



# NEWSLETTER

## Trinity 7

### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

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

### **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

9.15am Glow Toddlers - Centre

### **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

11.15am Wednesday Coffee Club - Centre  
10.30am Holy Communion Service - Centre  
5pm Youth Café - Centre

### **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

9:30-13:00 Mission Rescue Holiday Club Rehearsals - Centre

### **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July**

12noon Norma Churaman Funeral Service - Church  
3pm Choir Practice - Centre

### **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July**

Men-in-Fellowship - Breakfast with Philip Pratley

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July**

8am BCP Holy Communion - Church  
10am All Age Service - Mission Rescue Holiday Club - Church  
Compassion will be joining us to talk to the congregation

*(Please take this news sheet home with you)*

## Regular Calendar Events

(in the Centre unless mentioned otherwise)

|            |                                                                                                           |
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| Sundays    | 8am Holy Communion - Church<br>10am Parish Communion - Church                                             |
| Mondays    | 9.15am Glow Toddlers <b>(not during August)</b>                                                           |
| Tuesdays   | 7.30-9pm Bell Ringing Practice                                                                            |
| Wednesdays | 10.15am Wednesday Coffee Club<br>10.30am Holy Communion Service<br>5pm Youth Café <b>(term time only)</b> |
| Fridays    | 3pm Choir Practice                                                                                        |

## Other Calendar Events

(in the Centre unless mentioned otherwise)

### July

|                          |                                                        |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Jul | Mission Rescue Holiday Club Prep Session 12.30pm – 4pm |
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### August

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

### September

|                           |                                                    |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept  | Churchyard Tidy-up 9.30 am                         |
| Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept | Sparks 5-11s group – during 10am service in church |
| Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept | Inter-Church 4pm in church                         |
| Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept | Sparks 5-11s group – during 10am service in church |

## Hymns

823 Who would true valour see

601 Blessed assurance

450 Jesus calls us here to meet him (tune 721 *Blaenwern*)

818 To God be the Glory

## Collect

Lord of all power and might,  
the author and giver of all good things:  
graft in our hearts the love of your name,  
increase in us true religion,  
nourish us with all goodness,  
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;  
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.

or

Generous God,  
you give us gifts and make them grow:  
though our faith is small as mustard seed,  
make it grow to your glory  
and the flourishing of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Reading

## Genesis 28.10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

## Gospel

## Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his

kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

**Readings next week:**

Romans 8.26-end

Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

**Post Communion Prayer**

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,  
ever giving himself that the world may live:

may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion  
that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his  
love;

for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

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

**Departed** - Carlos Gil Rivas, Norma Churaman

# NEWS

## **Norma Churaman Funeral Service**

Norma's funeral will be on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 12 noon here at St John's.

## **Women-in-Fellowship upcoming Theatre Trip**

- **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September** evening performance of The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time. It starts at **7.30pm at Woking Theatre**. Tickets are £44.72 and there are still a few available.



If you would like to come too, please speak to Carole Burtonwood or contact her at [carole.burtonwood@saintjohns.org.uk](mailto:carole.burtonwood@saintjohns.org.uk) as soon as possible.

**Vacancy in See - Diocesan Consultation** - If you wish to take part in the consultation for the new Bishop of Guildford, please go to the Diocese website for more information. [www.cofeguildford.org.uk](http://www.cofeguildford.org.uk).

The closing date is Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

## **Wednesday Morning Coffee Club 22<sup>nd</sup> July - 11.15am to 1pm.**

The last coffee morning of the summer will be on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July and will start at 11.15am in the main hall. The Holy Communion service will take place as usual in the Merrow Hall at 10.30am.

## **Mission Rescue Holiday Club Prep Sessions - 23<sup>rd</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> July**

It is full steam ahead with holiday club preparations!

This Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July, at 9:30 till 13:00 we are holding our first prep session if you are able to pop in 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.

If you cannot make this one we are having a second session on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 12:30-16:00.



### **Objects needed:**

I wonder if you have any of the following items that you could lend or donate to our holiday club this year? (L for Lend, D for Donate)

- Old phones, or phone looking items, that could be turned in to prop gadgets (D)
- Old remote controls (D)
- Old computer keyboards (D)
- Plain cardboard boxes (Large or small) (D)
- Old black t-shirts (D)
- Kitchen roll tubes (D)
- Lava Lamps (L)
- Fibre Optic Lamps (L)
- Large pieces of blue fabric- duvet cover size of above (D)
- 1 meter squared (ish) pieces of Red, Blue, Green, Orange, Yellow or Purple fabric (D)
- Slash curtain (D)
- Anything else you think would look cool as a bit of set dressing in a spy lab! (L)

### **Set up and Pack Down:**

We are always in need of extra pairs of hands for the set up and pack down of holiday club.

If you are available on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August from 14:00 to help set up - or Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August from 12:30 to help pack away, we would be most grateful. Please let Georgie know if you are able to attend.

**Watch the newsletter for more updates!**

## Annual Leave - Office closure this summer

The Parish Office will be closed 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August.

## Friends of St John's Heritage Open Days event 19th & 20th September

The church will be open on Saturday 19th September from 10am to 4pm with guided tours at 10:30am, 12:30pm and 2:30pm, and on Sunday 20th September from 11:30am to 3:30pm with guided tours at 12:00pm and 2pm.



As well as joining one of the guided tours, visitors can explore the church interior, learn about the pipe organ, follow the trail around the war memorial and war graves, and watch the ringers in action in the bell tower. There will also be a range of displays about the history of the church and the site, interesting artefacts (did you know that St John's has a copy of the rare 'Vinegar Bible' printed in 1717, named for its famous misprint in Luke Ch 20?) and connections with the Merrow community.

This will be a rare opportunity to explore parts of the church not usually open to the public and to learn more about the Friends' current and recently-completed heritage projects.

And if all of that leaves you feeling in need of a cup of tea and a biscuit, refreshments will be available throughout the day!

## 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



### **Wednesday Morning Coffee Club**

Coffee club is open for business 10.15am every Wednesday until the school holiday when we will close on the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 Merrow 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](mailto:giftaid@saintjohns.org.uk)).



## Food Bank

The food bank would greatly appreciate donations of

- Tinned Pasta
- Baked Beans
- Porridge
- Toilet Rolls

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](mailto:babybasics@saintjohns.org.uk), or if you would like to contribute financially to the work we do, please visit [www.saintjohns.org.uk/babybasics](http://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](mailto: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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