rd/29th July

This year we will be holding two sessions to prep for our holiday club if you are free to come and help. There will be things such as painting, sewing, constructing, cutting, sticking, laminating and organising to do. NO SKILLS REQUIRED, drop in anytime. Tea, coffee, biscuits and the chance for a good natter. Held upstairs in the Church centre – pop the dates in your diary!

Thursday 23rd July 9:30-13:00 Wednesday 29th July 12:30-16:00



Annual Leave - Office closure this summer

The Parish Office will be closed 24th to 28th August.

Opportunities Booklet – St John's

'Opportunities to join in the life of St John's' booklet! Please help yourselves to one at the back of church or in the Church Centre.

St John's Pre-School

Are you looking for a nursery place for your little ones for this September?

We have the St John's Pre-School here at the St John's Centre.

Contact Amanda Bazley on 01483 454625 for more details

ST JOHN'S PRE-SCHOOL
AT ST JOHN'S CENTRE, MERROW

PLAY, LEARN, AND GROW TOGETHER

If you are looking for a happy, engaging environment to help support the physical, emotional and social development of your child then look no further. Our learning through play philosophy is at the heart of what we do.

MON-FRI 9:30-12:30 TERM TIME ONLY

JOIN NOW!

For more information visit our Facebook page (search for St John's Pre-school Merrow) or contact Amanda Bazley on 01483 454625 or email amanda.bazley@saintjohnspreschool.org.uk

Wednesday Morning Coffee Club

Coffee club is open for business 10.15am every Wednesday until the school holiday when we will close on the 22nd July to give all the hard working helpers and drivers a rest.



Following the success of our trip to Paddington we thought we would try a couple of informal get togethers over the summer, so we are holding two events:

The Horse & Groom Mellow on the 5th August at 11.30

Edwins Garden Centre at Clandon Park on the 26th August at 11.30

These are drop in events and anyone is welcome to join me, members and non-members, there is no need to book, just turn up!

Hope to see you there and either way enjoy the Summer, Gerald Hunt.

Should you have any queries, please contact me on e-mail

merrowcoffeemorning@hotmail.com or ring me on 07545256114

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care in a church should be something we all share, even if some people take a lead on it through training and their personal gifts. We have a vision of Christ-centred pastoral care as a major element of the life of any church, along with worship and teaching. At St. John's, the whole church family aims to care for each other. If you know anyone who would like to be visited (at home or in hospital) or receive communion at home, please let Tim know.

Regular Giving at St John's

Do you give to St John's in the collection pouch on Sundays, or use the card machine at the back of church? If so, would you consider giving regularly by direct debit instead? Having the regularity of giving helps us considerably in terms of planning and budgeting, and it is easier for you too! If you are interested to find out more, please scan this QR code or speak with Tim, or Martin Thompson (giftaid@saintjohns.org.uk).



Food Bank

The food bank would greatly appreciate donations of

- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Fruit
- Long Life Puddings (sponge puds, jelly etc)
- Cooking Oil
- Shampoo/Conditioner

Please put donations in the boxes in the Church Centre, thank you.

The QR code can be used for monetary donations to the food bank.



Baby Basics

The donation point is currently closed. Please refer to their facebook page for more information.

For more information email babybasics@saintjohns.org.uk, or if you would like to contribute financially to the work we do, please visit www.saintjohns.org.uk/babybasics. Thank you.



This Newsletter - content

If you have anything to advertise, or news from the Church family or community for this newsletter, please email office@saintjohns.org.uk by Tuesday each week. Please be aware that anything you ask to be advertised in the newsletter may also appear on Facebook and our website. If you do not wish to have personal details advertised, then please make it clear when asking to have items advertised in the newsletter. Many Thanks, Sandra.

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Please note the following Parish Office opening times:

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