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Sunday services are listed on Page 2.

Services during the week:

Morning Prayer Monday to Thursday at 9.00am in Church.

Holy Communion on Wednesdays at 10.30am in the Merrow Hall, St John's Centre.

Evening Prayer on Fridays at 5.00pm in Church.

All are welcome.

October 2025 Services (Year C)

Sunday 5th October Harvest Festival, Green

2 Timothy 1.1-14, Luke 17.5-10

8am BCP Holy Communion

10am All Age Worship

Sunday 12th October 17th Sunday after Trinity, Green

2 Timothy 2.8-15, Luke 17.11-19

8am BCP Holy Communion

10am CW Holy Communion

Sunday 19th October 18th Sunday after Trinity, Green

2 Timothy 3.14-4.5, Luke 18.1-8

8am BCP Holy Communion

10am CW Holy Communion

Sunday 26th October Last Sunday after Trinity, Green

2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18, Luke 18.9-14

8am BCP Holy Communion

10am CW Holy Communion

Sunday 2nd November All Saints' Day, White/Gold

Ephesians 1.11-end, Luke 6.20-31

8am BCP Holy Communion

10am All Age Worship

4pm All Souls Service

FROM ST JOHN'S RECTORY

October 2025

October is a time of change in the life of a church. Our summer holidays seem a distant memory. School, university and work has settled into the weekly routine. The hamster wheel of our lives is well and truly spinning.

Here at St. John's, October begins with our Harvest Festival on Sunday 5th October. As usual, our harvest festival service will be at 10am and part of our once a month All Age Worship. We will be giving our harvest donations to charity and singing hymns and songs which remind us of God's goodness to us and how we should care for his creation. Please do join us if you would like to.

On 26th October, the Bishop of Guildford, Andrew Watson, will be joining us for our 10am service. Bishop Andrew has not been to St John's since I have arrived and we look forward to welcoming him.

The final week of October brings Half Term. A chance for our school children to rest, and a chance for us all to take stock before November begins, with its rush towards Christmas.

So how can we use this month to prepare ourselves for all that the next two months will bring us in November and December? Perhaps we might all be able to find a time to stop the hamster wheel of our lives and take time to rest. Perhaps we can all try to make time to be with God, whether at a church service or on a walk taking in the beautiful autumn colours?

You will know the way you prefer most when it comes to taking time to rest. May I encourage you to do so this month. Rest and be still and prepare for all that lies ahead.

With good wishes,
Tim

FROM THE REGISTERS:

Baptisms

31 st August	Bruce Kissin
	Poppy Kissin
	Abtin Daneshyar

Thank you very much to Chancies & Pewleys for sponsoring our colour cover again this year.

This month's photo features a box of Harvest offerings. Thank you to Jane Stevenson for providing this lovely photo.

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Regular Calendar Events

(in the Centre unless mentioned otherwise)

Sundays	8am Holy Communion - Church 10am Parish Communion - Church
Mondays	9.15am Glow Toddlers
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)

October

Sat 4 th Oct	Churchyard Tidy Up 9.30am
Sun 5 th Oct	Harvest Lunch
Tue 7 th Oct	Green Team 4pm
Sat 11 th Oct	Tim preaching at Evensong at Guildford Cathedral 5pm
Sun 12 th Oct	Sparks 5-11s group – during 10am service in church
Thur 16 th Oct	Time to talk! 2pm
Sat 18 th Oct	An Autumn Musical Delight- A Capella Group, Sound Mix
Sun 19 th Oct	Inter-Church 4pm in church
Tue 21 st Oct	Sewing Group 10.30am
Tue 21 st Oct	Green Team 4pm
Sun 26 th Oct	Bishop Andrew attending parish communion
Sun 26 th Oct	Sparks 5-11s group – during 10am service in church

November

Sun 2 nd Nov	Baptism Service 10am
Fri 7 th Nov	Church Quiz Night
Sat 15 th Nov	Men-in-Fellowship Breakfast
Sun 16 th Nov	Inter-Church 4pm in church

December

Fri 5 th Dec	FoStJ - Wine Tasting Event
Mon 22 nd Dec	Carols in the Pub

THE DAY WE WENT TO PRISON.

