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Sunday services are listed on Page 2.

Services during the week:

Morning Prayer Monday to Thursday at 9.00am in Church.

Holy Communion on Wednesdays at 10.30am in the Merrow Hall, St John's Centre.

Evening Prayer on Fridays at 5.00pm in Church.

All are welcome.

May 2025 Sunday Services (Year C)

Sunday 4th May 3rd Sunday of Easter, White
Acts 9.1-6[7-20], John 21.1-19
8am BCP Holy Communion
10am All Age Worship

Sunday 11th May 4th Sunday of Easter, White
Acts 9.36-end, John 10.22-30
8am BCP Holy Communion
10am CW Holy Communion
6pm Songs of Praise

Sunday 18th May 5th Sunday of Easter, White
Acts 11.1-18, John 13.31-35
8am BCP Holy Communion
10am CW Holy Communion

Sunday 25th May 6th Sunday of Easter, White
Acts 16.9-15, John 14.23-29
8am BCP Holy Communion
10am CW Holy Communion

Sunday 1st June 7th Sunday of Easter
Sunday after Ascension Day
Acts 16.16-34, John 17.20-end
8am BCP Holy Communion
10am All Age Worship

FROM ST JOHN'S RECTORY

Welcome to the May parish magazine! May is an exciting time for us at St John's because the month includes our Patronal Festival – the day when we remember and give thanks for our patron saint, St. John the Evangelist.

St John the Evangelist's day is actually celebrated on 27th December, however as that date is so close to Christmas and people are often away, we are allowed to move our patronal celebration to the Sunday closest to the Feast of St John at the Latin gate. This feast is on 6th May (also the rector's birthday!) and the closest Sunday to it this year is 4th May. So on Sunday 4th May please join us for an All Age Worship service at 10am, followed by brunch in the church centre. Thank you so much to the brunch team for all the preparation they will do before the day and for delivering us a fantastic brunch on the day too. It is not to be missed!



St John the Evangelist lived a long life, and as he reached very old age, his disciples had to carry him into church. He was only able to say a few words by this point, and it became his custom to say the same sentence every time he was carried into his local church – "my little children, love one another."

John had been one of the original twelve apostles and so had heard these words directly from Jesus to the twelve. After a while John's friends and followers who had carried him into church plucked up the courage to ask him why he said only one sentence. John replied, "because it is the Lord's commandment, and if only it is kept, it is enough."

At times the Christian life can be hard. We can struggle to live up to all that we feel we should be living up to. Yet when life does feel like this,

and our doubts start to cloud our faith, let us try to hold on to the words of our patron saint – “Love one another. It is the Lord’s commandment, and if only it is kept, it is enough.”

With warmest wishes to you all, Tim



DAVID'S SPONSORED WALK TO WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL on 9th and 10th May, FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINISTRY FUND



On Friday 9th May, I will be setting off from St John's and walking to the top of St Marthas. From there, I will then follow the Pilgrims Way to Winchester. The Pilgrims Way roughly follows the North Down's Way to Farnham and then the St Swithun's Way to Winchester Cathedral.

I will stay overnight at the Four Marks Travelodge and hopefully arrive at Winchester Cathedral on the Saturday morning just before 10.30am! The total length of the walk is 52 miles with the total of the climbs approaching the height of Ben Nevis!! I will be walking 35 miles on the Friday and 17 miles on the Saturday.

Spiddles, our very energetic Pointer dog, will join me on Friday from Merrow to Farnham! I have compiled a Pilgrimage audio playlist to keep me company for the rest of the journey! If anyone has any suggestions for songs to add, please let me know.

I am fundraising for the Young People's Ministry Fund – Georgie is doing a fantastic job creating much needed community links and providing safe and fun spaces for all ages through an amazing variety of groups and activities.

