

ST. JOHN'S, MERRROW

PARISH MAGAZINE

JUNE 2017



Our Vision is:

To be a vibrant worshipping and witnessing
Church at the heart of the Community

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St John the Evangelist Church
Epsom Road, Merrow
www.saintjohns.org.uk

St John's is open every day of the week from 9am to 5pm
for quiet time and personal prayer

PLEASE FEEL WELCOME TO VISIT US

Sunday Services are listed on page 2

Services during the Week:

Monday - Thursday

in Church: Morning Prayer at 8.10am and Evening Prayer at 5.15pm

Wednesday:

in the St John's Centre Merrow Hall: Holy Communion at 10.30am

CLERGY



Vacancy



Rev'd J Drake-Smith



Rev'd D Verschoyle

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Some Other Activities during the Week

(See page 18 for contact phone numbers for further information)

Mondays	9.45am – 11.45am	Babies and Toddlers group
Tuesdays	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice
Wednesdays	10.15 – 11.30am	Coffee Club
Fridays	6.30pm	Choir Practice

Parish Breakfast ~ Sunday 10 September 8.45 – 9.15am

Monthly Thursday study group details from Robert Avis, Churchwarden
Other study groups – more information soon.

JUNE SERVICES 2017 ~Year A

4 June – Pentecost

Acts 2.1-21; Psalm 104.26-36, 37b; 1 Corinthians 12. 3b-13; John 20.19-23

8am	Holy Communion	Common Worship Order Two
10am	All-age Eucharist	
6.30pm	Evening Prayer (said)	

11 June – Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-31; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13.11-13; Matthew 28.16-20

8am	Holy Communion	Common Worship Order Two
10am	Parish Eucharist	
6.30pm	Evening Prayer (said)	

18 June – 1st after Trinity

Genesis 18.1-15(21.1-7); Ps 116.1,10-17; Romans 5.1-8; Matthew 9.35 - 10.8(9-23)

8am	Holy Communion	Common Worship Order Two
10am	Parish Eucharist	
11.30am	Holy Baptism	
6.30pm	Meditation and Compline	

25 June – 2nd after Trinity

Jeremiah 20.7-13; Psalm 86.1-10, 16-17; Romans 6.1b-11; Matthew 10.24-39

8am	Holy Communion	Common Worship Order Two
10am	Parish Eucharist	
6.30pm	Evening Prayer (said)	

2 July – 3rd after Trinity

Jeremiah 28.5-9; Psalm 13; Romans 6.12-23; Matthew 10.40-42

8am	Holy Communion	Common Worship Order Two
10am	All-age Eucharist with Baptism	
11.30am	Holy Baptism	
6.30pm	Evening Prayer (said)	

Please pray for:

- † A generous response from all of us to our current Stewardship Challenge.
- † The applicants and interviewers for the Rector's vacancy on 14th June.

From a clergy desk:

S.O.S. Stewardship

Salvador Sobral won this year's Eurovision Song Contest for Portugal with 'Amar Pelos Dois', a song that was like a little wallflower amongst a sea of posing dahlias... there were horses stuck up ladders, schizophrenic tenors, matador milkmen, yodelling rappers and dancing gorillas, all celebrating diversity. But the song that won the hearts of millions was sung by the endearingly unassuming Sobral, celebrating what he called 'music with feeling'.

I wanted to explore a little more about this young man by watching his Eurovision interviews and on one he wore a loose sweatshirt with the words 'S.O.S. Refugees' across his chest. He said that he wasn't political but was moved by their plight, and it made me think of the way Jesus was moved by the plight of the poor and imprisoned in Judea. He is quoted in Matthew 25:40 as saying 'Truly I tell you, just as you did to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did to me.' Sobral was moved to wear a t-shirt, Leo Tolstoy was moved to write a story entitled 'Where there is love, there is God.' The challenge that we face today, is that the problems of injustice, inequality, poverty, misuse of the ecosystem and so on, are to many people 'someone else's problem'. But for Christians they are not; they are our problem.

Part of our outward stewardship saw members of our church collecting for Christian Aid in last month. This mission now continues with another sort of stewardship, that of securing St. John's mission in Merrow. Our annual deficit has for too long been paid out of savings which are now deplete.

As I write we are approaching the end of the Easter season, with Ascension Day on Thursday. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday are three Rogation Days when traditionally the bounds are beaten. Rogation comes from the Latin 'to ask' and in times of yore, parishioners asked for their fruit and crops to be blessed as well as the stewardship of those responsible for them. How apropos that our stewardship campaign commences on these days. It gives us a time to reflect upon ourselves and our transactions with others in need. *cont.*

Leo Tolstoy tells his story referencing Luke 7:36-50 which I would commend to you. It is about a Pharisee who invited Jesus into his house and in the house a woman anointed and washed Jesus' feet with her tears. The Pharisee was only living for himself whereas the woman was not. The point of the story was to emphasise where real love abides: where there is love, there God is also. This is a good passage to reflect upon as you consider the health of our church. Are we looking on as the Pharisee or responding with our tears?

