

NEWSLETTER

Trinity 10

Sunday 9th August

8am BCP Holy Communion – Church

10am Parish Communion – Church (Livestreamed)

Sparks 5-11s group

Wednesday 12th August

NO Wednesday Coffee Club

10.30am Holy Communion Service – Centre

Sunday 16th August

8am BCP Holy 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 (not during August)
Tuesdays	7.30-9pm Bell Ringing Practice
Wednesdays	10.15am Wednesday Coffee Club (returns on 2nd Sept) 10.30am Holy Communion Service 5pm Youth Café (term time only)
Fridays	3pm Choir Practice (no practice during August)

Other Calendar Events

(in the Centre unless mentioned otherwise)

August

17 th -21 st Aug	Mission Rescue Holiday Club (Mon-Fri)
Sun 23 rd Aug	Holiday Club Service - 10am service in church
Sun 30 th Aug	Sparks 5-11s group - during 10am service in church

September

Sat 5 th Sept	Churchyard Tidy-up 9.30 am
Sun 6 th Sept	Backpack Service 10am in church
Sun 13 th Sept	Sparks 5-11s group - during 10am service in church
Sun 13 th Sept	Pet Service 3pm in church
Sun 20 th Sept	Inter-Church 4pm in church
Sun 27 th Sept	Sparks 5-11s group - during 10am service in church

Hymns

366 Living God your word has called us (to Abbot's Leigh 315)
2 Christ whose glory fills the skies
621 Dear Lord and Father of mankind (tune 2)
394 Tell out my soul

Collect

Father in heaven,
whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured
before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain,
and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem:
give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross
that in the world to come we may see him as he is;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Reading

Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened.

As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Gospel

Luke 9.28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Readings next week:

Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15.[10-20] 21-28

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Sick or in need - Ben, Amelia Butler, Sophie, Anna Collins, Siobhan Parker, Shirley Harrington

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

NEWS

**From Monday 10th August the church will be closed until further notice other than for scheduled services.
If you would like to go into church, please come to the Parish Office and we can open the church for you.**

Sunday 10am Livestreaming - 16th August

Our Sunday 10am livestreamed service will be moving from Facebook to YouTube on the 16th August.

If you wish to watch the livestream then you need to go to our website and click on the red box at the top right. That will then show you a page which has our logo on it. If the logo is framed in RED then the livestream is working. Or click on the link below if you are reading this newsletter online.
[St. John's Merrow - YouTube](#)

Mission Rescue Holiday Club

I wonder if you have any of the following items that you could lend or donate to our holiday club this year? (L for Lend, D for Donate)

Objects/Items still needed for props:

- Kitchen roll tubes (D)
- Lava Lamps (L)
- Fibre Optic Lamps (L)
- Skateboards x 2 (L)
- Inflatable or cuddly sharks and crocodiles (L)
- Old computer headsets, think call centre (D)
- Old white socks, clean (D)
- Nerf Guns (L)
- Anything else you think would look cool as set dressing in a spy lab! (L)



Set up and Pack Down

We are always in need of extra pairs of hands for the set up and pack down of holiday club. If you are available on Sunday 16th August from 14:00 to help set up - or Friday 21st August from 12:30 to help pack away, we would be most grateful. Please let Georgie know if you can help.

Watch the newsletter for more updates!

Annual Leave - Office closure this summer

The Parish Office will be closed 24th to 28th August.

Friends of St John's Heritage Open Days event 19th & 20th September

The church will be open on Saturday 19th September from 10am to 4pm with guided tours at 10:30am, 12:30pm and 2:30pm, and on Sunday 20th September from 11:30am to 3:30pm with guided tours at 12:00pm and 2pm.