If you would like to sponsor me, please go to the Young People's Ministry Fund page on the St John's website (link here: <https://www.saintjohns.org.uk/young-peoples-ministry-fund->) and make a donation, thank you! If you could write 'Pilgrimage' in the Comments section, that would be helpful.

And here is the QR code to the link too!



ST JOHN'S MEN IN FELLOWSHIP VISIT TO CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

On a beautiful sunny Monday 7th April, we drove to Chichester and assembled at the Buttery coffee house, just outside the cathedral precincts, for a reviving drink. Then we walked through the grounds to the west door entrance, where we were met by our guides for our tour.

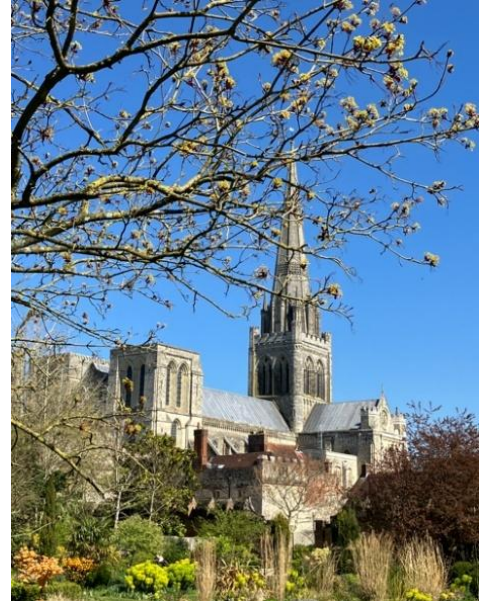
In 1075, following the Norman conquest, the Normans decided that the seat of the bishop should be moved from Selsey to Chichester and construction started. This year is the 950th anniversary of the start of construction. This was in the Norman style, and over the years, many additions have been made in different styles, particularly Gothic.

This cathedral has often been used for a variety of artistic exhibitions.

In the south transept, we were shown two vignettes dating from the 1530's, and painted on oak planks, depicting the history of the cathedral and including King Henry VIII. Also, we saw a set of portraits of English monarchs.

In the Quire and behind the high altar is a 7-panel woven tapestry designed by John Piper and installed in 1996. The tapestry is in bright colours and has had mixed reviews ever since its unveiling and indeed amongst our party.

Moving behind the tapestry we were shown a stained-glass window commissioned by the Dean in 1975 from Marc Chagall, the French artist who took as his theme psalm 150 – 'let everything that has breath praise the Lord'. Many visitors come just to see this window.



After our tour, we enjoyed a lunch in a private room at the cathedral refectory, followed by a walk around the extensive Bishops Palace Gardens, which concluded a most enjoyable day.

Richard Burtonwood & Robert Avis

A colorful poster for a Bible Holiday Club. The background is white with various space-themed illustrations: a grey rocket with orange flames, a blue spiral nebula, a purple planet with a gold ring, a blue planet with white spots, a yellow comet, and several gold stars. The text is arranged in a central column. At the top, 'ST JOHN'S, MERROW PRESENTS' is in teal. Below that, 'STARSHIP' and 'DISCOVERY' are in large white letters on a light blue background. Then, 'BIBLE HOLIDAY CLUB' and '18TH- 22ND AUGUST' are in teal. Below that, '9:15-12:00' is in teal. Then, 'ST JOHN'S CHURCH CENTRE' and 'FOR AGED 5-11 (YR-Y6)' are in teal. A light blue box contains the text 'There will be games, crafts, music, drama, stories, activites and more!'. A green circle contains '£20 FOR THE WEEK'. At the bottom, a teal bar contains the website 'WWW.SAINTJOHNS.ORG.UK' and the text 'Details of how to register and for more information'.

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If successful, the classes could become a regular event!

Thank you very much to Chantries & Pewleys for sponsoring our colour cover again this year. This month's photo shows Amelia with her four-year-old daughter, Yakelin, surveying the tragedy of their dying banana trees during an intense heatwave. They live in Guatemala, the focus of this year's campaign in Christian Aid's 80th anniversary year.