Dermot Verschoyle, Assistant Curate

Parish Registers for April 2017

Baptisms

2nd Isaac William **REYNOLDS**
2nd Kirsty Louise **WALKER**
2nd Autumn **HYNES**

Wedding

8th Timothy Ian **BOWER** to
Lisa Marie **THAIN**

Funeral

12th Brian Michael **BRIGDEN**



The Terrible Events In Manchester

St John's prays with the Church of England and the world for Manchester. We pray for those precious lives lost, for the injured, and for those who are suffering sorrow, grief and pain.

May God's spirit of comfort and strength be with them all, and with those who are working to protect us and keep us safe.

The Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord
to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom.
Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies;
that we, surely trusting in your defence,
may not fear the power of any adversaries:
through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

St John's Summer Fete

Saturday

10th June



*2-4 pm in the Rectory Garden,
Epsom Road, Merrow, GU4 7AA*

Bric-a-brac

Refreshments

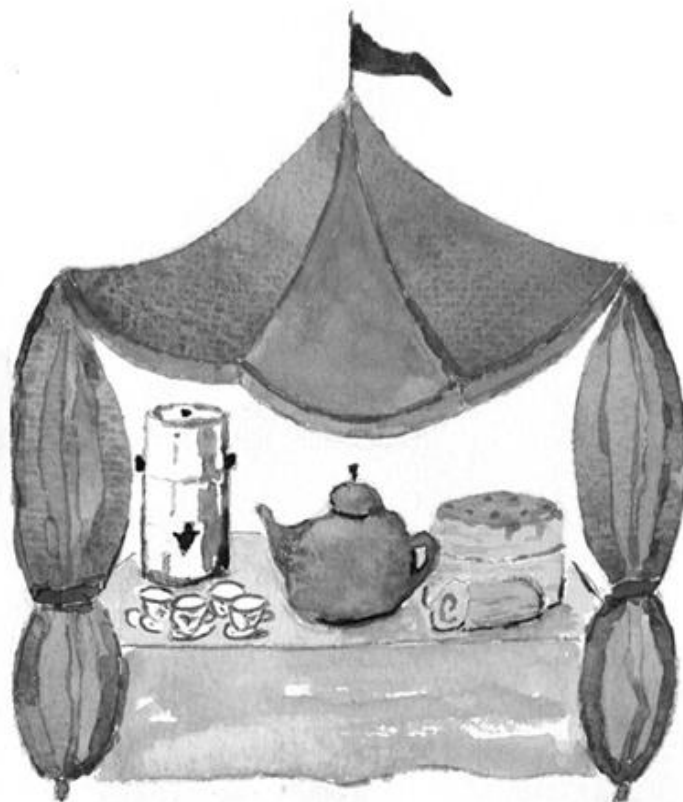
Plant sale

Tombola

Games

Books

And more....



Proceeds to Guildford Action and St John's

St John's Summer Fete

Saturday 10th June 2 - 4 pm ~ The Rectory Garden

THE SUMMER FETE TEAM NEEDS **YOUR** HELP

- ☺ To set up in the morning and carry items as required
- ☺ A team for taking down and putting to bed
- ☺ Lots of baking both for the Cake Stall and the Tea Tent
- ☺ The loan of *GAZEBOs* gazebos, gazebos.....
- ☺ To help staff stalls:
 - ✓ Bags of Surprises - Helen needs a volunteer(s) to run this stall
 - ✓ Games - Lots of you would love to be involved
 - ✓ Pimms Tent - needs a volunteer(s)
 - ✓ Tea Tent - needs lots more volunteers

☺ Contributions for stalls needed

- **boxes will be in the back of Church from Sunday**

Book Stall - PAPERBACKS ONLY - Hilary Ellwood

Bottle Tombola - John & Penny Ironmonger - all kinds of bottles

Raffle - being organised by the Choir - super prizes.

- **to the Rectory garden on the day please**

Plant Stall - Barbara Lawrence and Angela Rye plants & gardenalia

Bric-a-Brac - Pat Baldock - **PLEASE** bring items to the Rectory garden on the morning of the Fete,

Cake Stall - Alison Scudamore and Isla Stables

PLEASE contact <u>Helen Chambers (846574)</u> NOW to offer your help.
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Cathy & Martin Thompson will be running their Fair Trade stall

Carol & Josh Gray will be in charge of the Bouncy Castle

The Fete will be opened by Joanne Tester CEO of Guildford Action

Wednesday Morning Coffee Club

We start the month of June with those of school age enjoying half term, and those members of the coffee club who were willing and able recovering from the annual Afternoon Tea on the pier at Worthing.



