



St. John the Evangelist  
Merrow



## **NEWS & RESOURCES**

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Easter 7**

8am Holy Communion -Church  
10am Parish Communion – Church  
6pm Sing A New Song – Church

### **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

9:15am Glow Toddler Group - Centre

### **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

10:15am Coffee Club – Centre  
10:30am Holy Communion – Centre  
5pm Youth Café – Centre

### **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

6pm St John's Choir Practice - Centre

### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Pentecost**

8am BCP Holy Communion – Church  
10am Parish Communion - Church  
12pm Baptism of Frederick Bickerton – Church

*Please take this home with you*

## **Hymns**

721 Love Divine

209 Love's Redeeming Work is Done

216 The Day of Resurrection

218 Thine be the Glory

## **Collect**

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Or*

Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## **First Reading -**

Acts 1.15-17, 21-end

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.’ So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, ‘Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.’ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

## **Gospel -**

John 17.6 -19

‘I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I

do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

### ***Readings next week (Pentecost):***

Acts 2.1-21

John 15.26-27;16.4b-15

### **Seasonal Material:**

#### **Invitation to Confession**

What God has prepared for those who love him,  
he has revealed to us through the Spirit;  
for the Spirit searches everything.

Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,  
who has prepared good things for those who love him.

#### **Introduction to the Peace**

God has made us one in Christ.

He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,  
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

#### **Extended Preface**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For he is our great high priest  
who has entered once for all  
into the heavenly sanctuary,  
evermore to pour upon your Church  
the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit.

He is the one who has gone before us,  
who calls us to be united in prayer  
as were his disciples in the upper room  
while they awaited his promised gift,  
the life-giving Spirit of Pentecost.  
Therefore all creation yearns with eager longing  
as angels and archangels sing the endless hymn of praise:

### **Post Communion**

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Blessing**

Grace from the eternal Father be with you;  
grace from the Word made flesh be with you;  
grace from the Spirit of truth be with you;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

### **FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

#### **Sick or in need**

Jenny Shales, Dick Pyper, Toni Gardner,

#### **The Departed**

David Welbourn, Mike Newell

## **The World**

The children we help in Haiti through the work of Compassion, whose country is suffering a complete collapse of law and order, a takeover by warring gangs and a breakdown of society in general.

## **ST. JOHN'S NEWS**

### **Christian Aid Week 12<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> May**



St John's is raising money for Christian Aid. Envelopes will be given out at the services on 12<sup>th</sup> May or it's possible to 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-2024/st-johns-church-merrow>.

You can read about CA's work in Burundi on our church website under Our Community and then Christian Aid.

### **Desert Detectives Holiday Club Information Session**

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 14:00 in the Church Centre we will be running an information session about our upcoming bible holiday club! For anyone who would like to find out more about what it is and see what volunteering opportunities there are, please come along. There will be a short presentation followed by time to ask questions..... with tea and biscuits, of course!

### **Bereavement Teas**

We will be serving tea to anyone who has been bereaved and would like to spend some time chatting with others.

3pm-5pm in the Merrow Hall on

- 16th June
- 22nd September
- 8th December

## **Sight for Surrey**

On Wednesday 15th May, Sight for Surrey will be coming to the Coffee Club in the foyer 10.15 - 11.30 to enable anyone to talk to their representative. As you may know this charity provides support to those who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind, partially sighted or deaf blind. Do come and also enjoy the coffee!

## **Rectory Fete 8th June 12-3pm**

In preparation we are ready to receive your donations of:

- Paperback books & jigsaws - may be left at the Church on every Sunday (receiving box provided) or via the Centre Office
- Bottles (alcoholic & non-alcoholic) via the Centre Office
- Cakes and Home Produce are requested for delivery on the day
- Plants and all things horticultural are requested on the day

## **Gardening Party for Rectory Fete - Saturday 1st June**

In preparation for the Fete on 8<sup>th</sup> June, we are hoping to gather people to help smarten up the rectory garden. If you would like to help come to the rectory on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 11am. If you have gardening tools please bring them! If you hope to attend please let Tim or Alexandra know.