DAVE KELLY & CHRISTINE COLLISTER CONCERT – at St John's on Sat 21st June at 7.30pm

Dave Kelly – is a founder member of The Blues Band. The band retired in 2023... after completing their 42nd Anniversary Tour a little late – due to Covid restrictions. Dave is a stalwart of the British Blues Scene, having cut his teeth in the backing bands of Howlin' Wolf and John Lee Hooker as well as playing with Buddy Guy, Son House & Muddy Waters. The Blues Band have released about 20 albums, and Dave has 18 either solo or with his own Dave Kelly Band.

Christine Collister - Came to prominence originally in the UK folk scene in the eighties, singing the title song for the BBC drama series *'Life & Loves Of A She Devil'*. She was in *Richard Thompson's touring Band '85-'88* as vocalist and acoustic guitarist. '84-'90 saw 5

acclaimed albums with *Clive Gregson* with many, varied and successful collaborations since: *Daphne's Flight; Hell Bent Heaven Bound; Wild Honey Orchestra; Iain Matthews; Loudon Wainwright III;* solo and duo work with a further 15 albums and counting!

Christine & Dave recorded a session for *The Paul Jones Radio Two* show in 1994. A fan gave Dave a copy of that recording. Dave thought it sounded great and forwarded a copy to Christine. This resulted in a decision to get together again and do some more shows.

Their material is drawn from both their musical backgrounds, but mainly covering songs which they both love but have not previously had an opportunity to perform, within their usual formats. Some soul standards, country songs, rock, folk & blues, Stax, Tamla, The Band, Emmylou Harris, The Everly Brothers, Elvis, (to name but a few) as well as some great contemporary writers and of course, their own songs.

It had been a number of years since Dave and Christine had the opportunity to perform together - when the invitation to play at Vancouver Island Festival July 2018 was extended, they grabbed the chance. Drawing from their mutual love of

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classic rock, pop, country, jazz & blues - Christine and Dave dive head long and full throttle into the songs they love. Their combined passion, talent and fun-loving personalities bring a natural warmth and great charm to their performances. Vancouver was a huge success, and they toured the UK with their fabulous concert.

Covid, Lockdowns and long-distance family commitments limited getting together again - until now!!

Spring 2025 sees them return to their favourite songs and beautifully crafted harmonies.

SONGS OF PRAISE, Sunday 11th May at 6pm

On Sunday 11th May we will hold our first Songs of Praise. Thank you to all those who have sent in their favourite hymns. Tim has had a huge response and has more hymns than he can use, but we hope to do this again in the future.

FIRST COMMUNION COURSE AND BAPTISM

Is your child aged 8 or over and interested in taking the next step on their faith journey? At St John's, we have permission to admit children to communion and are aware that some of our young people are keen to take part! So, this June, we will be running a course for any eligible young people, consisting of three sessions, then holding their first Communion Service on Sunday 13th July at 10am. To be admitted to communion in the Church of England, a child must first be baptised, and have gone through a preparation course. If your child has not yet been baptised, do not worry, as we are going to hold an All-Age Baptism Service on Sunday 6th July at 10am as well.

If you would like more information or to sign up, please talk to Tim or Georgie by Sunday 18th May.



FROM MERROW C of E INFANT SCHOOL

Dear Friends,

We have been very busy at Merrow Infants getting out and enjoying the beautiful weather in the run up to our Easter holidays. The year 2 children had a fantastic day at the Wintershall Lent Retreat, learning about the events of Holy Week in the beautiful setting of the estate; thank you to St John's for their contribution to the trip.

Our Easter Pause day began with our walk to St John's, where Rev'd Tim, Georgie & Mrs Boxer talked to us about Palm Sunday. The year 2 children then had a special treat as recounted here by Jack & Alma.