It's six years ago that a party from St. John's found themselves in prison. A snippet of news in the press recently reminded me of this. The news clip reported that the CLINK are having to make a fresh bid for the Government contract to run catering courses in HM Prisons.

Six years ago, a Men-in-Fellowship's breakfast was addressed by a representative of the CLINK Charity. This led, post Covid, to some 30 of the congregation lunching in the canteen at HM Prison High Down.

Actually, it was more than a canteen. It was a stylish restaurant offering beautifully prepared food, served in the very best style. All by prisoners who were taking the opportunity to learn the catering business and get proper qualifications which would stand them in great stead when they finished their prison sentences.

The amazing charity, the CLINK, organised all this in four prisons at the time, although currently they only operate in one in the London area. Their contract ends shortly and they are having to rebid to try to continue the work.

The St. John's inmates had the opportunity to talk to our catering inmates. The over-riding impression given was how important it is that a prisoner finishing their time is equipped to re-enter society with a skill to offer. It's a major contribution to reducing re-offending rates.

For those of us who experienced that event – and for those who didn't – we can at the least pray that the CLINK is successful in its bid, and for its role in helping rehabilitate those who are serving their appropriate sentences. The men we spoke to would appreciate that thought.

Robert Avis



VIEW FROM THE PEWS

A Cuppa and a Chat

Our clergy and wardens have come up with a new pastoral offering called “Time to Talk.” This idea arose from noticing that it can be difficult to discuss things with the clergy after the services as there isn’t much time and other people also want to air their thoughts.

There is a team of five people ready to listen and there is space in the parish centre for finding a private corner. The centre tends to be busy with people coming and going to various meetings, so I wasn’t noticed by anyone. I had worried that I might be the only one or that I’d stick out, but nobody noticed me. Sometimes anonymity can be very welcome.

I went along in June and had an hour of Tim’s undivided attention to discuss my thoughts and worries. I found it extremely helpful. We pulled up comfy chairs in a room upstairs with our mugs of coffee and enjoyed the peace and quiet and uninterrupted time to really go into my questions.

I thoroughly recommend this initiative. If you have something to discuss and you fancy a chat over a hot cuppa (bring your own biscuits), this is the place for you. R.S.

An apple a day, so they say
Keeps the nurse and the doctor away
But some tea with a chat
Is much better than that
And lasts for much more than a day

Women in Fellowship

At the end of June, Women in Fellowship (WIF) held another of their breakfast meetings. For the first time we had a speaker, Michelle Chand, a local yoga teacher who runs classes in our centre. Michelle gave us an interesting insight into the spirituality surrounding yoga, linking it back to the similarities in the teaching of Jesus and how many of the ways we are asked to behave in the ten commandments have a similar message in the Yoga Sutras. We finished with a short mindfulness exercise.

With every event our numbers increase and this time we had 24 lovely ladies who came along to listen to the talk whilst partaking in an extensive continental breakfast.

One of the ladies, Trish Hayman who came along, had the following to say:

'There is nothing more enjoyable than spending time, chattering with new and old friends whilst eating a delicious breakfast that you haven't had to prepare, we listened to an interesting talk by Michelle on yoga. She led us in a quiet mindfulness moment; how often do we give ourselves that time, I wonder?

I came away relaxed and happy, most of all thankful that I got to spend time with lovely women and even more connected to our Church family.'

The organising group for the WiF have recently met to pull together a timetable of future events which we will be sharing in the next few weeks via the website and newsletter, which will help everyone plan for future attendance.

If you would like to join the growing group of ladies, then please contact the parish office or Lindsay Dobson (treasurer) to get yourself on the list!

Lindsay Dobson



Twenty two members of Women in Fellowship fondly known as WiF!, welcomed local Merrow resident , Rose Nixon retired editor in chief of Hello magazine and accomplished author to our breakfast meeting.

