



# NEWSLETTER

## **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Saint Peter's Day**

- 8am Holy Communion – Church
- 10am Parish Communion - Church (Livestreamed)
- 10am Sparks 5-11s group – Church
- 2pm Church Fete Gardening Party – Rectory Garden

## **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

- 9.15am Glow Toddlers – Centre

## **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July**

- 4pm – Green Team - Centre

## **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

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

## **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

- 3pm Choir Practice - Centre

## **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

- 9.30am Churchyard Tidy Up
- 12.30-3pm Church Fete – Rectory Garden

## **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

- 8am Holy Communion – Church
- 10am All Age Worship - 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 (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)

#### **July**

Thur 10 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Time to talk! 2pm
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Sparks 5-11s group - during 10am service in church
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Green Team 4pm
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Men-in-Fellowship - Breakfast Meeting
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Inter-Church 4pm in Church
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Parish BBQ in Rectory Garden
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Sparks 5-11s group - during 10am service in church

#### **August**

Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	Churchyard Tidy Up 9.30am
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Sparks 5-11s group - during 10am service in church
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Men-in-Fellowship - Real Ale Train
Thur 14 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Time to talk! 2pm
18 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	Starship Discovery Holiday Club - (Monday - Friday)
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Sparks 5-11s group - during 10am service in church

## Hymns

296 For all the saints  
623 Eternal Father, strong to save  
324 Jesus calls us o'er the tumult (tune 1)  
631 Fight the good fight (tune 1)

## Collect

Almighty God,  
who inspired your apostle Saint Peter  
to confess Jesus as Christ and Son of the living God:  
build up your Church upon this rock,  
that in unity and peace it may proclaim one truth  
and follow one Lord, your Son our Saviour Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Reading

1 Peter 2.19-end

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

## Gospel

Matthew 16.13-19

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

**Readings next week:**

Galatians 6. [1-6] 7-16

Luke 10.1-11, 16-20

**Post Communion**

Lord God, the source of truth and love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,  
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**Sick or in need** - Dick Pyper, Edward

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

# NEWS

## Visiting Preachers

26<sup>th</sup> October - Bishop of Guildford

**A message from Hannah Harvey**, being Ordained Deacon in Chester Cathedral today Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June:

To all my friends at St John's: Thank you so much for your lovely card with all its messages and also for the gorgeous print (from Lindisfarne) which is already hanging in my study. Thank you too for your prayers. I really appreciate it. All my love and thanks, Hannah

## Church Fete - Next Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:richard.burtonwood@saintjohns.org.uk)

Peter Tappin - [peter.tappin@saintjohns.org.uk](mailto:peter.tappin@saintjohns.org.uk)

## Church Fete Donations

In preparation for the Church Fete we are ready to receive your donations of:

- ❖ **Paperback books** - may be left in the Church (in the box provided)
- ❖ **Bottles** (alcoholic & non-alcoholic) deliver to the Parish Office please
- ❖ **Refreshments** - Carol Potter has asked for tray bakes, individual cakes, cookies & small savoury foods (sausage rolls/individual quiches, etc.) to be delivered on the morning of the event.
- ❖ **Cakes and Home Produce** are requested on the day
- ❖ **Plants and all horticultural things.** Please contact Cathy Thompson if you have any plants you can bring ([cathy.thompson@saintjohns.org.uk](mailto:cathy.thompson@saintjohns.org.uk))

Many thanks, Richard Burtonwood and the Events Team

Church Fete - Next Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July 12.30 to 3pm

St. John the Evangelist  
Merrow

**FREE ENTRY**

ST JOHN'S, MERROW

# CHURCH FETE

**12.30PM - 3PM**

**SATURDAY 5TH JULY**

**BBQ & ICE CREAM  
REFRESHMENTS  
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES  
ANIMAL EXPERIENCE  
MUSIC AND DANCE**

**RECTORY GARDEN  
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**CASH & CONTACTLESS ACCEPTED**

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If you need transport to the Church Fete please contact Rosanne on 01483 579462, no later than 29th June.

