



St. John the Evangelist
Merrow



NEWSLETTER

Trinity Sunday

Sunday 31st May

8am BCP Holy Communion - Church
10am Parish Communion - Church (Livestreamed)
Sparks 5-11s Group
Bring and Buy Sale - After the 10am service

Monday 1st June

9.15am Glow Toddlers - Centre

Tuesday 2nd June

10.30am Sewing Group - Centre

Wednesday 3rd June

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

Friday 5th June

NO Choir Practice - Centre

Saturday 6th June

9.30am Churchyard Tidy Up

Sunday 7th June

8am BCP Holy Communion - Church
10am All Age Service - Church (Livestreamed)

(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 Not on the 5th or 26th June

Other Calendar Events

(in the Centre unless mentioned otherwise)

June

Tues 9 th Jun	Green Team 4pm
Sun 14 th Jun	Sparks 5-11s group - during 10am service in church
Fri 19 th Jun	Men-in-Fellowship - Walk in local area
Sun 21 st Jun	Inter-Church 4pm in Church
Tues 23 rd Jun	Green Team 4pm
Sun 28 th Jun	Sparks 5-11s group - during 10am service in church

July

Sat 4 th Jul	Church Fete - Rectory Garden 12.30-3pm
Sun 5 th Jul	Parish Picinic - Rectory Garden
Tues 7 th Jul	Green Team 4pm
Sat 11 th Jul	Women-in-Fellowship - Breakfast
Sun 12 th Jul	Baptism Tea Party
Sun 12 th Jul	Sparks 5-11s group - during 10am service in church
Sat 18 th Jul	Men-in-Fellowship - Watercress Line 'Real Ale Train'
Sun 19 th Jul	Inter-Church 4pm in Church
Tues 21 st Jul	Green Team 4pm
Thur 23 rd Jul	Mission Rescue Holiday Club Prep Session 9.30am - 1pm
Sat 25 th Jul	Men-in-Fellowship - Breakfast
Sun 26 th Jul	Sparks 5-11s group - during 10am service in church
Wed 29 th Jul	Mission Rescue Holiday Club Prep Session 12.30pm - 4pm

Hymns

276 Holy, Holy, Holy

Come, join the dance of Trinity - See below

532 All creatures of our God and King (omit *)

612 Christ Triumphant

Come, join the dance of Trinity,

Before all world begun,

The interweaving of the Three,

The Father, Spirit, Son.

The universe of space and time

Did not arise by chance,

But as the Three, in love and hope,

Made room within their dance.

Come, see the face of Trinity,

Newborn in Bethlehem;

Then bloodied by a crown of thorns

Outside Jerusalem.

The dance of Trinity is meant

For human flesh and bone;

When fear confines the dance in death,

God rolls away the stone.

Come, speak aloud of Trinity,

As wind and tongues of flame

Set people free at Pentecost

To tell the Savior's name.

We know the yoke of sin and death,

Our necks have worn it smooth;

Go tell the world of weight and woe

That we are free to move!

Within the dance of Trinity,

Before all worlds begun,

We sing the praises of the Three,

The Father, Spirit, Son.

Let voices rise and interweave

By love and hope set free,

To shape in song this joy, this life:

The dance of Trinity.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;
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.

or

Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Reading

2 Corinthians 13.11-end

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Gospel

Matthew 28.16-end

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Readings next week:

Romans 4.13-end

Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:
hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your ways
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,
who are three Persons yet one God,
now and for ever.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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

Departed - Joan Westlake, Margaret Hicks, Robert Cooles, Sally Norcliffe

NEWS

Bring & Buy Sale - THIS Sunday 31st May after the 10am service

We are holding our ever popular, Bring & Buy Sale THIS Sunday 31st May after the 10am service (so starting at about 11/11.15am). Come and join us to enjoy some tasty cakes and to browse items you may wish to buy for a donation. Proceeds to our Young Peoples' Ministry Fund.

If you would like further information, please speak to Cathy Thompson.



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BRING & BUY SALE



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



Coffee and cakes



St. Johns Centre, Merrow
Sunday 31st May after 10am Service

Contact - Cathy Thompson - cathy.thompson@saintjohns.org.uk



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



Helen and Michael would be delighted if members of the congregation wished to join them in Church for their forthcoming marriage service on Saturday 6th June 2pm at St. Johns - all will be welcome.

Do you have an Allotment?

Do you have an allotment in Merrow or somewhere else in Guildford? We would love to have chat with you about Harvest Festival in October and how we could work together to celebrate the Harvest in the community. If you would be happy to come and have a chat about it please contact the Rector, Tim at rector@saintjohns.org.uk

Request for old belts, bangles or broaches

Do you have any old belts, bangles or broaches you would like to donate/ lend? We are going to be having a roman themed dressing up activity at our next Interchurch on the 21st June - where each person will get the opportunity to design their own toga outfit! If you have anything suitable, please speak to Georgie.

Sewing Group - Tuesday 2nd June 10.30am

Anyone is welcome to come along, sewing skills or not! This time we are going to be finishing the tablecloths for the Infant school and tackling a few patterns for holiday club. This will be the last session of the school year but look out for the 2026/27 dates soon! Next Meeting: Tuesday 2nd Jun



Choir Practice

There will be NO Choir Practice on Friday 5th or Friday 26th June.