Rosie talked us through her 25 years of working in the publishing world from starting off with an internship for a publishing house that lead onto being approached by Mattel the makers of Barbie and Ken to producing the Barbie magazine learning all stages of editorial work under the watchful eyes of Mattel ensuring she followed their protocol.

This brought a smile to many of our faces especially as Rosie has kept the original Barbie & Ken dolls she used as models!

Through the 2000's as her career progressed she worked for Bliss, New Women, Red, Glamour, Grazia and latterly Hello magazine as Editor in Chief.

As her career progressed Rosie entered the world of being celebrity and features editor she entertained us with her stories of managing to be in the right place at the right time, meeting many stars, attending 16 Oscar awards and often being the first 'in the know'!

Her most memorable moments were at Hello magazine who had the exclusive rights to cover Robbie Williams secret wedding at his LA mansion - apart from organising the entourage of Hello photographers she managed to liaise with the LA police to ensure a no-fly zone over the house to prevent the paparazzi getting the first scoop!

Her work also covered William and Kate's wedding, Harry and Meghan's wedding and the death of Her Majesty the Queen.

In 2019 Rosie noticed a real change in the world with an increase in negativity bringing celebrities down. Covid soon followed which like for many was a challenge where, working from her bedroom, she managed to produce Hello magazine interviewing stars and celebrities on zoom and trying to bring some empathy and cheer to her readers.

The introduction of the digital world of influencers, Instagram and tik tok reinforced Rosie's determination to show kindness which became the backbone of her work showing Hello magazine in this light.

Alongside her busy working life and being mother of two Rosie has also managed to find time to write books (her relaxation) and last year she realised that living the crazy world of a journalist to the celebrities was no longer for her in the changing world of social media.

Spending time with her family and concentrating on her book writing was more important and throughout her working life Rosie has always believed in kindness, the empowerment of women and women being kinder to themselves. Her beliefs are now reflected in her publications and running retreats for women.

Rosie spoke warmly about living in Merrow and the connection they have at being part of the community with her children attending George Abbot School, St John's Youth Cafe and most recently Starship Discovery holiday club.

Hopefully she'll be back to tell us more of her life as an author.

A Joyful Celebration of God's Creatures – Our Annual Pet Service

On Sunday 14th September the church was filled with more than just the usual congregation – it was alive with wagging tails, twitching noses, and even the occasional bark! Our annual Pet Service brought together members of the parish with their beloved animal companions, and what a wonderful gathering it was.

Revd. Margaret read a beautiful version of Noah's Ark for us to get our service started. Then Revd. Tim showed us some funny pictures of pets making mistakes- from an escapee guineapig to two dogs surrounded by what was once a feather cushion. He talked about how even when our pets get things wrong, it is very hard to stay angry with them for long. The congregation then shared different ways that their pets get back in the good books after they make a mistake, from a bark to a lick to a snuffle - they each have their own way of saying sorry and we are quick to forgive. Tim reminded us that it is like that God, when we say sorry and he is quick to forgive. Georgie went on to talk about how when God asked Noah to build the Ark he was giving the world a second chance and that is something to celebrate and say thank you for! We then asked the congregation for their best animal related, three syllable suggestions to slot into the song "Thank you Lord for this fine day". So, in fine voice we all sang - Thank you Lord for Purring Cats... for Guinea Pigs... for Waggy Tails... for Mo-on-key and more!

In total, we welcomed seven dogs, two rabbits, one guinea pig, and a hamster into our midst, along with photos of pets and several cuddly toys. All the congregation, humans included, were very well behaved and the service ended with each animal being brought forward to offer a special prayer of blessing and thanksgiving.

Many thanks to everyone who brought their pets, and to all who came to enjoy the fellowship and to Jane Stevenson for taking the lovely photos. We look forward to welcoming even more of God's creatures next year – who knows, perhaps a cat or two will be brave enough to join us!





About our Cathedral...

