



NEWSLETTER

Trinity 19

Sunday 11th October

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

Monday 12th October

9.15am Glow Toddlers – Centre

Tuesday 13th October

4pm Green Team – Centre

Wednesday 14th October

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

Thursday 15th October

6.30pm Men-in-Fellowship – Mulligans Evening

Friday 16th October

3pm Choir Practice

Sunday 18th October

8am BCP Holy Communion – Church
10am Parish Communion – Church (Livestreamed)
4pm Inter-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)

October

Mon 22 nd Oct	Sewing Group 10am-12noon
Sun 25 th Oct	Sparks 5-11s group - during 10am service in church
Sun 25 th Oct	Bring and Buy Sale after the 10am service
Sun 25 th Oct	All Souls Service 4pm in church

November

Tues 3 rd Nov	Green Team 4pm
Thur 5 th Nov	Women-in-Fellowship - Visit to the Spike 2pm
Sat 7 th Nov	Churchyard Tidy-up 9.30am
Sat 7 th Nov	Men-in-Fellowship - Pub & Curry Night
Sun 8 th Nov	Remembrance Sunday
Mon 9 th Nov	PCC Meeting
Fri 13 th Nov	St John's Quiz Night 6pm
Sun 15 th Nov	Inter-Church 4pm in church
Tues 17 th Nov	Green Team 4pm
Sun 22 nd Nov	Sparks 5-11s group - during 10am service in church
Sun 29 th Nov	Sparks 5-11s group - during 10am service in church

December

Fri 11 th - Sun 13 th	Lantern Festival in church
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Hymns

753 O Praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height
593 At the name of Jesus (tune 1) (omit *)
453 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour
584 All my hope on God is founded

Collect

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

or
O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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.
Amen.

Reading

Philippians 4.1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel

Matthew 22.1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Readings next week:

1 Thessalonians 1.1-10

Matthew 22.15-22

Post Communion Prayer

Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Sick or in need - Amelia Butler, Sophie, Ben

Departed - All whom we have known and loved but see no longer.

NEWS

The church remains closed until further notice other than for scheduled services. If you would like to go into church, please come to the Parish Office and we can open the church for you.

DON'T FORGET! - ROAD CLOSURE SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER 7am to 11am -

The Guildford 10k race will be held on Sunday 18th October which involves the Epsom Road being closed 7am-11am approximately. If you need vehicle access to the church on that morning, please let me know and I can arrange for you to have a pass.

All Souls Service - Sunday 25th October

You are invited to our annual All Souls Service on Sunday 25th October 2026 at 4pm. There will be refreshments, in Church, after the service.

If you would like the name of a loved one to be included in the service could you please email Helen Eagle: helen.chambers@saintjohns.org.uk

Green Team

For our next Green Team on Tuesday 13th October, we are going to be having a go at making apple juice! If you have an apple tree (eaters) and would be happy to donate a bag for the Green Team to use, please bring your apples to the Centre before 1pm on Tuesday 13th October. Many thanks Georgie.



St John's Recipe Book

We are looking to create a recipe book from the amazing community here at St John's, to sell at various church events during the year. So we need your help! Do you make a fantastic flapjack, a superb soup, a perfect Paella, or marvellous Moussaka? We would love to have your recipes!

Please go to <https://forms.churchdesk.com/f/E0W5wyV31u> or use the QR code to access the form to send us your recipe! We would ideally love all recipes in by **13th October**, and we can't wait to try them all out!



Sewing Group - Next date Monday 22nd October 10am-12noon

The second of our sessions making items to sell at the lantern festival- if you have any festive fabric you would like to donate please let Georgie know. Also this time we are calling ANYONE WHO CROCHETS!

Everyone is welcome to pop along - coffee and chat provided and we meet upstairs in the church centre.

Future dates:

Monday 2nd November 2pm-4pm

Tuesday 24th November 10am-12noon



Bring & Buy Sale - Sunday 25th October after the 10am service

Please bring your unwanted items to the Bring & Buy Sale during coffee after the 10am service on Sunday 25th October (at approximately 11am) and perhaps buy some items that others bring!

We will also be serving delicious cakes with coffee/tea.

This is a fundraiser for St John's and associated Charities.

Thank you, Cathy Thompson and the Stewardship & Giving Team



All Saints' Day - Bring a Piece of Your World - Sunday 1st November

As part of our year of celebrating diversity, we'll be celebrating the wonderful diversity of God's worldwide Church this All Saints' Day. We're asking you to bring a small object that connects you with a place somewhere in the world – perhaps somewhere you were born, have lived, have family or simply somewhere special to you.

If you can, have a think about a Christian or saint connected with that place – you might know someone already, or perhaps do a little research! Don't worry if you can't find anyone, though; simply bringing something that represents your connection with the place is absolutely fine.

One church. Many places. Many people. One God

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....



Thursday November 5th 2pm - 4pm

Visit to the Spike (St Luke's workhouse) with refreshments

Saturday 5th December – Christmas themed craft afternoon

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 Autumn/Winter Calendar of Events

Your Men-in-Fellowship team have been busy planning events for later in 2026 and here is a summary of what's coming.....



Saturday 7th November (evening)

Pub Social Night with a curry aimed at new and established members

Thursday 10th December (morning & lunchtime)

A local walk followed by Christmas Pub Lunch together

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

St John's Quiz Night- Friday 13th November St John's Centre

We are holding a fund raising Quiz Night on Friday 13th November! Doors open at 7pm, quiz to start at 7.30pm and you can have teams of up to 8 people. Tickets are £10 per person. It is bring your own drinks and nibbles and you can sign up by going to our website.

www.saintjohns.org.uk. Invite your friends and neighbours!



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.

Old Reading Glasses – Do you have any old reading glasses lying around your house? I am collecting old glasses to take over to the funeral directors, James & Thomas as they have a collection box. Please either bring to the office or leave them on the table next to the Food Bank basket if the office is closed.

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).



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



Wednesday Morning Coffee Club

It was great seeing everyone at Edwins on Thursday, thanks for the support. We are taking bookings to go and see Beauty & the Beast on 12th December at 3pm, at the Godalming Borough halls. It's an amateur production but it has always been very enjoyable. Oh no it's not etc!

Tickets are £23.00 You will have to arrange your own transport, again please can you let me know if you want to buy tickets.

Coffee club is open every Wednesday at 10.15 for drinks and a natter and we welcome old and new friends, please feel free to drop in.

Hope to see soon. Gerald

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

Food Bank

The food bank would greatly appreciate donations of

- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Vegetables
- Instant Coffee (not decaf)
- Drinking Chocolate
- 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.

Harvest Festival - Thank you so much St John's for your Harvest donation.

Your generous giving really helps us to build our stock in preparation for the winter and our busiest time of the year in December.

With best wishes, Stacey

on behalf of everyone at Guildford 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 are currently well stocked but do need following items and donations would be greatly appreciated.

- *Mother and Baby Toiletries*
- *Baby Wipes*
- *Breast Pads*
- *Baby Sleep Bags*

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

Could you help Baby Basics?

Baby Basics are looking for members of the congregation to join their team.

They need people who:

- Would be willing to come along once a month, usually on a Tuesday morning, to help empty and sort the donation point and pack new orders.
- People who could help on an ad hoc basis with meeting midwives to collect baskets outside of the usual Tuesday morning sessions.
- Volunteers to wash the baby clothes that people donate.

If you think you could help with any of these roles, please get in touch with the team at babybasics@saintjohns.org.uk.

If you would like to know more about Baby Basics, please 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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