## **Transport to Rectory Fete**

If you need transport to the fete on 8th June please contact Rosanne no later than Friday 31st May. Rosanne 579462

## **Choir during Communion**

On one Sunday in each month we would like a choir of singers to sing a hymn during communion. This choir will consist of members of our church choir and anyone else who wishes to join in! If you wish

to sing please contact Micky or Tim. Rehearsals will be on the Friday before the Sunday, in the church centre.

The Sundays will be:

- 23rd June - rehearsal at 6pm on Friday 21st
- 21st July - rehearsal at 6pm on Friday 19th
- 18th August - rehearsal at 6pm on Friday 16th
- 15th Sept - rehearsal at 6pm on Friday 13th

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **Baby Basics**

Baby basics is open for donations by appointment. Please contact Lisa at [babybasics@saintjohns.org.uk](mailto:babybasics@saintjohns.org.uk)

We are always in need of any financial donations to keep this vital charity running. If you are able to consider donating to this work please visit [www.saintjohns.org.uk/babybasics](http://www.saintjohns.org.uk/babybasics)

### **Food Bank**

The food bank greatly appreciates donations of tinned vegetables, baked beans, instant coffee (not decaff), rice, biscuits and tinned tomatoes. All donations gratefully received in the boxes in the Church porch.

### **Wine Tasting Event**

The Friends of St. Johns regret to tell you that the Wine Tasting evening on Friday 17th may have had to be cancelled. Everyone who has bought tickets on line will be automatically refunded. FoSTJ hope to rearrange the event for later in the year.



## **Giving**

Giving is good for us! It is our response to the gift of life from God. Giving to the Church, according to our ability, enables our mission and ministry in love and service of the world to the glory of God. If you want to talk more about giving to the Church, and how that connects to your life as a Christian, Tim (our Rector) would be pleased to hear from you. At St. John's we encourage generous, regular and planned giving and you can also setup a monthly payment arrangement.

## **Online Shopping**

We would be grateful for your help in raising money for St. John's when you shop online. Follow this link to sign up and join many others at St. John's who already kindly contribute.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/how-it-works/>

## **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](mailto:office@saintjohns.org.uk)

## **The Friends of St John the Evangelist (FOSTJ)**

The Registered Charity 'Friends of the Church of St John the Evangelist, Merrow' (known as Friends of St. John's (FoStj)) was formed by members of the community to assist in maintaining and preserving the buildings and grounds of the magnificent Grade II listed Church, for the benefit of the local Community as a whole. If you would like to help our endeavours in any way and keep up with our news, please visit [www.fostj.org](http://www.fostj.org).

## **SERVICES COMING UP & VISITING PREACHERS**

**19<sup>th</sup> May - Pentecost**

Come dressed in red! Prizes for the best dressed! (senior & junior)

**26<sup>th</sup> May – Trinity Sunday**

Preacher: Mrs Kitty Price. Lay Reader at Portsmouth Cathedral

**9<sup>th</sup> June - Trinity 2**

Launch of the Young People's Ministry Fund

**16<sup>th</sup> June – Trinity 3**

Preacher: Bishop Peter Hancock. Former Bishop of Bath & Wells

**23<sup>rd</sup> June – Trinity 4**

Preacher: Compassion UK Representative

**7<sup>th</sup> July**

3.00pm Pet Service

**14<sup>th</sup> July – Trinity 7**

Preacher: Rev. Elizabeth Brown. Former Curate and daughter of Rev. John Gordon Clark.

**1<sup>st</sup> September**

All Age Worship with Blessing of Backpacks (school and work bags)

## **CHURCH EVENTS THIS SUMMER**

**8<sup>th</sup> June**

Rectory Fete. 12pm – 3pm

**19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> August**

Desert Detectives Holiday Club

Church Centre 9:15am - 12pm

Children Year 1-Year 6

## CONTACTS

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10.00am - 1.00pm

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