'On Tuesday we went to St. John's and sang our Easter songs. We had written a prayer and read it out in the service. We made resurrection rolls - we used oil, spice and sugar, with a marshmallow that represented Jesus. When the marshmallow melted, it was showing that Jesus had disappeared from the tomb and the pastry around the marshmallow was for the cloths around his body. We then thought about something we are sorry about and wrote it on some special paper. When we put it in the water, it dissolved - showing that when we are sorry to others, they will forgive us.'

The Open the Book Team came in and told us the story of John baptising Jesus. The part about John eating the bugs made a particular impression on our Reception children!

As we returned to school on April 22 it was Earth Day. The whole school went outside during the afternoon, making sure the lights were switched off inside our empty classrooms, and took part in a variety of activities, from chalk artwork, making seed bombs, creating models from recycling and planting seeds and plants.

The summer term is one we love, for the opportunities it brings to get outside, consolidate all our learning and look forward to what may come next. However, it can also be long and tiring - it brings with it a considerable workload for all the staff. We are grateful for your continued prayers and support.

Warm regards, *Emma Hooper*

GARDENING HINTS FOR MAY

After an unusually dry March and April, we can now look forward to warmer times. This is a busy month of catching up, but do not be too impatient planting out tender plants and summer bedding, as frost is always just around the corner! It is better to wait until the end of the month or you might be paying a return visit to the Garden Centre or Nursery!



All plants should be hardened off outside before planting.

Dahlia plants and tubers should not be planted until at least the middle of the month.

Allow Forget-me-nots to set seed before pulling up.

Spray Roses with a systemic insecticide to control Blackspot and Greenfly.

Sweet Peas should be tied to support as they climb.

Winter flowering Heathers should be clipped after flowering.

Support tall perennials, such as Delphiniums and Lupins, with stakes.

Remove the dead blooms of Daffodils, Hyacinths and Tulips once they have finished flowering, leaving the leaves to die back and feed the bulbs for next year's flowers.

Hostas can be divided as they come into growth.

Fuchsia cuttings which have been rooted indoors should have their growing tips pinched out to encourage bushy growth.

Increase the rate of watering, and start to feed Houseplants.

Evergreen hedges should be clipped.

Keep newly planted trees and shrubs well-watered, especially during dry spells.

There is still time to sow Courgettes and Squash, two seeds to a pot, for planting out later. Sow the seed standing on its edge for better germination.

French and Runner beans can now be sown outdoors.

Kale, Leeks and Purple Sprouting should be sown, for harvesting next winter.

Pinch out the tips of Broad Beans to control Blackfly.

Plant out Tomatoes towards the end of the month - as they grow, remove side shoots from all types, except Bush and small fruited varieties.

Make small successional sowings of Salad Crops.

Continue to mow the lawn regularly, apply a Spring and Summer dressing, just before rain is forecast.

John Boon



VIEW FROM THE PEWS

The recent film "Conclave" is suddenly immensely topical. The Roman Catholic Church has to undertake the complex but hugely important task of choosing who will direct all aspects of its life for the next few years. We have a similar task in the Church of England. When I think of the prayer, thought and immense effort that went into choosing a new Rector for St John's, I am awed by the responsibility attaching to selecting a leader with global impact. Justin Welby described himself as overwhelmed by the volume of problems he had to deal with as Archbishop, and resigned because his treatment of one of them was inadequate. Our leaders have a tough row to hoe, and are immensely grateful for the support they receive. May we never fail in that support even if, on very rare occasions, it means speaking truth to power.

Chris Starr

VIEW FROM THE PEWS 2

I attended the 8pm Easter Ceremonies service last month, it was a beautiful service, starting off in darkness and then carrying on with candles being lit, which I found very symbolic and moving. It highlighted to me the magnitude of the task of being a Christian, which I would like to be, however it also highlighted how far short of that I was.

