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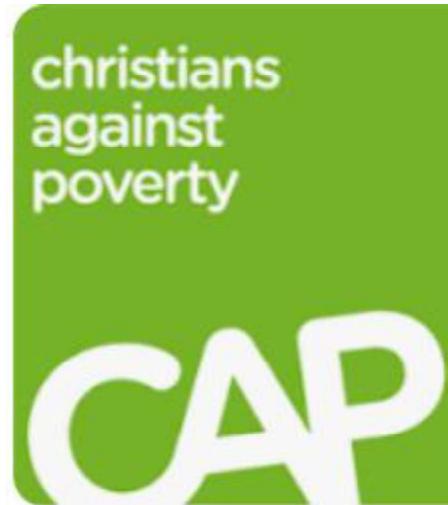
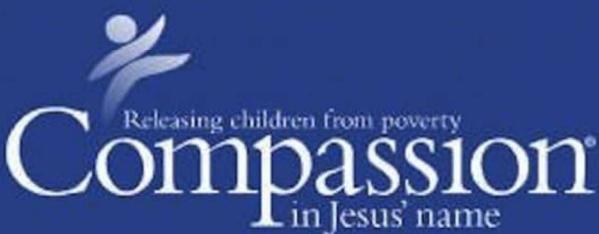
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Sunday services are listed on Page 2.

Services during the week:

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Evening Prayer on Fridays at 5pm in Church.

All are welcome.

## February 2026 Services (Year A)

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

Presentation of Christ in the Temple, White

*2 Samuel 15.13-14 30 16.5-13, Mark 5.1-20*

8am BCP Holy Communion

10am All Age Worship

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent, Green

*Romans 8.18-25, Matthew 6.25-end*

8am BCP Holy Communion

10am CW Holy Communion

### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February**

Sunday next before Lent, Green

*2 Peter 1.16-end, Matthew 17.1-9*

8am BCP Holy Communion

10am CW Holy Communion

### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February (10.30am)**

Ash Wednesday, Purple

*2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10, Matthew 6.1-6,16-21*

3pm Family Service

7pm Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent, Purple

*Romans 5.12-19, Matthew 4.1-11*

8am BCP Holy Communion

10am CW Holy Communion

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent, Purple

*Romans 4.1-5, 13-17, John 3.1-17*

8am BCP Holy Communion

10am All Age Worship

Wednesday Holy Communion will be weekly at 10.30am in the Merrow Hall

## **FROM ST JOHN'S RECTORY**

Have you ever wanted to ask some big questions about faith? This year our Lent Course 2026 will enable you to do so!

Normally churches use national resources for a Lent course but this year we at St. John's have devised our own course which enables us to ask the big questions about our faith. The course is entitled **Big Questions 2026**.

### **How will it work?**

We will leave forms and a post box on the font in church. If you have a big question to ask please fill in a form and post it into the post box. The forms will be available to post from Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January. We will take note of all the questions and include as many as we can for the discussion and the forms will be anonymous.

At a Big Question evening the form will include some time for prayer, discussion and refreshment and will end with prayer too. The discussions will be led by me and one of the members of our ministry team.

### **What will the question topics and dates be?**

25<sup>th</sup> February – The Bible

4<sup>th</sup> March – Current Affairs

11<sup>th</sup> March – Living out faith

18<sup>th</sup> March – Decision making

25<sup>th</sup> March – what would you ask Jesus?

### **Where will it take place?**

In the church centre, in either the Seminar Room (25<sup>th</sup> Feb, 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> March) or the Merrow Hall (18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> March) from 7pm until 9pm.

### **Do I need to sign up?**

No. Anyone is welcome to attend!

If you would like more information please do be in touch with me.

With good wishes to you all,

Tim

## Postscript to Christmas.

The Magi have reached Bethlehem, the last carol sung and the Christmas cards taken down but, before they were cut up for next year's gift tags, how did they represent the wonderful story of Christmas?

I divided them into five scenarios; overt Christian themes, traditional symbols, birds, animals and odds and sods. Many cards showed more than one of these, so I chose the dominant image; if the manger was surrounded by sheep it went in the Christian category.

I excluded from the count the growing number of email greetings, chatty messages full of the senders' news but with no Christmas picture.