### **Time to Talk - Do you need a listening ear? - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 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 10<sup>th</sup> July 2pm-3pm

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2pm-3pm

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2pm-3pm

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2pm-3pm

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2pm-3pm

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2pm-3pm

### **Choir during Communion - Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July 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.

13<sup>th</sup> July: 664 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

### **AN INVITATION TO CELEBRATE WITH US - Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

Dear friends, this is our 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary year, the actual date being 3<sup>rd</sup> July. We would love it if you could all join us in a celebration in the Church Centre, after the 10 o'clock service on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Canapes and champagne will be served with coffee and soft drinks available. We have been privileged to spend half our married life worshipping with you at St. John's and feel it is really appropriate to share the event with you, our church family.

We look forward to seeing you on the 13<sup>th</sup> July.

With our best wishes, Robert and Gwenneth

## St John's Parish BBQ - Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July

This year we are holding a Parish BBQ! Members of St John's are invited to join us for this social event held at the Rectory Garden on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July. An opportunity to mingle and enjoy each others company in the beautiful surroundings with music and tasty food. This a free event, but you do need to sign up- either through our website, through the church office or on the sign-up sheet at the back of church. Here are the other things you need to know:

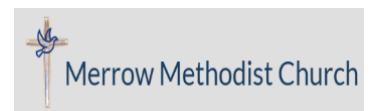
- Doors will open from 11:30 after the 10am service and coffee. Food will be served from 12:15.
- There will be a selection of BBQ food with salads and dessert on offer, free of charge (GF, DF and Vegetarian option available)
- This is a bring your own drinks event - but glasses, crockery, cutlery etc will be provided.
- If you have one to bring, picnic blankets are welcome but there will also be seating available outside under gazebos.
- There will be live music by a fantastic Jazz Band!
- This is a free event but donations welcome!

We hope to see you there!

## Men-in-Fellowship - Events

### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 [richard.burtonwood@saintjohns.org.uk](mailto:richard.burtonwood@saintjohns.org.uk)





## **Jaqueline Drake-Smith**

Many of you will remember our former Curate Jaqueline. We have been informed that she is moving on from St Peter's in Wrecclesham. They are holding a get together/party on the 10<sup>th</sup> August after the 10am service. If you would like to join them and want to wish her well, then please contact Gerald Blues (Church Warden) on 07831 352331, [geraldblues@hotmail.com](mailto:geraldblues@hotmail.com)

## **Ride and Stride - Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

Save the date for the Ride and Stride for Churches event Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September. More details to follow.

**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](mailto:Jane.farquharson@saintjohns.org.uk) if you can help.

## **CAN YOU HELP?**

A lady in Merrow Lane is looking for someone to weed her patio. She is willing to pay for the work. Please contact Rosanne on 01483 579462 if you think you might be able to help.

## **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 Tomatoes
- Tinned Soup
- Tinned Fish
- Baked Beans
- Tea Bags
- Treats (chocolates, crisps 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**

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.

- 🛒 Moses baskets and stands
- 🛒 Newborn prams
- 🛒 baby towels
- 🛒 muslins
- 🛒 nappies 0,1,2
- 🛒 baby wipes
- 🛒 baby toiletries (shampoo, body wash, lotion)
- 🛒 mum toiletries, breast pads and maternity pads.

**If you have prams to donate, please get in contact before dropping off.**

We are currently looking for some support with fundraising for Baby Basics Guildford! If you have some time to support in this way please get in contact so we can arrange a time to chat. Whether that be organising a fundraiser for us, help with sponsorship or looking at grants for us anything that could help keep the pennies in the bank would be appreciated.

We can only keep doing what we do with support from others.

For more information email [babybasics@saintjohns.org.uk](mailto:babybasics@saintjohns.org.uk), or if you would like to contribute financially to the work we do please visit [www.saintjohns.org.uk/babybasics](http://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](mailto: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.

# CONTACTS

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Please note the following Parish Office opening times:

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