Bishop's Gathering for Guildford at Emmanuel Church Stoughton on Wednesday 10th June 7pm for 7.30pm

We have all been warmly invited to meet, pray and worship with Bishop Paul, Bishop of Dorking and now Acting Bishop of Guildford, at the Bishop's Gathering for Guildford Deanery hosted by Emmanuel Church on Wednesday 10 June. There will be a reception at 7pm, followed by the Bishop's Gathering which will begin at 7.30pm and conclude by 9pm. All, including young people, are welcome.

We will be celebrating all that God is doing across Guildford Deanery and discussing our next steps with Bishop Paul in his new role, so it should be an inspirational evening. Do come if you can.

Emmanuel Church is located at 1 Shepherds Lane, Stoughton, Guildford GU2 9SJ and there is unrestricted parking on the roads surrounding the church.

Men-in-Fellowship upcoming Events

Your Men-in-Fellowship team has been busy planning events for Summer 2026 and here's a summary of what's coming soon.....



- **Friday 19th June** - Walk in the local area - details to follow
- **Saturday 18th July** - Watercress Line "Real Ale Train" - evening departure from Alton Station - always a popular event / more details to follow.
- **Saturday 25th July** (8.30am) - Breakfast Meeting with Philip Pratley on a talk entitled "Reflecting Ethics in leadership; inverted or subverted"

Please save the dates and we hope you can join us. More details will follow, meanwhile contact Robert robertavis@raavis.plus.com or Richard Richard.burtonwood@saintjohns.org.uk if you need more information.

St John's Church Fete Saturday 4th July 12.30-3pm

Volunteers - The Church Fete team are looking for volunteers to run some of the stalls at the Fete this year.

Children's area - This year we will have 10 stalls in the children's area. We are looking for volunteers for all the stalls. If you can help, please contact Georgie at youthworker@saintjohns.org.uk



Donations

We are now ready to receive your donations for this years Church Fete

- **Jolly Jars Stall Request** - In the children's corner we have a new stall this year; Jolly Jars. We would love for people to make Jolly Jars to donate to this stall. These can be filled with anything children would like and that can fit. These can contain sweets, chocolate, stickers, stationery or anything else similar. You can also decorate these to make them extra special! If you'd prefer, you can just donate some glass jars or items that can fill them as we will have a morning nearer the time to fill these.

All jars to be dropped into the office Mon to Fri 9-1pm. Many Thanks, Hannah

- **Bottle Tombola** - The ever-popular bottle tombola needs alcoholic & non-alcoholic drinks in bottles, cans, multipacks, cartons, sachets, etc.
- **Chocolate Tombola** - Chocolate is needed - we're having a Chocolate Tombola, and we'd be very grateful for your delicious donations. Big bars, boxes of chocolates, multipacks of smaller treats - they're all welcome.

Thank you for helping to make the fete extra sweet!

Please pop your Bottle and Chocolate donations into the box in the Centre foyer/office anytime on weekday mornings.

- **Book Stall & Jigsaws**

Now is a great opportunity to clear your bookshelves of books you enjoyed but won't read again.

Please drop your good quality books into the box at the back of church on Sundays or the office Mon to Fri 9-1pm. Any queries contact Peter Topp peter.topp2@btinternet.com

On the Day

Please deliver before 11am on the morning of the 4th of July

- **Refreshments Stall** - your tray bakes, individual cakes, cookies & small savoury foods (sausage rolls/individual quiches, etc.) to go with your tea & coffee - to Carol Burtonwood
- **Cakes and Home Produce** - sale products to Mickey Clare
- **Plants and all things horticultural** - to Cathy Thompson

Thank you very much from the Fete Team.

Women in Fellowship upcoming Events

Your Women-in-Fellowship team are busy planning events for 2026 and here is a summary of what you can look forward to....

- **Saturday 11th July - 8.30 am** - Breakfast with talk by Rev. Margaret Dean - Life in a rural parish
- **Saturday 10th October - 8.30 am** - Breakfast and talk - TBA

If you wish to know more about the Women-In-Fellowship or the events, please contact Carole Burtonwood carole.burtonwood@saintjohns.org.uk or Lindsay Dobson treasurer@saintjohns.org.uk



Mission Rescue Holiday Club Prep Sessions - 23rd/29th July

This year we will be holding two sessions to prep for our holiday club if you are free to come 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 - pop the dates in your diary!

Thursday 23rd July 9:30-13:00 Wednesday 29th July 12:30-16:00



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?

We have the St John's Pre-School here at the St John's Centre.

Contact Amanda Bazley on 01483 454625 for more details



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).



Food Bank

The food bank would greatly appreciate donations of

- Tinned Fish
- Tinned Ham
- Treats (Crisps, Chocolate,)
- Instant Coffee (Not Decaf)
- Cooking Oil
- Shower Gel



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.

- *Mother and Baby Toiletries*

If you have prams or larger items to donate, please get in contact before dropping off these items.

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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