

NEWSLETTER

Trinity 17

Saturday 26th September

8.30am Men-in-Fellowship Breakfast with Dan Frith
Women-in-Fellowship Theatre Trip

Sunday 27th September

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

Monday 28th September

9.15am Glow Toddlers - Centre

Tuesday 29th September

4pm Green Team - Centre

Wednesday 30th September

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

Friday 2nd October

3pm Choir Practice

Saturday 3rd October

9.30am Churchyard Tidy-up

Sunday 4th October - Harvest

8am BCP Holy Communion - Church
10am All Age Worship - Church (Livestreamed)
Harvest Lunch

(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)

October

Sat 10 th Oct	Women-in-Fellowship breakfast 8.30am
Sun 11 th Oct	Sparks 5-11s group – during 10am service in church
Tues 13 th Oct	Green Team 4pm
Thur 15 th Oct	Men-in-Fellowship – Mulligans Evening 6.30pm
Sun 18 th Oct	Inter-Church 4pm in church
Sun 25 th Oct	Sparks 5-11s group – during 10am service in church
Sun 25 th Oct	All Souls Service 4pm in church

November

Tues 3 rd Nov	Green Team 4pm
Thur 5 th Nov	Women-in-Fellowship – Visit to the Spike 2pm
Sat 7 th Nov	Churchyard Tidy-up 9.30am
Sat 7 th Nov	Men-in-Fellowship – Pub & Curry Night
Sun 8 th Nov	Remembrance Sunday
Fri 13 th Nov	St John's Quiz Night 6pm
Sun 15 th Nov	Inter-Church 4pm in church
Tues 17 th Nov	Green Team 4pm
Sun 22 nd Nov	Sparks 5-11s group – during 10am service in church
Sun 29 th Nov	Sparks 5-11s group – during 10am service in church

Hymns

683 Jerusalem the golden
236 Breathe on me
421 All for Jesus
612 Christ Triumphant

Collect

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reading**Philippians 2.1-13**

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Gospel**Mark 14:22-25**

And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

Readings next week:

2 Corinthians 9.6-end

Luke 12.16-30

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Sick or in need - Amelia Butler, Sophie, Ben

Departed - Natalie Peacock (ex-Head Teacher of Merrow Infant School),
Shirley Harrington

NEWS

The church remains closed until further notice other than for scheduled services. If you would like to go into church, please come to the Parish Office and we can open the church for you.

Harvest Lunch - Sunday 4th October after the 10am service and coffee

Please come and join us for this year's Harvest Lunch, but don't forget to sign up on the forms at the back of church.

If you would like to make a Shepherds Pie/Cottage Pie or Fruit Crumble for the lunch then please can you also fill in a form at the back of church. We can provide foil containers (collect from the back of church after the 8am or 10am service on Sunday 20th and 27th September or the Parish Office). Please bring your Shepherds/ Cottage Pies and Fruit Crumbles to the centre kitchen in the morning before the 10am service.

Any questions please speak/call to Carol Potter 07712 586167.

Sewing Group - Next date Monday 5th October

The sewing group are firing up their machines again for this term! We have four dates and a handful of projects to tackle some for the church and some for the lantern festival!

Anyone is welcome to pop along - coffee and chat provided and we meet upstairs in the church centre.



Monday 5th October 14:00-16:00

Thursday 22nd October 10:00-12:00

Monday 2nd October 14:00-16:00

Tuesday 24th November 10:00-12:00

St John's Recipe Book

We are looking to create a recipe book from the amazing community here at St John's, to sell at various church events during the year. So we need your help! Do you make a fantastic flapjack, a superb soup, a perfect Paella, or marvellous Moussaka? We would love to have your recipes!

Please go to <https://forms.churchdesk.com/f/E0W5wyV31u> or use the QR code to access the form to send us your recipe! We would ideally love all recipes in by 13th October, and we can't wait to try them all out!



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 10th October - 8.30 am

Breakfast & talk from the Shooting Star Children's Hospices

Thursday November 5th 2pm - 4pm

Visit to the Spike (St Luke's workhouse) with refreshments

Saturday 5th December – Christmas themed craft afternoon

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

Men-in-Fellowship Autumn/Winter Calendar of Events

Your Men-in-Fellowship team have been busy planning events for later in 2026 and here is a summary of what's coming.....