So what's happening at our Cathedral this month?

Well, quite a lot actually. All the way through October to the 3rd of November is ***Threads through the Cross*** by renowned textile artist Jacqui S Parkinson.

Shown for the first time in 2025, there are eighteen of her huge and highly colourful ornate panels focusing on the life of Jesus. There is no charge to view the exhibition. I have seen an earlier display of her work and I can confirm that it is both interesting and inspiring. Her use of textiles, thread and associated colour is highly artistic and original. Seeing these huge panels adorning the walls of our Cathedral is an experience that I can strongly recommend. Other events in October are the on 1st October at 10.00am is **Cathedral Tots** a free-for-all for anyone under 5, on the 4th October is ***Boogie Days*** billed as "A feel-good, daytime disco for the over-30's. Dance, connect and enjoy the moment". So there you are – now's your opportunity to boogie the night, sorry, day away. Boogie on down on Saturday 4th and "*let it all hang out*" as they say. Check the Cathedral website for ticket prices. Anyway, in a not quite so similar vein on the 9th October at 11.15am is the Cathedral's ever popular **Coffee Concert** with **MbM Contemporary Gospel Choir**. There's more music on Friday the 10th October at 5.30pm provided by the **Schools Evensong Project** with Choral Evensong sung jointly by the Cathedral Choir and George Abbott School Choir. A wonderful opportunity to sit back and immerse yourself in uplifting song and music. On Wednesday 15th October at 5.30pm is **Choral Evensong** performed by the visiting choir from Shrewsbury House School. Following, on Sunday 19th October at 11.00 am, is an Informal Concert by ***Guildford Cathedral Changed Voices*** which sounds intriguing. Finally, Wednesday 29th October from 10am is **Family Fun Day** challenging you to "Come and see what you can create inspired by our wonderful space. Free event but must be booked in advance. Adults must be accompanied by a child. Enjoy!

Pilgrimage.

“I’ll never find his grave amongst so many.” I stood on the edge of the St. Sever Cemetery in Rouen stunned by its enormity. I had no clue where to look so I started at the nearest row. After an hour or more of passing immaculate rows of headstones I called out in sheer frustration:- “Grandfather, where are you! Give me a clue, please?”. It was like looking for a needle in a haystack. But it was getting late and with overwhelming disappointment I abandoned my quest; I had to be in Chartres by evening. Upon my return a year or so later I had a detailed War Graves Commission map and a determination to spend all day searching if necessary! It was a hot day and I studied the map but it bore no resemblance to where I actually stood. Hmm... The sun beat down and I was glad of some water. Wait! I was going the wrong way – I had the map upside down! You idiot, I said out loud. Soon I found the right path passing more, pure white headstones with names and Regiments thereon. Then, in a row exactly where the map said it would be was my Grandfather’s grave. I came upon it suddenly. I read and re-read the name engraved and the year of his death. A wave of emotion engulfed me and I blurted “Grandfather, it’s me your grandson, I’ve found you at last!” How long ago had someone from our family been here - 70 years? He was my mother’s father; she never knew him and he never saw her; he died in France before returning to England. A soldier from the Great War. I stood in front of the headstone for a long time lost in contemplation. There was a gentle warm wind and birdsong from on high otherwise all was quiet and peaceful. As I turned to go I paused and called over my shoulder, “I’ll be back grandfather and I’ll tell the family that I found you, I promise.”

You are invited to our annual
All Souls Service
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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 Chambers:

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*O Lord, support us all the day long,
Until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,
And the busy world is hushed,
And the fever of life is over,
And our work is done.*

*Then in your mercy grant us
A safe lodging,
And a holy rest.
And peace at the last.*

John Henry Newman



Dear Friends,

Well, we have hit the new school year running – mainly from torrential rain that appears at the most inopportune times! It is lovely to be back together with our children and families as we begin this academic year. We are welcoming lots of new families to our YR class and we extend to them a very warm welcome to the Merrow Schools Federation. We have a few new staff faces at the infant school too – Mrs Brown has realised the joy of infant teaching and has moved across from Merrow Junior School, Mrs Sheppard and Mr Kurn have joined us and Mrs Crabb has made a welcome return to YR!

