



NEWSLETTER

Sunday 10th August

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

Monday 11th August

Starship Discovery Holiday Club Preparation & Making Morning
10am - Centre

Wednesday 13th August

10am Coffee, Cake & Chat Morning - Centre
10.30am Holy Communion Service - Centre

Thursday 14th August

Time to talk! 2pm - Centre

Saturday 16th August

Men-in-Fellowship - Real Ale Train

Sunday 17th August

8am Holy Communion - Church
10am Parish Communion - Church (Livestreamed)
2pm Starship Discovery Set-up

(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 - returning on 1st Sept
Wednesdays	10.15am Wednesday Coffee Club - returning on 3rd Sept 10.30am Holy Communion Service 5pm Youth Café (term time only) returning on 10th Sept
Fridays	3pm Choir Practice - returning on the 5th Sept

Other Calendar Events

(in the Centre unless mentioned otherwise)

August

18 th -22 nd Aug	Starship Discovery Holiday Club - (Monday - Friday)
Sun 24 th Aug	Holiday Club All Age Service 10am in church

September

Mon 1 st Sept	Glow Toddlers returns after the summer break at 9.15am
Sat 6 th Sept	Churchyard Tidy Up 9.30am
Tue 9 th Sept	Green Team returns after the summer break at 4pm
Sat 13 th Sept	Ride and Stride
Sat 13 th Sept	Women-in-Fellowship Breakfast - Guest speaker Rosie Nixon
Sun 14 th Sept	Sparks 5-11s group - during 10am service in church
Thur 18 th Sept	Time to talk! 2pm
Sun 21 st Sept	Inter-Church 4pm in church
Tue 23 rd Sept	Green Team 4pm
Sun 28 th Sept	Sparks 5-11s group - during 10am service in church

October

Sat 18 th Oct	An Autumn Musical Delight - A Capella Group - Sound Mix
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November

Fri 7 th Nov	Church Quiz Night
Sat 15 th Nov	Men-in-Fellowship Breakfast

Hymns

683 Jerusalem the golden
381 God in his wisdom
422 Alleluia sing to Jesus
644 God is Love: Let heaven adore him

Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reading

Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going.

By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Gospel

Luke 12.32-40

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Readings next week:

Hebrews 11.29–12.2

Luke 12.49–56

Post Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Sick or in need - Dick Pyper, Edward, Ben, Jean Lockwood, Michael Stoughton

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

NEWS

Starship Discovery Preparation and Making Morning – Monday 11th August 10am-1pm

We are holding our final Holiday Club preparation morning upstairs in the Church Centre. We have painting, sewing, building props, cutting, sticking, laminating and organising to do. If you are free why not pop along? NO SKILLS REQUIRED, drop in anytime! Tea, coffee, biscuits and the chance for a good natter.

If you have any of the following to give or lend for the week, please let Georgie know or drop them in to the parish office.

- Cardboard boxes - any size, though shoe box size would be ideal
- Old tights- Clean please!
- Yoghurt Pots
- Kitchen paper or wrapping paper inner tubes
- 4 gazebos

Your prayers for the children and leaders, thank you so much.



Coffee, Cake and Chat Morning - Wednesday 13th August 10am

On Wednesday 13th August at St John's Centre in main hall we will have a coffee, cake and chat morning. Drop in anytime between 10.00 and 12.00. Suggested donation £1. ALL WELCOME!

Time to Talk - Do you need a listening ear? - Thursday 14th August 2pm

We are 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 14th August 2pm-3pm

Thursday 18th September 2pm-3pm

Thursday 16th October 2pm-3pm

Thursday 20th November 2pm-3pm

Thursday 18th December 2pm-3pm

Foodwise - one of our church charities, will be coming to speak to us on 30th August at the 10am service.

Ride and Stride - Saturday 13th September

Get sponsored for visiting churches in Guildford. Start at St John's and walk, run, cycle etc to as many churches as you wish, being sponsored for each church that you visit. Money raised will be halved between St John's and the Churches Trust, who in return give grants to churches for restoration.

Details and sponsor forms will be available in church and from Jane Farquharson. Jane.farquharson@saintjohns.org.uk

Women in Fellowship Breakfast - 13th September

Details to follow

Servers

The team of servers for the Parish Communion at 10am has reduced over recent years and shortly will become a "team" of one which is not sustainable. We, therefore, are seeking people who would be willing to join the team and support the clergy at this service. Training will be given.

If you would like to consider taking on this role please talk to the Rector or to Helen Chambers.

Linen Rota

We are asking for people to join the rota for washing the altar linen. This usually means volunteering for one month of the year to wash and iron the linen used at both the 8am and 10am Sunday services.

If you would like to be part of this team, then please talk to Helen Chambers.

Volunteers needed - We are looking for people to do some ad hoc laundry for Baby Basics donations? They will be contacted as and when the need arises. Please contact Jane on Jane.farquharson@saintjohns.org.uk if you can help.

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/Work Space

A 'Warm/Work Space' is available at the St John's Centre in the foyer on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings between 10am and 2pm.

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.

Food Bank

The food bank would greatly appreciate donations of

- Baked Beans, Tinned Pasta, Tinned Custard,
Toilet Rolls, Shaving Foam

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 closed during August.

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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The office will be **closed** on Monday 11th August.

The office will be **open** Tuesday 12th to Friday 15th August, 9am to 12noon.

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