The result (by percentage so you are not jealous of the huge number we received!) is:

41%	Traditional symbols	Trees, birds, wreaths, Santas
22%	Overtly Christian	Manger, angels, shepherds, magi
17%	Birds	Robins, penguins, puffins, partridges and pheasants
10%	Animals	Reindeer, hares, etc
10%	Odds and sods	Too varied

And the top three individual subjects?

First with 18%	Christmas Trees – well decorated
Second with 15%	The Stable – Mary and Child (sheep)
Equal third with 9% each	The Robin – proud red breast and Floral Wreaths

There were some surprises. Snowmen did not appear. The effect of global warming perhaps? And the Magi were out of favour with a two thirds reduction on last year.

Our stand-out unique card came from the Hebridean Tractor Art society featuring a tinsel draped tractor.

Whatever, it was a pleasure to receive Christmas greetings from friends old and new and that the card sending custom has not yet been totally lost to social media.

Robert



## **VIEW FROM THE PEWS**

As we set up for the service on a Sunday morning, I often notice the small things: the smiles as people come in, the cheery waves across the church, the way people shuffle along to make space. None of it seems very dramatic, but it all says something about who we are and how welcome we want people to feel.

Growing up, a warm welcome was never something that was talked about much in our house - it was simply lived out. My parents demonstrated it time and time again, whether it was guests invited for dinner, people popping in for a quick chat, or the random people their daughters brought home with no notice whatsoever. I can think of more than a few occasions when I probably tested my family's patience, but whoever arrived was always met with open arms. My parents would go above and beyond without any fuss: finding an extra tin of beans to make the meal stretch, stopping what they were doing to clear the kitchen pew so there was somewhere to sit, or frantically searching the house on Christmas Day to find and wrap a present for someone I'd brought home from church because I'd discovered they were going to be on their own (sorry Mum - and no, this wasn't a one-off!). All of it was done for one simple reason: they wanted people to feel welcome, to feel part of something - not like an outsider or an inconvenience, but like a valued and treasured member of the family.

So, as I look around on a Sunday morning now, I'm overjoyed to see that our church family is no different. There are smiles at the door and cheery "good mornings"; someone steps out of their pew to offer a hug; another notices a newcomer and takes the time to introduce themselves. Someone helps an older person to their seat, another moves chairs to make space for a buggy, another walks a new family to the children's chapel and shows them where the toys are. Hugs are exchanged as a university student returns home for the holidays. I could go on and on - because it isn't just one person doing this. It's the whole church, together, choosing to make people feel welcome and that is something for which I am so thankful!

The truth is, the welcome we offer - in church and in our everyday lives - is a reflection of the welcome we ourselves have received. Long before we thought about opening the door to someone else, God opened the door to us and invited us in. We are welcomed not because we have it all together, or because we fit in neatly, but simply because we are loved. When we choose to notice, to make space, to offer kindness without fuss, we are echoing that first, generous welcome. In doing so, we become a living sign of the God who says to each of us, again and again: you belong, there is room for you, and you are loved just as you are.





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Dear Friends,



January has certainly blown in with a vengeance hasn't it? I think we have had more wet play times so far this term than we had across the whole Autumn term. We are very fortunate to have some fantastic equipment for the children to use at playtimes however with the icy days and wet days they have barely had the opportunities! This does not mean the children have been 'idle'; we had a wonderful break time playing in the snow – many children were intrigued by the complexity of the individual snowflakes that fell on them. YR children went out to explore the ice and found a big chunk of ice with wasps frozen inside it which led to lots of language and learning about how that may have happened. Y1 have attended a lively and fun cricket festival at Spectrum – learning skills that will hopefully mean we might one day be more successful at gaining back The Ashes!

As it has been the start of a new year we have had a few weeks concentrating on 'resetting'. We have worked across the school to remind children of our behaviour expectations as well as reminding us all – staff and parents included, of the importance of consistency in applying these expectations. We are proud of the partnership that we develop with our parents and recognise the need for us all to work together for the benefit of the children. To support this partnership, we are lucky to have been accepted for the PINS project (Partnership for inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools), a joint National Health Service (NHS) and Department for Education (DFE) programme that aims to support the education and health needs of neurodiverse children in schools through partnership approach working with local authorities and parent carer forums.

