



NEWSLETTER

Sunday 8th June

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

Monday 9th June

9.15am Glow Toddlers - Centre

Wednesday 11th June

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

Friday 13th June

3pm Choir Practice - Centre

Saturday 14th June

9.30am Church Yard Tidy Up

Sunday 15th June

Special Gift Day Presentation
8am Holy Communion - Church
10am Parish Communion - Church (Livestreamed)
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 (term time only)
Wednesdays	10.15am Wednesday Coffee Club 10.30am Holy Communion Service 5pm Youth Café (term time only)
Fridays	3pm Choir Practice

Other Calendar Events

(in the Centre unless mentioned otherwise)

June

Tues 17 th Jun	Green Team 4pm
Sat 21 st Jun	Dave Kelly & Christine Collister Concert 7.30pm in church
Sun 22 nd Jun	Sparks 5-11s group - during 10am service in church
Thur 26 th Jun	Time to talk! 2pm
Sat 28 th Jun	Women-in-Fellowship - Breakfast Meeting 8.30am
Sun 29 th Jun	Sparks 5-11s group - during 10am service in church
Sun 29 th Jun	Church Fete Gardening Party 2pm

July

Sat 5 th Jul	Churchyard Tidy Up 9.30am
Sat 5 th Jul	Church Fete 12.30-3pm
Thur 10 th Jul	Time to talk! 2pm
Sun 13 th Jul	Sparks 5-11s group - during 10am service in church
Sat 19 th Jul	Men-in-Fellowship - Breakfast Meeting
Sun 20 th Jul	Inter-Church 4pm in Church
Sun 20 th Jul	Parish BBQ in Rectory Garden
Sun 27 th Jul	Sparks 5-11s group - during 10am service in church

August

Sat 2 nd Aug	Churchyard Tidy Up 9.30am
Sat 16 th Aug	Men-in-Fellowship - Real Ale Train
18 th -22 nd Aug	Starship Discovery Holiday Club - (Monday - Friday)

Hymns

242 Come Holy Spirit Come (omit *)
258 O thou who camest from above
238 Come down O love divine (tune 1)
246 Holy Spirit come confirm us

Collect

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reading

Acts 2.1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another,

‘What does this mean?’ But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: “In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Gospel

John 14.8-17 [25-27]

Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. ‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.[‘I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.]

Seasonal Material - Pentecost

Peace

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

Extended Preface

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord.
This day we give you thanks
because in fulfilment of your promise
you pour out your Spirit upon us,
filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth,
and uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith.
Your Spirit gives us grace to call you Father,
to proclaim your gospel to all nations
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.
Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels,
and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells,
to proclaim the glory of your name,
for ever praising you and singing:

Blessing

May the Spirit,
who hovered over the waters when the world was created,
breathe into you the life he gives.
May the Spirit,
who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost,
bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Readings next week:

Romans 5.1-5

John 16.12-15

Post Communion

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Sick or in need - Dick Pyper, Edward, Paul Tappin

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

NEWS

Mae Pink's family would like to thank everyone from St John's and the Wednesday Coffee Club who joined them in giving thanks for the life of Mae. Special thanks are due to Diana for officiating at the service. We were comforted by your support.

Hannah Harvey's Ordination

Many of us will remember Hannah who was our Children's and Youth Worker before Georgie. She is to be Ordained deacon in Chester Cathedral on 29th June and will be a curate in Runcorn. Please pray for her as she prepares for this special moment in her life and for Kate too as they move into their new surroundings.

We are sending a card from us here. It will be in church today (8th) and next Sunday (15th). Please sign it if you would like to. *Margaret Dean*

GIFT DAY - Sunday 15th June

At the 10am service on 15th June we will give you an update on progress with YPMF and show you some of the wonderful things that are happening at St John's as a result of your generosity! Please do join us!
Stewardship & Giving Team

Dave Kelly & Christine Collister Concert Saturday 21st June 7.30pm

Back by popular demand! Dave Kelly is back with Christine Collister for a unique concert in St John's Church.

Their material is drawn from both their musical backgrounds, but mainly covering songs which they both love but have not previously had an opportunity to perform, within their usual formats. Some soul standards, country songs, rock, folk & blues, Stax, Tamla, The Band, Emmylou Harris, The Everly Brothers, Elvis, (to name but a few) as well as some great contemporary writers and of course, their own songs.