I struggle with the commandments – fine, I do not covet my neighbour's ass, but:

I should love one God and not love false idols, but I am proud of keeping my house and garden lovely. I like keeping my car clean and shiny and am so proud of my family. Are these not, in reality, false idols?

I should also love my neighbour as I love myself. Yes, I do some charity work and give some money to charity, but I would sell my house and live in a caravan if it meant my children getting lifesaving treatment. So, I am obviously not loving my neighbour anything like much as I love myself.

I do not give as much to charity as I should, as I make the excuse that, if I give, will a large proportion go to pay for fancy TV adverts, large teams of fundraising staff, and a very large salary to a chief executive, which is all true, but there are local charities which I could give to instead, who don't have these costs, but I still do not.

I am hoping that the light symbolised by the candle will help me see my way to becoming a stronger Christian, being more supportive of those in greater need.

VISITING PREACHERS

We are delighted to welcome the following preachers to St John's over the coming months:

Sun 11 th May	Revd Dr Craig Holmes
Sun 22 nd June	Archdeacon Catherine Mabuza
Sun 26 th October	The Bishop of Guildford

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – 11th to 17th May



In the April magazine, I wrote about Amelia and her family in Guatemala and you can see a picture of her and her daughter on the cover this month.

Guatemala is a hunger hotspot. At 46.5%, the country has one of the highest global rates of stunting in children. In some areas, this rises to 90%. Stunting permanently affects both physical and mental development. Meanwhile, more than half of the people in Guatemala work in agriculture. In the Alta Verapaz region, where Amelia lives, dependency on agriculture is the highest in the country. Heartbreakingly, malnutrition in children under five is also at the highest here.

Guatemala is among the 10 countries in the world rated most vulnerable to disasters and climate emergencies. The cruel truth is that Indigenous communities like Amelia's have done the least to cause the climate crisis, yet they endure its impact the most.



Please give generously to Christian Aid this 80th anniversary year. Christian Aid envelopes will be given out at church on May 11th and can be returned to me or to the Parish Office. Alternatively you can give through the St John's e-envelope on the Christian Aid website – use this QR code or go to <https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2025/st-johns-merrow-envelope>. There will also be envelopes in the church during Christian Aid Week which can be returned to the Church Office or to me.

Sara England

CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING

The Methodist church in Merrow is holding a coffee morning in aid of Christian Aid on Thursday 8th May from 10.30am to 11.45am.

Do come along.

JOINING IN PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS AT THE COPTIC CATHEDRAL IN ASWAN, EGYPT

Coptic Christians are an indigenous Christian ethno-religious group in Egypt, considered the largest Christian community in the Middle East. They are believed to be direct descendants of ancient Egyptians and primarily follow the Coptic Orthodox Church. Estimates suggest they make up around 10% of Egypt's population, with some sources citing a range of 5% to 15%.

We were privileged to observe their Palm Sunday service in Aswan at the Coptic Cathedral during our recent travels, and here is what we experienced..



After passing our bags through the usual x-ray scanners, we entered the walled courtyard in front of the cathedral. There were masses of people there, of all ages, mostly young people, in a festive, happy mood. We walked up the steps to the cathedral and the doors were welcomingly open. People were freely walking in and out of the service whilst it was happening, so we felt we could join them by standing at the back. The cathedral was packed, and we observed that men and women were seated and standing separately. The children had made their palm fronds into the most beautiful shapes, including crowns, and everyone joined in singing psalms and responses to prayers. The service was in arabic, so we couldn't really understand everything happening, but it still felt familiar. It was quite busy with the movement of people in and out of church but the focus was on the service.

As we left the service, we were approached by a lady in the Cathedral shop who explained the coptic cross to us - the typical form of the 'Coptic cross' used in the Coptic Church is made up of two bold lines of equal length that intersect at the middle at right angles. Each line

terminates in three points, representing the Trinity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Altogether, the cross has 12 points symbolizing the Apostles, whose mission was to spread the Gospel message throughout the world.