Collective Worship this term started with our Epiphany service last week with Georgie. As we move thorough the term we have begun a story-saga theme, based on the story of Daniel and how his actions stood out in the challenging times in which he lived. Although we recognise that some of these stories contain difficult themes, we take the positive messages from each story in how Daniel and his friends were such a contrast to the leaders they served, and indeed shone like stars (Daniel 12:3). In our world today, we want to inspire resilience in our pupils, to be confident in who they are and what they stand for, just like Daniel, and to be positive role models at Merrow Infant School, even when it might be difficult.

Warm regards,

*Emma Hooper*

## ST JOHN'S SUPPORTED CHARITIES:

- ❖ Christians Against Poverty
- ❖ Foodwise
- ❖ Compassion

In last year's spring editions of the parish magazine, we introduced you to the charities (above) that St John's currently supports. We have continued to support these over the past few years, and have just agreed as a PCC, to continue to support them, as they continue to do fantastic work to help people in poverty, locally, nationally and internationally.

We felt that it is timely to give you an update on the work these charities are doing, since we are about to **hold our annual Barn Dance (on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February)** to raise funds for them – information on the page 12.

If you would like more information about the charities, please come and chat with any of us on the Stewardship & Giving Team at St John's (aka Cathy Thompson, Robert Avis, Helene Steenfeldt-Kristensen, Joe Bullock). Thank you for reading this.



**CAP UK (Christians Against Poverty)** is a national charity that works with local churches to help those in financial difficulty, either due to debt or low income. CAP works with individuals to help them find ways to resolve their immediate difficulties and to then manage their financial situation better for the future.

CAP has a strong presence in the Guildford area, which is by no means free of poverty and deprivation.

Here is an extract from their recent newsletter, asking for prayers for some of the people they have currently been helping..

### **Please pray for the specific needs of some of our debt clients:**

- For a gentleman who needs a new route out of debt – that he will understand the advice given.

- For a vulnerable single mum – that she will continue to go to her local church and grow in her faith.
- For a young woman feeling very low - that she will receive the support she needs.
- For a client who will be alone again this Christmas – that she will know comfort and hope.
- For two clients who need legal advice to progress their cases – that we will be able to move forward.
- For those who are on repayment plans - that they will be able to keep paying in through the difficult Christmas season.
- For families struggling financially – that they will experience joy, wisdom, and a deep sense of being loved and cared for by CAP and the Guildford Churches.



**Foodwise** is a local organisation that works with local churches and community groups to help those most at risk from food insecurity. Through training and education in the preparation of healthy, low-cost meals, they help people to avoid more costly or less healthy options. Their courses teach all aspects of budgeting, shopping and food preparation, and all the necessary food and equipment is provided free.

Foodwise works in conjunction with foodbanks and supermarkets, providing store cupboard items to course participants, and recipe cards for low-cost nutritious meals.

Recent news here about ShopWise, a new venture that Foodwise started in October 2025:

ShopWise sells food that didn't make it to supermarket shelves. This might be because of things like wonky veg or damaged packaging. The

food is still good to eat and would otherwise be thrown away. It will be open weekly 12pm – 2pm at Guildford Family Centre, Hazel Avenue, Guildford GU1 1NR.

The shop is open to everyone. It's a great way to save money, cut food waste and help the planet.

For a small weekly membership fee (£3), you can:

- choose 10 food items
- get a free bag of fruit and vegetables

There's no need to keep paying if you don't want to. The shop is especially helpful for families on a low income who need extra support.



**Compassion UK** helps children around the world through individual sponsorship and supports wider initiatives such as clean water, health treatments and education resources. By working in partnerships with UK and overseas churches they allow Christians in the UK to help directly those in most need. We support them specifically in Haiti with prayer and cash donations, and a number of our church members sponsor Haitian children.