We have so much to look forward to this term. Y2 will be off to Wisley in a few weeks and Y1 will walk up to the allotments to see what is 'growing on' up there. Staff are busy setting up the clubs for the children - sporty ones, arty ones, games ones: we try to offer a wide variety of extracurricular activities to enhance the opportunities for our children.

YR are settling into school life well, their topic this term is All About Me! KS1 children have begun the term discussing whether Goldilocks made the right choices when she wandered into the Bears' House and ate the porridge!

The PTA are already meeting to discuss plans for the Christmas Fair! This is such an important event for school as it is usually our biggest fundraiser as well as being so much fun for the children. Make sure you have Saturday 29 November in your diaries and come along to support your Church school.

We are keen to welcome volunteers to school to help with readers particularly. Several of the congregation are stalwarts already but if you would like to help contact us or speak to Rev Tim or Georgie.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Warm regards,
Emma Hooper

WEDNESDAY COFFEE CLUB



I told someone the other day that I helped run the Wednesday morning coffee club, and they said isn't that for old people?

Well, when the oldest person there is over 100 it is hard to say no. But when you realise, he drives himself and his wife here each week, so maybe they are not the stereotypical old people they were envisaging.

In Truth the coffee club is a lively venue for anyone who is sitting at home on a Wednesday morning and fancies some friendliness and Fellowship, If you do you will find a warm friendly atmosphere with people of varying ages, religion or lack of and ethnicity to have a chat with over a hot drink. Why not live dangerously and come along?

We are there each week in term time and it is open house, so no need to register or book just turn up (It starts at 10.15 and winds down at 11.30) and there will be tea, coffee decaf, hot choc, herbal teas and if you want a different drink we will happily get it in for next time. Similarly there are a multitude of different biscuits and, on the last Weds of the month, savouries. We are always more than happy to cater for any specific dietary needs you may have if we have warning.

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

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GARDENING HINTS FOR OCTOBER

By the middle of the month all tender plants such as Cannas, Fuchsias and Geraniums should be under cover to protect them from a sudden first frost. Keep a close watch on the evening weather forecasts!

Spring bulbs, such as Narcissi and Daffodils should be planted by the end of the month. Leave Tulips until November.

When the first hard frost hits, lift Dahlia tubers. Store them in a frost free place, and when they start to shrivel, plunge them into a bucket of tepid water, On sunny days continue to collect the seed of Annuals, such as Alyssum, French Marigolds and Tagetes.

Plant out spring bedding plants, such as Forget-me-nots, Polyanthus and Wallflowers.

Climbers and Rambler Roses can still be pruned.

Bush Roses should be reduced in height to prevent 'wind rock', producing root damage.

Sow Sweet Peas for over-wintering under glass.

Hardwood cuttings of Roses, Salix and other shrubs can now be taken.

Continue to divide and replace Perennials as they die back.

October is the ideal month for planting trees and shrubs.

Reduce the mowing of established lawns. An Autumn dressing should be applied and the grass aerated. Bare patches need to be re-seeded or re-turfed.

Complete the lifting of Potatoes. The ground should then be forked over to remove small tubers which could cause disease next year.

Aqualdulse Broad Beans should be sown towards the end of the month.

Plant Garlic this month, with each clove pointing upwards, just below the soil surface.

Pick any remaining fruit and vegetables that the frost will spoil.

Lift and divide Rhubarb plants which have been in place for five years, or have begun to decline in vigour. Retain only the youngest outermost portions.

Reduce the watering of House plants as the days shorten.

Prepared Hyacinths should be planted by now for Christmas flowering. To have the whole pot of Hyacinths flowering together they should all be of the same colour, mixed colours will flower individually. The pots should be kept in a cool dark place until the bulbs sprout and then brought into daylight.

John Boon

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