



We remember
The Rt Revd Andrew Watson
1961-2026
Bishop of Guildford



Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for Andrew,
our brother and bishop:
for his faith and faithfulness to you
in life and in leadership.
As we mourn his death
and commend him to your everlasting arms,
give us the same faith, hope and love,
rooted in the death and resurrection of your son, Jesus.
We pray especially for Beverly,
Hannah, Sam, Joe, Lydia and the whole family.
Comfort them with your Holy Spirit and protect them in their grief.
And bring us, at the last, with Andrew and all your children,
to that eternal joy where you live and reign in glory forever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

NEWSLETTER

Lent 3

Sunday 8th March

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

Monday 9th March

9.15am Glow Toddlers - Centre

Tuesday 10th March

4pm Green Team - Centre

Wednesday 11th March

10.15am Wednesday Coffee Club - Centre
10.30am Holy Communion Service - Centre
12 noon Lent Lunch - Centre
5pm Youth Café - Centre
7pm Lent Course - Centre

Friday 13th March

3pm Choir Practice - Centre

Saturday 14th March

9.30am Mothering Sunday Posie Making - Church
7pm Women-in-Fellowship - Film Night - Centre

Sunday 15th March

8am Holy Communion - Church
10am Parish Communion - Church (Livestreamed)

(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)

March

Wed 18 th Mar	Lent Course 7pm
Fri 20 th Mar	Men-in-Fellowship - Walk to West Horsley & Pub Lunch
Sun 22 nd Mar	Sparks 5-11s group - during 10am service in church
Sun 22 nd Mar	Inter-Church 4pm in Church
Tues 24 th Mar	Green Team 4pm
Wed 25 th Mar	Lent Course 7pm
Sun 29 th Mar	Sparks 5-11s group - during 10am service in church

April

Sat 4 th Apr	Churchyard Tidy Up 9.30am
Tues 7 th Apr	Sewing Group 10.30
Sun 12 th Apr	Sparks 5-11s group - during 10am service in church
Tues 14 th Apr	Green Team 4pm
Sat 18 th Apr	Women-in-Fellowship - Breakfast
Sun 19 th Apr	Inter-Church 4pm in Church
Sat 25 th Apr	Men-in-Fellowship - Breakfast meeting with Stephen Hall
Sun 26 th Apr	Sparks 5-11s group - during 10am service in church
Tues 28 th Apr	Green Team 4pm

May

Sun 10 th May	APCM - save the date
Sat 30 th May	Men-in-Fellowship - Tour of Guildford Cathedral

Hymns

- 823 Who would true valour see
116 Be thou my guardian and my guide
128 Jesu lover of my soul (tune 1)
763 Praise to the holiest in the height (tune 1)

Collect

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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.

or

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reading

Romans 5.1-11

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell

you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

Readings next week:

Colossians 3.12-17

John 19.25b -27

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord,

grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil,

and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Sick or in need - Ben, Amelia Butler, Sophie

Departed - Michael Stoughton, Bishop Andrew Watson

NEWS

Easter Flowers

If you would like to make a donation towards the Easter lilies in Church, in memory of a loved one, and to include their names on the memorial roll, I should be grateful if you would let me have names and monies by **Thursday 19th March at the latest**. Cash or Cheques made payable to 'Morrow PCC' can be left in the parish office. Please do not leave money in Church. Many thanks Helen Chambers

Volunteer Role - PCC Secretary

We are looking for a new volunteer to take on the role of PCC Secretary. Our current Secretary has done a fantastic job for the last few years and would now like to hand over the role to someone new.

The role involves taking the minutes and writing them up for 6 meetings (bi-monthly) a year. The meetings usually take place on a Monday evening.

If you think you may be interested, please contact Tim at rector@saintjohns.org.uk or call on 01483 951649

Wednesday Morning Coffee Club

If you are at home on a Wednesday morning with nothing to do, then why not come and join us from 10.15am till 11.30am, for a bit of lively conversation over a hot drink and a biscuit or two. Everyone is welcome and it may just be better than sitting at home twiddling your thumbs!

