



NEWSLETTER

Saturday 11th January

8.30am Women in Fellowship Meeting - Centre

Sunday 12th January

8am Holy Communion - Church

10am Parish Communion - Church (Livestreamed)

10am Sparks 5-11s - Church

6pm Sing a song - Church

Monday 13th January

9.15am Glow Toddlers - Centre

Tuesday 14th January

4.30pm Green Team - Centre

Wednesday 15th January

10.15am Wednesday Coffee Club - Centre

10.30am Holy Communion Service - Centre

5pm Youth Café - Centre

Friday 17th January

3pm Choir Practice - Centre

Saturday 18th January

8.30am Men in Fellowship Meeting - Centre

Sunday 19th January

8am Holy Communion - Church

9.15am Choir during Communion - Church

10am Parish Communion - 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 - Centre
Wednesdays	10.15am Wednesday Coffee Club - Centre 10.30am Holy Communion Service - Centre 5pm Youth Café - Centre
Fridays	3pm Choir Practice - Centre

Other Calendar Events

(in the Centre unless mentioned otherwise)

January

Mon 20 th Jan	Barbara Lawrence Funeral - 12.30pm
Sun 26 th Jan	Sparks 5-11s group - during 10am service in church
Tues 28 th Jan	Green Team 4.30pm

February

Sat 8 th Feb	Barn Dance 7pm
Sun 9 th Feb	Sparks 5-11s group - during 10am service in church
Sun 9 th Feb	Sing a new song 6pm in church
Tues 11 th Feb	Green Team 4.30pm
Sun 16 th Feb	Choir during Communion 9.15am in church
Sun 23 rd Feb	Sparks 5-11s group - during 10am service in church
Tues 25 th Feb	Green Team 4.30pm

Hymns

- 46 On Jordan's bank the baptist's cry
104 Songs of thankfulness and praise (omit *)
99 Hail to the Lord's Anointed
721 Love divine all loves excelling (tune 2)

Collect

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
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

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Reading

Acts 8.14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Gospel

Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Readings next week:

1 Corinthians 12.1-11

John 2.1-11

Post Communion

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Sick or in need

Dick Pyper, Baby Edward, Baby Jesse

The Departed

Barbara Lawrence

ST JOHN'S NEWS

Men in Fellowship – Saturday 18th January at 8.30am

For the next Men-in-Fellowship Breakfast we will be joined by Justin Walford from News UK. Justin is a Barrister and the current Editorial Legal Director at News Group Newspapers, the publishers of the Sun, Sun on Sunday, Sun online and associated magazines. He will speak about how he has sought to be a Christian at work and live out his faith in the workplace, as well as the News Christian Fellowship. As ever, our gathering promises to be enlightening and thought-provoking – and of course includes a hearty and nutritious breakfast!

Where: St. John's Centre, **When:** 8.30am on Saturday 18th January

How much? We suggest a £5 donation to cover cost of food and drinks

To save a seat: please contact Robert Avis (robertavis@raavis.plus.com) or Richard Burtonwood (richard.burtonwood@saintjohns.org.uk)

Choir during Communion – Sunday 19th January 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 9.15am on Sunday for a run-through before the 10am service if you can. Contact Micky or Tim for more information.

19th January: 448 I come with joy a child of God

16th February: 598 Before the throne

Barbara Lawrence's Funeral which will be held on the 20th January at 12:30, will be within a celebration of Holy Communion as Barbara requested.

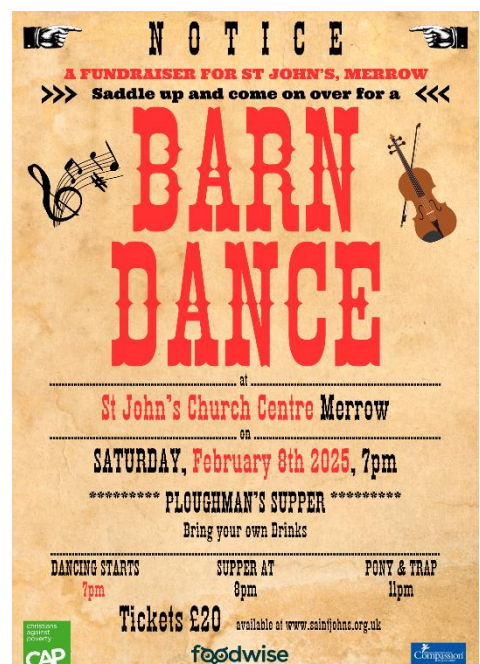
Barn Dance – Saturday 8th February at 7pm

Due to the success of last year's Barn Dance, we have organised another one for Saturday February 8th at 7pm.

Tickets are now available! Please buy as soon as possible to avoid disappointment!

- 7pm Arrive
- 8pm Ploughman's Supper
- Bring your own drinks (no bar)
- Tickets are £20 and can be bought from our website or in the church office

saintjohns.org.uk/whats/barn-dance---feb-2025



St John's Electoral Roll - preparation of a new Roll in 2025

Every church in the Church of England is obliged to have an Electoral Roll which is a register of people who are able to elect other people in the church. This is reviewed every year and the updated Roll published before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) which will be in May 2025.

Every six years a completely new roll is prepared where every person who wishes to have his or her name entered on the new Roll, **whether it is entered on the present Roll or not**, is requested to apply for enrolment.

I will be contacting current members with a form to fill in and information on how and when to return it.

If you are not currently on the Electoral Roll and would like to join you can do so at anytime by filling in your details on the form that is on the website <https://www.saintjohns.org.uk/community-growing-faith/electoral-roll> or e-mail me, Carole Burtonwood, at carole.burtonwood@saintjohns.org.uk and I will gladly send you a form and answer any questions you may have.

Parish Magazine Subscriptions for 2025

A few changes have been made to the way you pay for the Parish Magazine. Please read the details in the January issue before making your payment.

Many thanks, Rosanne

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.

Warm Space

A 'Warm Space' is available on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings between 10am and 2pm.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Children's Society House Boxes

Could those who have a house box for The Children's Society please either bring it to the Church Centre and hand to the office staff for me to collect or contact me to arrange collection from your home. Please do not leave the boxes in church or unattended in the Church Centre. My telephone number is 01483 571847. Many thanks in advance, Judith Sampson

Damien Koh - Saturday 25th January 2025 - Holy Trinity Church 3.30pm - Guildford Symphony Orchestra



Young Artists' Concert

Damien will be playing with the Guildford Symphony Orchestra! He entered a competition in 2024 to find 5 young soloists. You may know him as the young organist who has played at services for us and practises on the church organ. He also gave an amazing violin concert here in July 2024.

Food Bank

The food bank would greatly appreciate donations of

- Cooking Oil, Tea Bags(not decaf), Cereal & porridge, Toilet Rolls, Tinned Vegetables, Fruit Squash

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 and Saturdays (term time only) 12pm - 3pm

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. Prams or pushchairs that are suitable from birth can be accepted, but by prior appointment only.

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.

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Please note the following Parish Office opening times:

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