Recent correspondence from Compassion follows:

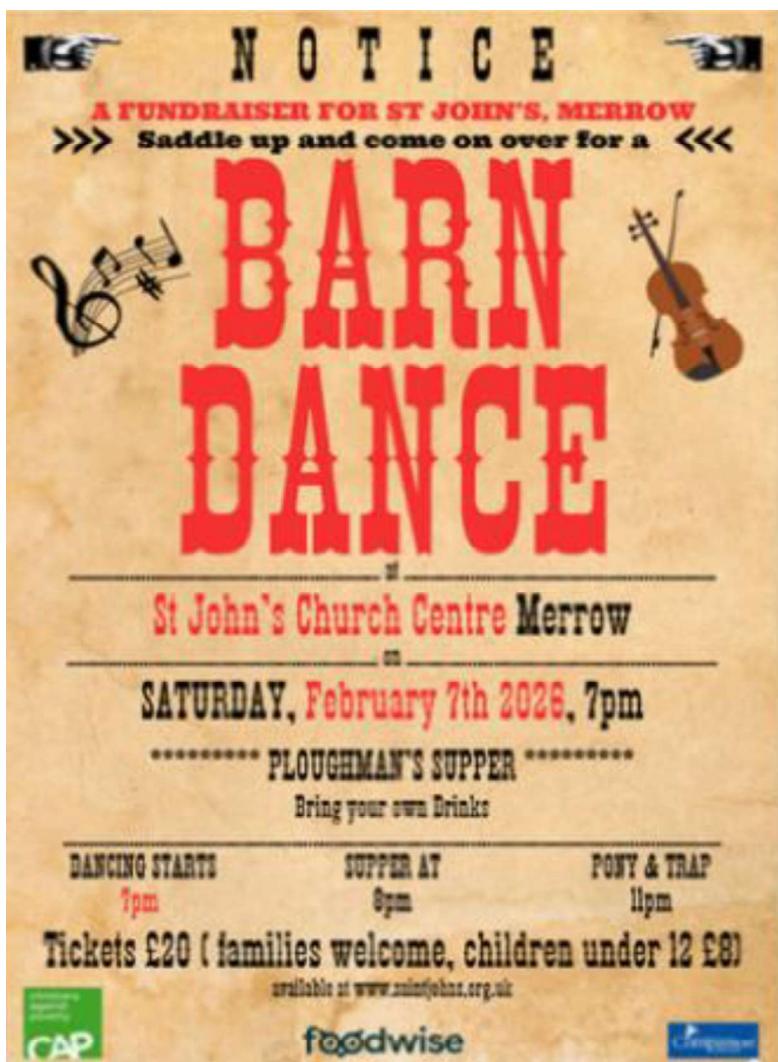
I wanted to take a moment to extend Compassion's heartfelt thanks to you and everyone at St John's Church, Merrow, for your incredibly generous donations over this year towards the Child Survival Intervention in Haiti. Your support is deeply appreciated and makes a meaningful difference in the lives of vulnerable children and families.

An attached presentation shows the impact that donations to Compassion are having in supporting mums and babies at the New Jerusalem Child Development Centre in Haiti, by providing: medical consultations for babies (including medications, vaccines, toys, and monthly care kits), skills training for parents (commercial cooking and

pastry making), group sessions for the mums and babies (providing the opportunities for them to get together and play), and prayer mornings (focusing on good mental health). Compassion talks about the renewed hope it brings to the community.

## ST JOHN'S BARN DANCE - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2026

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This is a fundraising event for our three supported charities: Christians Against Poverty, Foodwise, and Compassion.

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## About our Cathedral...

You may recall that one of our Cathedral's glass paneled West Doors was damaged by vandalism a while ago. I visited the Cathedral this afternoon to obtain an update on progress but was unable to speak to the person handling the matter. But all was not lost because, as I left the Cathedral, I stepped out into dry, steadily improving afternoon weather. There were grey clouds scudding across the sky before a brisk wind but often the sun would break through and illuminate Cathedral buildings and open spaces and tree tops. The clouds were still grey but they were tinged with pink and white and behind them was a pale blue sky. An artist's palette of colours. Cathedral Hill has many vistas to be enjoyed on a clear day. The trees in our Cathedral's grounds stood stark and black against the sky; their thin spindly branches moving slowly with the wind. All of a sudden, a Kite wheeled and swooped into view. I never cease to be transfixed by these birds with their wide wingspan and triangular shaped tale. They are birds of prey and dive at incredible speed when they spot their prey. From its altitude this Kite spent many minutes searching the ground for small mammals and rodents I assume. Whenever I see any large bird in flight I'm reminded of a poem called "High Flight" by John Gillespie Magee:

*"Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth and danced the skies on  
laughter-silvered wings;  
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth  
Of sun-split clouds, — and done a hundred things  
You have not dreamed of — wheeled and soared and swung  
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there, I've chased the shouting wind  
along, and flung My eager craft through footless halls of air . . . Up, up  
the long, delirious burning blue I've topped the wind-swept heights with  
easy grace never lark, or ever eagle flew — And, while with silent,  
lifting mind I've trod the high untrespassed sanctity of space,  
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God."*

## Answers to the Christmas Quiz

- 1 Minced meat
- 2 St. Nicholas
- 3 As these are evergreen plants it is a symbol of eternal life
- 4 Census – to be registered in the town of their birth
- 5 O Little Town of Bethlehem
- 6 Geese
- 7 Citroën
- 8 T'was the Night Before Christmas
- 9 My 2 front teeth
- 10 Capricorn
- 11 In the Bleak Mid Winter
- 12 Saturnalia
- 13 True
- 14 Oliver Cromwell
- 15 Narnia
- 16 Robert Burns
- 17 True
- 18 Elvis Presley
- 19 Tchaikovsky
- 20 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026
- 21 St. Lucy
- 22 Raymond Briggs
- 23 Oak
- 24 St. Joseph
- 25 John
- 26 Christmas
- 27 Take a berry
- 28 3
- 29 Sir Arthur Sullivan
- 30 16

### "I made me gardens and orchards"

Every year I visit my childhood home to re-live those times and places that I loved so much. I always enter the church of St. John the Baptist where we worshipped as a Primary School at Christmas, Easter and other significant days in the Church year. Enter the church and high up on the wall is a partially hidden picture. Whether it was there 70 years ago I cannot remember but on a recent visit I noticed it and upon reading its title "I made me gardens and orchards" I immediately thought of my Dad. His life's work could be encapsulated in that one line from Ecclesiastes 2:5. We lived in Kent where he made and maintained hop gardens and orchards. I cannot recall how many acres he managed but it was many hundreds. From my School playground I could look across the valley to the hop gardens where he'd be and I wished I was there with him. Every day, whatever the weather, he would walk the hop alleys checking the bine, the long, climbing stem of the hop plant or tending the fruit in the orchards and managing the men and women who worked for him. He had authority, presence and experience gained from a lifetime of working the land. He won awards for the quality of his hops and, at hop picking time, managed many hundreds of East End Londoners who chose hop picking as their annual holiday – a sometimes very challenging task considering the pickers were tough types and greatly enjoyed the local ale! In those days my Dad was at the height of his powers, he was definitely the boss, the guvnor! He was treated with great respect by all who encountered him. The hop gardens and orchards are long gone but whenever I return I re-live those days when I freely roamed the farm and would meet my Dad on his daily rounds of those gardens and orchards he made.

Nick Bond



## Women in Fellowship

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January the Women in Fellowship shared a tasty breakfast and listened to our very own Youth and Families Minister, Georgie, giving a riveting and informative talk about the plays and work of Wintershall and her longstanding involvement which included many humorous anecdotes, facts and photos.

The Wintershall estate was owned by Peter and Ann Hutley, who in 1989 had a faith conversion following a visit to Medjugorje, Bosnia. They secured a local barn which they wanted to use for God and put on the first nativity play. From there Wintershall snowballed into what it is today. Wintershall's open air plays focus on the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus and are performed at the Wintershall estate and at various locations around the country.

The activities grew rapidly starting with the Nativity in 1989, the Passion play in 1993, the Stations of the Cross in 1994, the Life of Christ in 1999, the Acts of the Apostles in 2006, the Walking parable in 2021 and Christian Art in 2025.

The Easter Passion was first taken to Trafalgar Square on Good Friday in 2010 and has been performed there every year since with an estimated 20,000 spectators and live streaming all around the world!

In addition to the drama and art an education programme was set up in 2016 to run workshops for schools and community groups.

For Georgie the involvement at Wintershall has been a family affair for many years starting after Georgie's Mum bumped into Ann Hutley while working at the Cathedral and was roped in. Georgie's dad performed and her mum was involved in costumes. Georgie has been involved since 1997 as a child, in her words "having the best time". Her sisters also performed and her niece has been baby Jesus. It was clear that families remain involved for many years bringing new generations along to perform.