This is a fundraising concert for St John's, Merrow
Doors open at 7 for a 7.30pm start.
Refreshments will be available on buy.

The tickets are £20 per person and can be bought online at www.saintjohns.org.uk or from the parish office.



Choir during Communion – Sunday 22nd June 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.

22nd June: 464 Sweet sacrament divine

13th July: 664 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

Time to Talk - Do you need a listening ear? – 26th June 2pm

Once a month, between June and December, we will be trialling a new pastoral care initiative called 'Time to Talk.' This is a time for anyone to come and talk to Tim and one of our pastoral care team. You can come and talk to us if you have a pastoral issue, a theological question or even if you just want to chat. Time to Talk will initially be held in the parish office, where we will have access to coffee, tea and biscuits too.

The dates are:

Thursday 26th June 2pm-3pm

Thursday 10th July 2pm-3pm

Thursday 14th August 2pm-3pm

Thursday 18th September 2pm-3pm

Thursday 16th October 2pm-3pm

Thursday 20th November 2pm-3pm

Thursday 18th December 2pm-3pm

Women-in-Fellowship – 28th June 8.30am

Come and join us for a continental breakfast at our next meeting on Saturday 28th June at 8.30am in the seminar room. A local yoga teacher Michelle Chand is coming to share with us her experience of taking up yoga and teaching in the Merrow area for the last twenty years.

She will share the highs (and the lows) of her yoga journey with a good dose of humour and talk about the benefits both physical and psychological of the practice as well as how yoga can work for someone of faith irrespective of their religion.

Arrangements for the rest of 2025 will follow soon.

If you wish to be added to the WiF newsletter or require any additional information, please contact the Parish Office.



Church Fete Gardening Party - Sunday 29th June 2pm

We are looking for volunteers to help prepare the Rectory garden for the Fete on Saturday 5th July. Come along on Sunday 29th June at 2pm with your garden tools. Tea and cake will be provided. If you are not able to help with the gardening, please still come along for tea and cake.

Church Fete - 5th July - volunteers needed

Would you be able to help at the Church Fete in July? We need a few volunteers to help with the stalls on the day. There are various roles for all those feeling more or less active.

Please speak to Peter or Richard if you would like to help.

Richard - richard.burtonwood@saintjohns.org.uk

Peter Tappin - peter.tappin@saintjohns.org.uk

Church Fete - 5th July 12.30 to 3pm - Save the date!



Men-in-Fellowship - Events

Saturday 19th July - George Quarm Breakfast Meeting

- Breakfast Meeting - as part of our Men-in-Fellowship series of Breakfast Meetings exploring other religions and types of spirituality, we welcome **George Quarm** from Merrow Methodist Church. Call him Uncle George if you are under 40 or "King George" if you're older.
- It's going to be a stimulating session with many anecdotes and lively conversation from a most interesting and full of life character
- As ever, our meeting starts with a hearty and nutritious breakfast!



Saturday 16th August - Real Ale Train - Change of date!

Back by popular demand, **The Real Ale Train** on the Watercress Line. The RAT as it is affectionately known, returns in 2025 to continue its tradition of serving real ale from the bar car whilst travelling by train through the Hampshire countryside. Food is available along with non-alcoholic beverages. We will be leaving Merrow late afternoon, in time for the steam train departing Alton at 7pm.



For more details please contact Richard at

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Starship Discovery Monday 18th to Friday 22nd August - Helpers needed!

After the success of last years holiday club, we are doing it again! This year the theme is Starship Discovery, where we will be following the adventures of Peter and he discovers what it takes to be a follower of Jesus. This is a big undertaking and require some people power (something St John's is AMAZING at providing!) So, if you would like to know a bit more, or you think you would be able to help for some, or all, of the week please let Georgie know.



There will also be some prep days and a set up/decorating day on Sunday 17th as well if you can't do the week. More details on everything coming soon.

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.

Warm Space

A 'Warm Space' is available on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings between 10am and 2pm.

Food Bank

The food bank would greatly appreciate donations of

- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Cereal
- Curry Sauce
- Laundry Detergent
- Treats (crisps/chocolates etc)



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 outside the Church Centre to the left of the main door.

Monday - Friday 9am - 1pm and Saturdays (term time only) 12pm - 3pm

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. Prams or pushchairs that are suitable from birth can be accepted, but by prior appointment only.

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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