



NEWSLETTER

Sunday 31st August

8am Holy Communion - Church
10am Parish Communion - Church (Livestreamed)
Martin Vodden - Foodwise talk
12noon Baptism of Bruce and Poppy Kissin

Monday 1st September

9.15am Glow Toddlers - Centre

Wednesday 3rd September

10.15am Wednesday Coffee Club - Centre
10.30am Holy Communion Service - Centre

Friday 5th September

No Choir Practice - Centre

Saturday 6th September

9.30am Churchyard Tidy Up - Centre

Sunday 7th September

8am Holy Communion - Church
10am All Age Service - Church (Livestreamed)
Blessing of the Backpacks

(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
Wednesdays	10.15am Wednesday Coffee Club 10.30am Holy Communion Service 5pm Youth Café (term time only) returning on 10th Sept
Fridays	3pm Choir Practice returning on 12th Sept

Other Calendar Events

(in the Centre unless mentioned otherwise)

September

Tue 9 th Sept	Green Team returns after the summer break at 4pm
Wed 10 th Sept	Youth Café returns after the summer break at 5pm
Sat 13 th Sept	Ride and Stride
Sat 13 th Sept	Women-in-Fellowship Breakfast - Guest speaker Rosie Nixon
Sun 14 th Sept	Sparks 5-11s group - during 10am service in church
Sun 14 th Sept	Pet Service at 3pm
Thur 18 th Sept	Time to talk! 2pm
Sat 20 th Sept	Men-in-Fellowship - Chithurst Buddhist Monastery Visit
Sun 21 st Sept	Inter-Church 4pm in church
Tue 23 rd Sept	Green Team 4pm
Sun 28 th Sept	Sparks 5-11s group - during 10am service in church

October

Sat 4 th Oct	Churchyard Tidy Up 9.30am
Sat 18 th Oct	An Autumn Musical Delight - A Capella Group - Sound Mix

November

Fri 7 th Nov	Church Quiz Night
Sat 15 th Nov	Men-in-Fellowship Breakfast

Hymns

- 641 Glorious things of thee are spoken (tune 1)
663 How shall I sing that Majesty (omit *)
422 Alleluia, sing to Jesus
453 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour

Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Reading

Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.'

So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?'

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name.

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Gospel

Luke 14.1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

Readings next week:

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14.25-33

Post Communion

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Sick or in need - Dick Pyper, Edward, Ben, Jean Lockwood, Michael Stoughton, Christine Mabbot

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

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Parish Office next week (w/c 1st September)

The Parish Office will be open Monday 1st to Friday 5th September 9am to 12noon. If you do need to contact us, please send us an email at office@saintjohns.org.uk or leave a message on 01483 454621 and we will get back to you.

Choir Practice – No Choir practice until 12th September.

Ride and Stride – Saturday 13th September

Get sponsored for visiting churches in Guildford. Start at St John's and walk, run, cycle etc to as many churches as you wish, being sponsored for each church that you visit. Money raised will be halved between St John's and the Churches Trust, who in return give grants to churches for restoration.

Details and sponsor forms will be available in church and from Jane Farquharson. jane.farquharson@saintjohns.org.uk

Ride and Stride Volunteers – Jane is looking for volunteers for an hour to welcome Ride and Stride participants at St John's Church on the 13th September. There is a sign up sheet at the back of church.

Women in Fellowship Breakfast – 13th September

We will be holding our regular breakfast meeting on Sat 13th Sept at 8.30am in the Seminar Room in the Centre. Our guest speaker is Rosie Nixon. She is the ex-editor of 'Hello' Magazine, as well as a published author. She will be talking about her career and will be happy to talk about anything we want (including her new book!). Rosie's website is rosienixon.co.uk.

As always, make sure you are registered to receive our emails - we will soon be going full online on the website!!

Time to Talk - Do you need a listening ear? – Thursday 18th September, 2pm

We are 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 18th September 2pm-3pm

Thursday 16th October 2pm-3pm

Thursday 20th November 2pm-3pm

Thursday 18th December 2pm-3pm

Men-in-Fellowship visit to Chithurst Buddhist Monastery 20th September

As a follow on to our most enjoyable breakfast meeting last year, our next MiF excursion will take us into West Sussex to visit Chithurst Buddhist Monastery. The monastery is located just under an hour away in beautiful surroundings, between Midhurst and Petersfield.

You may remember Ajahn Ahimsako's visit to us in June 2024, which was most interesting, enjoyable, and thought-provoking, so this promises to be an excellent experience.

We can expect and enjoy a guided tour around the buildings and grounds, with an opportunity to discuss any topics of interest, and we will then have lunch with a chanted blessing by the monastics in gratitude in the meditation hall. Please contact Richard Burtonwood or Robert Avis for details.

Bring & Buy Sale – Sunday 28th September after the 10am service

Bring your unwanted items to our Bring & Buy Sale during coffee after the 10am service on Sunday 28th September (at approximately 11am), and perhaps buy some items that others bring!

We will also be serving delicious cakes with coffee/tea.

This is a fundraiser for our Young People's Ministry Fund. Please speak with Sandra in the Parish Office if you need further information.



Servers

The team of servers for the Parish Communion at 10am has reduced over recent years and shortly will become a "team" of one which is not sustainable. We therefore, are seeking people who would be willing to join the team and support the clergy at this service. Training will be given. If you would like to consider taking on this role, please talk to the Rector or to Helen Chambers.

Linen Rota

We are asking for people to join the rota for washing the altar linen. This usually means volunteering for one month of the year to wash and iron the linen used at both the 8am and 10am Sunday services.

If you would like to be part of this team, then please talk to Helen Chambers.

A warm/welcoming space at St John's Centre

If you need somewhere to take a moment or a work space for a short time, we have a warm/welcoming space at the St John's Centre in the foyer on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday between 10am and 2pm.

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.

Food Bank

The food bank would greatly appreciate donations of:

Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Fish, Cooking Oil, Tinned Custard, Longlife Puddings, Shampoo/Conditioner

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 again from 1st September, 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.

- *Nappies size 1*
- *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.

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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