Georgie's positions of responsibility started at age 12 with animals; getting the donkey ready for Palm Sunday. She has also worked with goats, sheep, camels and horses including riding a feisty polo pony in the charge! Following studying for her degree in Technical Theatre at Guildford school of acting Georgie's roles stepped up a gear and have included lighting and multiple roles when plays are on the road. At age 19 she took on props, taking care with biblical accuracy and looking after 300 – 400 costumes and from there on to stage management, managing the logistics of cast, audience, technicians and many more, a role which she is involved with currently. Georgie gave us a good insight and much more detail into what she does and I'm afraid my short article doesn't do it justice or give a flavour of just how much she manages to fit in with her full-time work at St John's.

I think those who were at the talk would agree that we learnt so much about the extensive work of Wintershall and the biggest take away was how does Georgie do all that she does?!

If you wish to Join the Women in Fellowship please contact Lindsay at [treasurer@stjohns.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@stjohns.org.uk) or me [carole.burtonwood@stjohns.org.uk](mailto:carole.burtonwood@stjohns.org.uk) Alternatively, you can let Sandra know in the office and she will pass the message on.

Carole Burtonwood





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**Wednesday 11th March**

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Recognised as having one of the most compelling voices, Melissa James transcends blues with a rich blend of soul, folk, gospel and spiritual influences.

Melissa's album *Stripped Back* revealed a vulnerable and soulful voice which began her exploration of emotional growth through her rootsy songs, one of which, *Live Again*, sparked her vision to sing with others, creating a music and mental health initiative SING4SANE.

Melissa's voice and music are balms and authentic offerings of hope and healing in turbulent times.

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## GARDENING HINTS FOR FEBRUARY

Do not let the mild spell of weather we have recently had lead you into a false sense of security, the "Beast from the East" could be just around the corner. Make sure that all tender plants are undercover and that outside taps and pipe work are well lagged.

- This month is the last opportunity to prune Apple and Pear trees. You will need to cut back to a fat fruiting bud as well as cutting out any old or diseased wood, to allow the light in.
- A general-purpose fertiliser should be applied to all fruiting canes, bushes and trees.
- Rhubarb can be forced for an early crop by covering the crown with a bucket.
- Digging should be completed and prepared seed beds should be covered with clear polythene to warm the soil before sowing.
- Chit seed Potatoes by standing them on their ends with eyes upwards in a cool light frost-free place.
- During the second half of the month, Tomatoes, Peppers and Cucumbers can be sown in a heated propagator.
- Towards the end of the month, cut back Grasses and Perennials which have been left over to provide winter interest.
- Beds and borders should be dressed with a balanced fertiliser such as Growmore.
- Dahlia tubers can be started into growth in a light warm place.
- Lily bulbs should be planted for a Summer display.
- This is the last chance to sow Sweet Peas. Those sown in the Autumn, should be potted on.
- Over-wintered Fuchsias and Pelargoniums should be cut back and watered to encourage new growth.
- Prick out early sown seedlings before they become overcrowded.
- All deciduous hedging, shrubs and trees should be planted by now.
- Summer flowering shrubs, such as Lavatera and Buddleia should be pruned.
- Mahonias should be cut back after flowering to encourage branching.
- Prune Wisteria and Campsis, cutting back the side-shoots to 2 or 3 buds.
- Late Summer and Autumn flowering Clematis should be cut back to the lowest pair of strong buds.

- Deadhead with shears, Winter flowering Heathers as the flowers fade.
- Protect Delphinium, Hosta, Lily and Lupin shoots from slugs and snails.
- During a mild, dry period, scarify and spike the lawn to improve drainage.
- Towards the end of the month when conditions are dry the lawn can be given its first cut with mower blades on a high setting.

*John Boon*

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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES!**

(in the Centre unless mentioned otherwise)

### **February**

Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Barn Dance 7pm
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Sparks 5-11s group (during 10am service)
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Green Team 4pm
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Inter church 4pm (Church)
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Pancake Party at 4pm
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Ash Wednesday Family Service 3pm in Church
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Friends of St. Johns Quiz 7pm
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Sparks 5-11s group (during 10am service)
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Green Team 4pm - CANCELLED
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Lent Lunch
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Melissa James Concert in Church

### **March**

Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Sewing Group 10.30am
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Posie Making 9.30am



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