If interested, it is open house so just turn up any Wednesday during School term times. Gerald Hunt

Should you have any queries, please contact me on my e-mail merrowcoffeemorning@hotmail.com or call me on 07545256114

April edition of the Parish Magazine

I am starting to put together copy for the above and would welcome any articles please about life at St John's - perhaps you'd like to share your experience about an event or activity you have recently attended or to publicise events happening in April. You may wish to just share an interesting experience you have recently had that you think others may be interested in too. I would be grateful for poems, puzzles, recipes, useful bits of advice...anything like this. Please send to Cathy at: cathy.thompson@saintjohns.org.uk as soon as possible. Thank you!

Lent Lunch - 11th March

We are holding our 2nd Lent lunch on Wednesday 11th March. Sign-up sheets will be at the back of church on Sunday morning.

Mothering Sunday Posie Making - Saturday 14th March 9.30am

We would like to invite you to come and join us on Saturday 14th March, in Church from 9:30 -11:00, to help make posies ready for Mothering Sunday. If you are able to bring any greenery from your garden and a pair of secateurs/snips that would be very helpful. We will provide the tea, coffee, biscuits and chat! All ages welcome, hope to see you there. For any more information or to let us know you are coming please email Georgie at youthworker@saintjohns.org.uk

Women in Fellowship - Film Night - 14th March 7pm

The Women in Fellowship will be holding a film night on Saturday 14th March at 7 pm in the Centre. We will be showing the latest Downton Abbey film and serving tea, coffee and cakes in the interval. If you wish to come along, please contact

Lindsay Dobson treasurer@saintjohns.org.uk or
Carole Burtonwood carole.burtonwood@saintjohns.org.uk



Men-in-Fellowship upcoming Events

- **Friday 20th March** (depart 9.30am) - Walk to West Horsley with lunch at The King William IV Pub
- **Saturday 25th April** (8.30am) - Breakfast Meeting with Stephen Hall, who is a Mediator, Leadership Coach and Strategy Consultant, talking about conflict in business and Christianity
- **Saturday 30th May** - Exclusive tour of Guildford Cathedral to include members of St. John's Women-in-Fellowship
- **June (tbc.)** - Watercress Line Real Ale Train – awaiting dates

Please save the dates and we hope you can join us. More details to follow.

Saturday 28th March - Annual Church Spring Clean

Our Annual Spring Clean of the church ready for Easter. Drop in anytime between 9.30 and noon ready to polish, dust, tidy, sweep etc as many hands do make light work! Carrying out tasks together makes it fun so please join us. Homemade cakes supplied for the workers! Rosanne

Choir during Communion - Sunday 5th April 10am

On one Sunday in each month, we ask members of our congregation to gather in a choir of singers, to sing a hymn during communion. This choir consists of members of our church choir and anyone else who wishes to join in! If you wish to sing, please arrive at church at 9.30am on Sunday for a run-through before the 10am service if you can. Contact Micky or Tim for more information.

5th April: 219 This Joyful Eastertide

Sewing Group - Tuesday 7th April 10.30am

Thank you so much to our sewing team for last week! Our next session will be on Tuesday 3rd March where we will be looking ahead to a few holiday club sewing projects.

The dates are:

Tuesday 7th April

Tuesday 2nd June



The Matrix Trust - Annual Dinner Thursday 23rd April - Guildford Cathedral

The Matrix Annual Dinner is taking place on Thursday 23rd April at Seasons at Guildford Cathedral. This fundraising evening will include a delicious dinner, live jazz music, an inspiring talk from their CEO, and an auction, all in celebration of the young people the Matrix Trust support and the impact of their work.

Tickets and further details can be found here:

<https://thematrixtrust.charitysuite.com/events/7uihtd4f>

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.

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.

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).



St John's Pre-School

Are you looking for a nursery place for your little ones?
We have the St John's Pre-School here at the St John's
Centre.

Contact Amanda Bazley on 01483 454625 for more details.



Food Bank

The food bank would greatly appreciate donations of

- Tinned Meat
- Sugar 500g
- UHT Semi-Skimmed Milk
- Flavoured Noodles

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 will be open Monday - Friday 9am - 1pm,
outside the Church Centre to the left of the main door

Please refer to our baby basics website/Facebook page for a list of items that
we accept. Please refrain from leaving other items as space is limited.

We do have a high demand for the following items and donations would be
greatly appreciated.

- *Baby Wipes*
- *Baby Towels*
- *Nappies size 0-1*

If you have prams or larger items to donate, please get in contact before
dropping off these items.

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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