



NEWSLETTER

Mothering Sunday

Sunday 15th March

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

Monday 16th March

9.15am Glow Toddlers - Centre

Wednesday 18th March

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

Friday 20th March

Men-in-Fellowship - Walk to West Horsley & Pub Lunch
3pm Choir Practice - Centre

Sunday 22nd March

8am Holy Communion - Church
10am Parish Communion - Church (Livestreamed)
Sparks 5-11s Group
4pm Inter Church - Church

(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

Mon 23 rd Mar	Bishop Andrew Watson Funeral 12noon
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 10.30am
Sun 12 th Apr	Sparks 5-11s group - during 10am service in church
Tues 14 th Apr	Green Team 4pm
Wed 15 th Apr	Michael Stoughton Funeral 1pm in Church
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

Sat 2 nd May	Churchyard Tidy Up 9.30am
Sun 10 th May	Sparks 5-11s group - during 10am service in church
Sun 10 th May	APCM - save the date
Tues 12 th May	Green Team 4pm
Sun 17 th May	Inter-Church 4pm in Church
Sun 24 th May	Sparks 5-11s group - during 10am service in church
Tues 26 th May	Green Team 4pm
Sat 30 th May	Men-in-Fellowship - Tour of Guildford Cathedral

Hymns

652 Guide me O thou great redeemer

638 Give my joy in my heart

394 Tell out my soul

748 O Jesus I have promised (tune: Hatherop castle)

Collect

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal;
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

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reading

Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel

John 19.25b-27

And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Readings next week:

Romans 8.6-11

John 11.1-45

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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

Departed - Michael Stoughton, Bishop Andrew Watson

NEWS

Funeral of Bishop Andrew Watson

The funeral of Bishop Andrew will take place at 12noon on 23rd March at Guildford Cathedral. The cathedral will be for family, friends and invited guests only. The funeral will be livestreamed to view at home or you can also see the livesteam at St Nicholas Church, Guildford. There will be a private committal for family only.

The funeral will be livestreamed on YouTube via this link.

https://www.youtube.com/live/0hrS37i-h_M?feature=shared

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

Michael Stoughton Funeral

Michael Stoughton's funeral will be held at St John's in Morrow on Wednesday 15th April at 1pm, followed by a reception in the Church Hall.

Easter Choir Practice

Choir practice for the next 3 weeks will change time and location. Please see changes below.

Friday 13th March 3pm in the centre

Friday 20th March 6pm in church

Friday 27th March 6pm in church

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

Volunteers - Rectory Fete on 4th July

The Rectory Fete team are looking for some volunteers to run the BBQ stall this year. The Fete will be held on the 4th July from 12:30-3pm but will need help setting up and clearing away. If you can help please contact peter.tappin@saintjohns.org.uk or richard.burtonwood@saintjohns.org.uk

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!

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 7th April where we will be looking ahead to a few holiday club sewing projects.

The dates are:

Tuesday 7th April

Tuesday 2nd June



Men-in-Fellowship upcoming Events

- **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.

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

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).



Nicola Freeman MBACP - Counselling and Psychotherapy

Nicola works with adults 18+ in a wide range of areas including: relationship difficulties, anxiety, loss, stress, addictions, self-harm, depression and identity. Email: nmfreeman40@hotmail.com, tel: 07528 248033.

Trustee needed - ReSkilled

ReSkilled is a small, Christian-based charity in Guildford, focused on helping people who have been unemployed long-term move towards work. We use a wood workshop to build confidence, develop transferable work skills and encourage social inclusion.

We are currently in need of a trustee who has a heart for the above. Our trustees meet quarterly (online). If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please contact William Lowries: wlowries@reskilled.org

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>

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.



ST JOHN'S PRE-SCHOOL

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
TEEN 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

Food Bank

The food bank would greatly appreciate donations of

- Tinned Meat
- Pasta Sauce
- Instant Coffee
- Washing-Up Liquid

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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Please note the following Parish Office opening times:

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