



St. John the Evangelist
Merrow



NEWS & RESOURCES

Sunday 31st March – Easter Sunday

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8am Holy Communion BCP

10am Easter Sunday All Age Communion

Wednesday 3rd April

No Coffee Club or Wednesday Communion this week

Friday 5th April

3pm St Johns Choir Practice

5pm David Kelly Concert

Sunday 7th April (Low Sunday)

8am Holy Communion BCP

10am All Age Service

Please take this home with you

Hymns

205 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

208 Light's Glittering Morn Bedecks the Sky

678 In Christ Alone

218 Thine Be The Glory

Collect

Grant, Lord,

that we who are baptized into the death of your Son our Saviour
Jesus Christ

may continually put to death our evil desires and be buried with
him;

and that through the grave and gate of death
we may pass to our joyful resurrection;

through his merits,

who died and was buried and rose again for us,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Or

In the depths of our isolation

we cry to you, Lord God:

give light in our darkness

and bring us out of the prison of our despair;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Acts 10:34 – 43

Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favouritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

“We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Mark 16.1 -18

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, “Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?”

But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a

young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

“Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’”

Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone because they were afraid.

Seasonal material

Invitation to Confession

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Introduction to the Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, ‘Peace be with you.’
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

Extended Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise

and opened to them the gate of life eternal.
And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

Blessing

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing ..

Post Communion

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings next week (Low Sunday)

Acts 4.32-35

John 20.19 - end

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Sick or in need

Jenny Shales, Dick Pyper, Toni Gardner, David Welbourn.

The Departed

Rev. Tim Dean

For your prayers

The children we help in Haiti through the work of Compassion, whose country is suffering a complete collapse of law and order, a takeover by warring gangs and a breakdown of society in general.

ST. JOHN'S NEWS

Giving

Giving is good for us! It is our response to the gift of life from God. Giving to the Church, according to our ability, enables our mission and ministry in love and service of the world to the glory of God. If you want to talk more about giving to the Church, and how that connects to your life as a Christian, Tim (our Rector) would be pleased to hear from you. At St. John's we encourage generous, regular and planned giving and you can also setup a monthly direct-debit.

St Johns Choir

Choir practice will move to 6pm on Fridays after Easter.

Concert

Don't forget to get your tickets for the concert by Dave Kelly on Friday 5th April 2024 at St. John the Evangelist Church, Merrow, GU4 7AA. Doors open at 7pm for 7:30pm start

Tickets £18.00 online at <https://www.saintjohns.org.uk>

Sing a New Song

Please note there will be no Sing a New Song on 7th April but it will return on the 12th May.

Youth Café Helper

We are looking for one more person to join our Youth Café team. The role entails setting up, packing down, signing in and supervision of teenagers and helping make a few toasties! As for a time commitment, we run on a rota system, which works out each person being on about once a month from 16:30-19:00 on Wednesdays (term time only). If you think you might be interested, please contact Georgie on youthworker@saintjohns.org.uk and she will send you a full role description. These roles will require a DBS check and safeguarding training.

Rev. John Gordon Clark RIP

A Memorial Service will be held at St John's Leatherhead on Saturday 13th July 2024. If you would like to attend please email Robert Gordon Clark: Robert@playgc.co.uk

Online Shopping

We would be grateful for your help in raising money for St. John's when you shop online. Follow this link to sign up and join many others at St. John's who already kindly contribute.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/how-it-works/>

Bereavement Teas

We will be serving tea to anyone who has been bereaved and would like to spend some time chatting with others.

3pm-5pm in the Merrow Hall on

16th June

22nd September

8th December

COMMUNITY NEWS

Baby Basics

Baby basics is open for donations by appointment. Please contact Lisa at babybasics@saintjohns.org.uk

We are always in need of any financial donations to keep this vital charity running. If you are able to consider donating to this work please visit www.saintjohns.org.uk/babybasics

Food Bank

The food bank greatly appreciates donations of toilet rolls, laundry detergent, spray cleaner, custard/rice pudding, rice, tinned meat, bags for life instant coffee, sugar, fruit squash, curry or pasta sauce, washing up liquid. All donations gratefully received in the boxes in the Church porch.

A note from Rosanne

THANK YOU to Carole, Linda, Tricia and Kate who worked so hard at last Saturday's spring clean of the church. Hopefully no one is missing their hoard of sweets which we found in several pews!

Newsletter Content

If you have anything to advertise or news from the Church family or community that you would like to add to this newsletter please email office@saintjohns.org.uk by Wednesday 3rd April.

The Friends of St John the Evangelist (FOSTJ)

The Registered Charity 'Friends of the Church of St John the Evangelist, Merrow' (known as Friends of St. John's (FoStJ)) was formed by members of the community to assist in maintaining and preserving the buildings and grounds of the magnificent Grade II listed Church, for the benefit of the local Community as a whole. If you would like to help our endeavours in any way and keep up with our news, please visit www.fostj.org We would love you to become a member.

SERVICES COMING UP & VISITING PREACHERS

5th May – Rogation Sunday

10am All Age Worship
10.45am Congregational Brunch

9th May – Ascension Day

10.30am Eucharist with hymns in church

11th May – Messy Church

3.30pm in the Centre

26th May – Trinity Sunday

Preacher: Mrs Kitty Price. Lay Reader at Portsmouth Cathedral

16th June – Trinity 3

Preacher: Bishop Peter Hancock. Former Bishop of Bath & Wells

23rd June – Trinity 4

Preacher: Compassion UK Representative

14th July – Trinity 7

Preacher: Rev. Elizabeth Brown. Former Curate and daughter of Rev. John Gordon Clark (John's memorial service is the day before at St. John's, Leatherhead)

Please pencil the following in your diary:

12th May APCM. 11.30am

8th June Rectory Fete. Time TBA

19th - 23rd August Holiday Club. Timings TBA

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