Thursday 15th October (18.30)

Evening games entertainment at Mulligan's (crazy golf and electro shuffle) followed by pizza at a local restaurant

Saturday 7th November (evening)

Pub Social Night with a curry aimed at new and established members

Thursday 10th December (morning & lunchtime)

A local walk followed by Christmas Pub Lunch together

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

All Saints' Day - Bring a Piece of Your World - Sunday 1st November

As part of our year of celebrating diversity, we'll be celebrating the wonderful diversity of God's worldwide Church this All Saints' Day. We're asking you to bring a small object that connects you with a place somewhere in the world – perhaps somewhere you were born, have lived, have family or simply somewhere special to you.

If you can, have a think about a Christian or saint connected with that place – you might know someone already, or perhaps do a little research! Don't worry if you can't find anyone, though; simply bringing something that represents your connection with the place is absolutely fine.

One church. Many places. Many people. One God

St John's Quiz Night- Friday 13th November St John's Centre

We are holding a fund raising Quiz Night on Friday 13th November! Doors open at 19:00, quiz to start at 19:30 and you can have teams of up to 8 people. Tickets are £10 per person. It is bring your own drinks and nibbles and you can sign up by going to our website. www.saintjohns.org.uk. Invite your friends and neighbours!



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.

Old Reading Glasses - Do you have any old reading glasses lying around your house? I am collecting old glasses to take over to the funeral directors, James & Thomas as they have a collection box. Please either bring to the office or leave them on the table next to the Food Bank basket if the office is closed.

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.

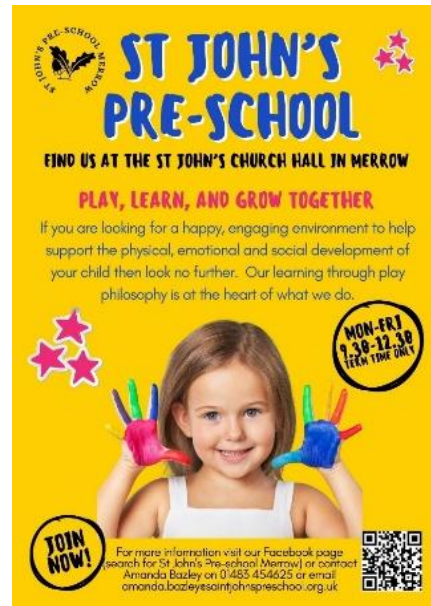
Regular Giving at St John's

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).



St John's Pre-School

Are you looking for a nursery place for your little ones for this September? We have the St John's Pre-School here at the St John's Centre. Contact Amanda Bazley on 01483 454625 for more details



Wednesday Morning Coffee Club

The first pub lunch went very well and the next lunch is at Edwins (Clandon Garden centre) on Thursday the 8th October at 1pm, please let me know if you are interested in coming as we have to give them some idea of numbers.

We are also taking bookings to go and see Beauty & the Beast on 12th December at 3pm, at the Godalming Borough halls an amateur production but it has always been very enjoyable. Oh no it's not etc!

Tickets are £23.00 You will have to arrange your own transport, again please can you let me know if you want to buy tickets.

Hope to see soon. Gerald

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

Guildford Food Bank at Harvest Festival

Guildford Food Bank are asking for our support this year to ensure they have the stock and funds to see them through to the end of the year. Support from churches over the past years has been really valuable in ensuring they are able to serve families in need as we move into winter. They are asking for donations of either food, toiletries and household cleaning items or money.

The simplest way to give financially is via [JustGiving](#). Financial donations help to balance stock levels and pay for home energy advice and support for food bank clients.

For food donations, the golden rules are: long-life, not fresh and in date please.

Guildford Food Bank's clients are very aware that they are being supported by the local community and they, and all who work at the food bank are so grateful for any support that you can give all through the year as well as at this time.

- Pasta sauce
- Tea
- Tinned tomatoes
- Instant noodles
- Washing Up Liquid
- Deodorant



Our donation box is in the church centre by the parish office and is there all year, accessible every morning.

Many thanks from the Food Bank Team.

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 are currently well stocked but do need following items and donations would be greatly appreciated.

- *Mother and Baby Toiletries*
- *Baby Wipes*
- *Breast Pads*
- *Baby Sleep Bags*

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

Could you help Baby Basics?

Baby Basics are looking for members of the congregation to join their team.

They need people who:

- Would be willing to come along once a month, usually on a Tuesday morning, to help empty and sort the donation point and pack new orders.
- People who could help on an ad hoc basis with meeting midwives to collect baskets outside of the usual Tuesday morning sessions.
- Volunteers to wash the baby clothes that people donate.

If you think you could help with any of these roles, please get in touch with the team at babybasics@saintjohns.org.uk.

If you would like to know more about Baby Basics, please 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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