



# NEWSLETTER

## Epiphany 2

### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January**

8am Holy Communion – Church  
10am Parish Communion – Church (Livestreamed)  
Visiting Preacher - Canon Neil Roberts – Area Dean  
4pm Inter Church - Church

### **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January**

9.15am Glow Toddlers - Centre

### **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January**

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

### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**

3pm Choir Practice – Centre

### **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January**

8.30am Men in Fellowship Breakfast – Centre

### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January**

8am Holy Communion – Church  
10am Parish Communion – Church (Livestreamed)  
Sparks 5-11s Group  
Bring & Buy Sale after the 10am service

*(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)

### **January**

Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Men in Fellowship Breakfast 8.30am Guest - Venerable Stuart Beake
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Bring & Buy Sale after the 10am service
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Green Team 4pm

### **February**

Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Barn Dance 7pm
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Sparks 5-11s group - during 10am service in church
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Green Team 4pm
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Inter Church 4pm in Church
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Pancake Party 4pm
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Ash Wednesday Family Service 3pm in Church
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Friends of St. Johns Quiz 7pm
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Sparks 5-11s group - during 10am service in church
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Green Team 4pm - Cancelled
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Lent Lunch
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Melissa James Concert in Church

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Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Posie Making 9.30am
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## **Hymns**

650 Great is thy faithfulness

238 Come down O Love divine

Communion hymn

448 I come with joy a child of God (tune 1)

422 Alleluia, sing to Jesus

663 How shall I sing that majesty

## *Invitation to Confession*

The grace of God has dawned upon the world  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.  
Let us confess our sins.

## **Collect**

Eternal Lord,

our beginning and our end:

bring us with the whole creation

to your glory, hidden through past ages

and made known

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

or

Almighty God,

in Christ you make all things new:

transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,

and in the renewal of our lives

make known your heavenly glory;

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.

## *Introduction to the Peace*

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there shall be no end.

## **Reading**

## **1 Corinthians 1.1-9**

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Gospel**

## **John 1.29-42**

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

*Extended Preface for use with Eucharistic Prayers A, B and E*

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty creator, ever-living God,  
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:  
for at this time we celebrate your glory  
made present in our midst.

In the coming of the Magi  
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.

In the waters of baptism  
Jesus was revealed as the Christ,  
the Saviour sent to redeem us.

In the water made wine  
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.

Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven  
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name  
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

### **Readings next week:**

Acts 9.1-22

Matthew 19.27-end

### **Post Communion Prayer**

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### *Blessing*

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory  
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;  
and the blessing . . .

### **FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**Sick or in need** - Ben, Michael Stoughton, Amelia Butler, Sophie, Philip Boclet

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

# NEWS

## Children's Society House Boxes

Could those of you that have Children's Society house boxes please bring them to the office where I can collect them or contact me on 01483 571847 to arrange for collection from your home. Please do not leave the boxes in church or in the centre foyer. Many thanks, Judith

## Bring & Buy Sale - Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January after the 10am service

Please bring your unwanted items to the Bring & Buy Sale during coffee after the 10am service on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January (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 our Young People's Ministry Fund.

Thank you  
Cathy Thompson and the Stewardship & Giving Team

**BRING & BUY SALE**

Table Top Sale

Bring along items in good condition that you no longer want or need

Coffee and cakes

St. John's Centre, Merrow

Sunday 25th January after 10am Service

Contact - Cathy Thompson - [cathy.thompson@saintjohns.org.uk](mailto:cathy.thompson@saintjohns.org.uk)

Fundraiser for St John's Young Person's Ministry Fund

### Green Team Request - 27<sup>th</sup> January

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> the Green Team are going to be making candles ahead of our Candlemas service. If you have any old bits of wax/ ends of candles we would love to recycle them in to new candles! There will be a Tupperware box at the back of church for people to come and drop them off for the next two Sundays. Thank you.

### Candlemas - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February

Please bring a candle to our Candlemas service so they can be blessed.

### Barn Dance - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm

Due to the success of last year's Barn Dance, we have organised another one for Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Tickets are now available! Please buy as soon as possible to avoid disappointment!



- 7pm Arrive
- 8pm Ploughman's Supper
- Bring your own drinks (no bar)
- Tickets are £20 (children 12 and under £8) and can be bought from our website or in the church office

### Friends of St John's - Quiz Night 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm



## **Choir during Communion – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 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.

22<sup>nd</sup> February: 451 Just as I am (tune 1)

## **Lent Lunches**

We are holding 2 Lent lunches this year. One on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February and the other on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March. Sign up sheets will be at the back of church on Sundays nearer the time.

## **Sewing Group – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 10.30am**

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

The dates are:

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June



## **Servers**

The serving team has been pleased to welcome new members to the team who are settling well into the role. However, there is always room for others to join the team for both 8am and 10am communion and other occasional services. If this is something you would like to consider, please talk to Helen Chambers.

## **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](mailto: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.



# 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.



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](mailto:amanda.bazley@saintjohnspreschool.org.uk)

## **Tool Bank - Tools With A Mission (TWAM) for Africa**

Our St. John's "Tools for Africa" initiative links with TWAM's larger collection, triage, preparation and shipping tools in the form of affordable kits to many developing nations. The link, if you want more information about our partner TWAM, is [www.twam.uk](http://www.twam.uk)

If you want to find out more or want to donate tools, please contact Gordon Farquharson, on 07785 265 909 or email [gj.farquharson@gmail.com](mailto:gj.farquharson@gmail.com)

## **Hygiene Bank**

The St John's Centre will no longer be a collection point for the Hygiene Bank. Boots the Chemist on the Epsom Road has a Hygiene Bank if you do have items to donate.

Other Guildford Hygiene Bank Locations:

Waitrose - York Rd, Guildford GU1 4QG

Nuffield Health Guildford, Railton Road, Queen Elizabeth Park, GU2 9LX

Boots - 85-89 High St, Guildford GU1 3DS

Boots - 227 Epsom Road, Guildford GU1 2RE

Boots - Units 1&2 Village Chambers, High St. Cranleigh GU6 8AT

Boots - 88-92 High St, Godalming GU7 1DW

St. James' Church, The Square, Shere, GU5 9HG

If you wish to find out more about the Hygiene Bank or find out what to donate, then please go to their website for more information.

[www.thehygienebank.com](http://www.thehygienebank.com)

## **Food Bank**

The food bank would greatly appreciate donations of

- Tinned Custard
- Curry Sauce
- Baked Beans
- Dried Flavoured Noodles
- Cooking Oil
- 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.

## **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.

- *Nappies size 1*
- *baby wipes*
- *baby toiletries (shampoo, body wash, lotion)*
- *mum toiletries (breast pads and maternity pads)*

If you have prams to donate, please get in contact before dropping off.

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.

# CONTACTS

Please note the following Parish Office opening times:

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