It was lovely to share the experience of Palm Sunday with Christians in another country, but we also missed being with you all at St John's!

Cathy & Martin

JOHN MARTIN'S 100th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!

We were so delighted that John had some lovely celebrations to mark his 100th birthday, including family, church and Wednesday Coffee Morning celebrations.

Here are some lovely photos to share with you.



And of course, John received his all-important card from the King!

[Editor's note: Please do consider if you could 'come onboard' in either of the following roles, helping to produce our Parish Magazine. I am a Guest Editor, and produce two issues of the magazine each year, May and August. The process is really simple - as the team mention below.]

HELP WANTED WITH THE PARISH MAGAZINE PLEASE

We are looking for more people to get involved with producing the Parish Magazine. The magazine is a focal point for information about our activities and makes a healthy profit for church funds. We currently need two more guest editors and an advertisements manager.

Guest editor

The guest editors generally produce two issues of the magazine a year. They are sent a document template with the magazine cover, adverts and regular pages already inserted. They then insert articles from both regular and occasional contributors and are free to add anything of particular interest to them. After proof-reading they send the completed copy to the printers.

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- checks with the treasurer that payments have been received. This will happen automatically with the new system.
- thanks advertisers for paying.



- each month gets the template ready for the guest editor by adding a cover photograph kindly supplied by Jane Stevenson and updating the regular text if necessary.

We would be very happy to tell you more. Speak to Sara about being the advertisements manager. Ask Helen Chambers, Sara England, Frances Jewson, Chris Starr or Cathy Thompson about being a guest editor.

The magazine team (Rosanne Bond, Helen Chambers and Sara England)



WEDNESDAY COFFEE CLUB

We return from our Easter break on the 7th May and the coffee club will be celebrating V E Day, so bring your Union Jacks! While in July, the club is celebrating 60 years since starting up, which is a great achievement and a tribute to all the helpers that have made this possible.

So please come and join us any Wednesday morning that you are free.

Hoping everyone keeps well.

Gerald Hunt

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



ABOUT OUR CATHEDRAL

A St. John's parishioner asks, "What's the Cathedral ever done for us?" So, I contacted Guildford Diocese and, while we await their reply, I found the following:-

Seat of the Bishop: The cathedral is the church where the bishop's "cathedra" (Latin for "chair") is located, signifying the bishop's authority and leadership within the diocese.

Mother Church of the Diocese: The primary church for the entire diocese, acting as a centre for worship, mission, and leadership.

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EVENTS IN MAY, JUNE & JULY (SO FAR) FOR YOUR DIARIES!

May

Sat 3 rd May	Churchyard Tidy Up 9.30am
Tues 6 th May	Green Team 4.30pm
Sat 10 th May	Pilgrimage to Winchester Cathedral
Sun 11 th May	Vocations Sunday
Sun 11 th May	Christian Aid Week Begins
Sun 11 th May	Sparks 5-11s group – during 10am service in church
Sun 11 th May	Songs of Praise 6pm in Church
Sun 18 th May	Inter-Church 4pm in Church
Sun 18 th May	Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Tues 20 th May	Green Team 4.30pm
Sat 24 th May	Men in Fellowship Social Evening at David Hunt's
Sun 25 th May	Sparks 5-11s group – during 10am service in church

June

Tues 3 rd June	Green Team 4.30pm
Sat 7 th June	Churchyard Tidy Up 9.30am
Sun 8 th June	Sparks 5-11s group – during 10am service in church
Sun 15 th June	Giving Sunday in aid of our YPMF
Sun 15 th June	Inter-Church 4pm in Church
Sun 21 st June	Dave Kelly & Christine Collister Concert 7.30pm
Sat 28 th June	Men in Fellowship Real Ale Train Ride

July

Sat 5 th July	Rectory Fete
Sun 6 th July	Baptism Service
Sun 13 th July	First Communion Service

Who's Who

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