As well as joining one of the guided tours, visitors can explore the church interior, learn about the pipe organ, follow the trail around the war memorial and war graves, and watch the ringers in action in the bell tower. There will also be a range of displays about the history of the church and the site, interesting artefacts (did you know that St John's has a copy of the rare 'Vinegar Bible' printed in 1717, named for its famous misprint in Luke Ch 20?) and connections with the Merrow community.

This will be a rare opportunity to explore parts of the church not usually open to the public and to learn more about the Friends' current and recently-completed heritage projects.

And if all of that leaves you feeling in need of a cup of tea and a biscuit, refreshments will be available throughout the day!

Women in Fellowship upcoming Events

Your Women-in-Fellowship team are busy planning events for 2026 and here is a summary of what you can look forward to....

- **Saturday 10th October - 8.30 am** - Breakfast & talk

If you wish to know more about the Women-In-Fellowship or the events, please contact Carole Burtonwood carole.burtonwood@saintjohns.org.uk or Lindsay Dobson treasurer@saintjohns.org.uk



Volunteers needed - 1 hour per annum! Can you spare approx 1 hour (or less if you do it with a friend) to clean the brass in the church. Cleaning materials and instructions provided. Anytime in May or September. Contact Rosanne on 01483 579462 for further information.

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.

Wednesday Morning Coffee Club

Coffee club is now closed until September. But please come and join me at Edwins Garden Centre at Clandon Park on the 26th August at 11.30am.

Everyone is welcome to join me, members and non-members, there is no need to book, just turn up! Should you have any queries, please contact Gerald Hunt at merrowcoffeemorning@hotmail.com or call on 07545256114



St John's Pre-School

Are you looking for a nursery place for your little ones for this September?

We have the St John's Pre-School here at the St John's Centre.

Contact Amanda Bazley on 01483 454625 for more details

A vibrant yellow advertisement for St John's Pre-School Merrow. At the top left is a circular logo with a leaf and the text 'ST JOHN'S PRE-SCHOOL MERROW'. To its right, 'ST JOHN'S PRE-SCHOOL' is written in large, bold, blue letters with a white outline. Further right are three pink stars. Below this, the text 'FIND US AT THE ST JOHN'S CHURCH HALL IN MERROW' is in black. Underneath, 'PLAY, LEARN, AND GROW TOGETHER' is in red. A paragraph of text describes the school's philosophy. In the center is a photo of a smiling girl with brown hair, wearing a white tank top, with colorful handprints on her palms. To the left of the girl are three pink stars. To the right is a black circular badge with white text: 'MON-FRI 9.30-12.30 TERM TIME ONLY'. At the bottom left is a black circular badge with white text: 'JOIN NOW!'. At the bottom right is a QR code. Below the QR code, small text provides contact information: 'For more information visit our Facebook page (search for St John's Pre-school Merrow) or contact Amanda Bazley on 01483 454625 or email amanda.bazley@saintjohnspreschool.org.uk'.

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.

Regular Giving at St John's

Do you give to St John's in the collection pouch on Sundays, or use the card machine at the back of church? If so, would you consider giving regularly by direct debit instead? Having the regularity of giving helps us considerably in terms of planning and budgeting, and it is easier for you too! If you are interested to find out more, please scan this QR code or speak with Tim, or Martin Thompson (giftaid@saintjohns.org.uk).



Food Bank

The food bank would greatly appreciate donations of

- Tinned Spaghetti
- Tinned Veg
- Sugar
- Squash
- Tea Bags

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 Monday - Friday 9am - 1pm, outside the Church Centre to the left of the main door

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 are currently well stocked but do need following items and donations would be greatly appreciated.

- *Mother and Baby Toiletries*
- *Baby Wipes*
- *Baby Sleeping Bags*
- *Prams*

If you have prams or larger items to donate, please get in contact before dropping off these items.

We are looking for volunteers to wash the baby clothes that people donate. If you think you can help, then please contact Robyn at babybasics@saintjohns.org.uk.

If you would like to know more about Baby Basics, please 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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Please note the following Parish Office opening times:

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