From now on it is heads down for the rest of the term until we have our last meeting before the long summer break on Wednesday 19th July. So that is seven weeks when you can join us for a hot drink and a long chat, 10.15 - 11.30 each Wednesday in term time.

Might I also put out a plea for anyone who may be interested in joining our rota of hostesses? It is only once every five or six weeks so do call in and speak to us about what is involved or call me on 538 217.

Paulene Lambert

SUPPORTING LOCAL PEOPLE FACING CANCER

The Brigitte Trust is looking for volunteers in Merrow and Boxgrove to join its next training course in September 2017

We're looking for car drivers, of any age, who can spare three to four hours each week to visit someone at home facing cancer, MND or any life-threatening condition when it's increasingly hard to cope. Our free service offers emotional support, respite and the opportunity to share some of the issues serious illness brings. The Trust works closely with local healthcare teams to identify and support people in their homes.

Our next volunteer "taster sessions" run in June and July and the course will follow in September. Do come along without obligation and find out more about our service. You'll be helping people in your own community at a time of real need.

Please call us today on 01306 881816 www.brigitte-trust.org

Would you like a group of people to pray for a particular need?

If so please ring **01483 577164**

Total confidentiality is assured, say as much or as little as you feel is right. We will offer prayer on receiving your request and we can pray once, for a day or a week, and you can always ring again.

Cathedral News for JUNE

Details of June Services can be found on the Cathedral website or at the back of church.



Renovation and refurbishment carry on at a pace with completion due around August this year.

Continuing to volunteer my services, I've recently been involved in setting-up what eventually will be information about the Cathedral and its artefacts accessed by touch-screens. Whatever people might think about commercialism intruding into sacred spaces there's no obvious alternative if religious buildings are to survive in the years to come. All Cathedrals need cash and they'll need to come up with income generating visitor attractions if they're going to get by.

We all know about lack of cash and income from our situation at St. John's and Guildford Cathedral is no different – it's just on a massively larger scale.

Earlier this year we heard from the Archbishop of Canterbury about how our Cathedral could be forced to close through lack of funds. Can we really contemplate this happening? Think the unthinkable is what Archbishop Welby was saying because, it could come to pass.

A quick arms-length review of social-media (my least favourite pastime) on Guildford Cathedral and its future reveals a mixed bag of views from the downright insulting to the mawkishly sentimental. Unfortunately, the penny hasn't dropped yet amongst the local populace as to the dire straits in which the Cathedral finds itself.

What's to be done? Revised plans for residential development on land to the south and east of the Cathedral may be submitted which, if successful this time, will create an endowment for long term financial security for the Cathedral. This seems to be the ideal solution but if it doesn't work then the reality could be that Guildford Cathedral is allowed to fail.

Nick Bond

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting & Vestry Meeting, Sunday 30th April.

For those who missed the separate note last month, here are the key points from the well attended meetings held after the 10 o'clock Parish Eucharist.

- Robert Avis and Helen Chambers were elected Churchwardens for the coming year. They were formally admitted to office at a service at the Cathedral on 8th May and ask for your prayers to help them in this year of office.
- New members were elected to the PCC and have already been blooded at their first meeting:

Joe Bullock	Mark Butcher	Sonya Graham
Tom Mabbort	Helen Noble	
- Thanks were given to retiring members, Jane Farquharson, Barbara Lawrence, Richard Mithen and Judith Sampson.
- Ian Farr presented the list of Sidespeople for the year, which was approved with thanks by the meeting.
- The Churchwardens reported on fabric and maintenance affairs, the most significant being the completion of the Prayer Area, which has proved to be an oasis of calm and comfort for many.
- Dermot highlighted three aspects of our Christian witness in the past year; Christian hospitality as seen at the Tea Party to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday; Christian service celebrated at Chris's last Eucharist and the farewell party for Chris and Pippa; and the ongoing care pastoral witness of welcome and care.
- The Treasurer, Dick Pyper, who has kindly agreed to stay on for another year, introduced the Accounts for the year highlighting, amongst other figures, an operating deficit of some £13,000.
- Robert Avis spoke about the Budget for 2017 which predicted yet another deficit of some £22,000 and which had to be addressed. The PCC would be launching a Stewardship Campaign in a few weeks' time.
 - The meeting prayed for the successful outcome of the search for a new Rector, for whom interviews would be held in June.

Helen and Robert

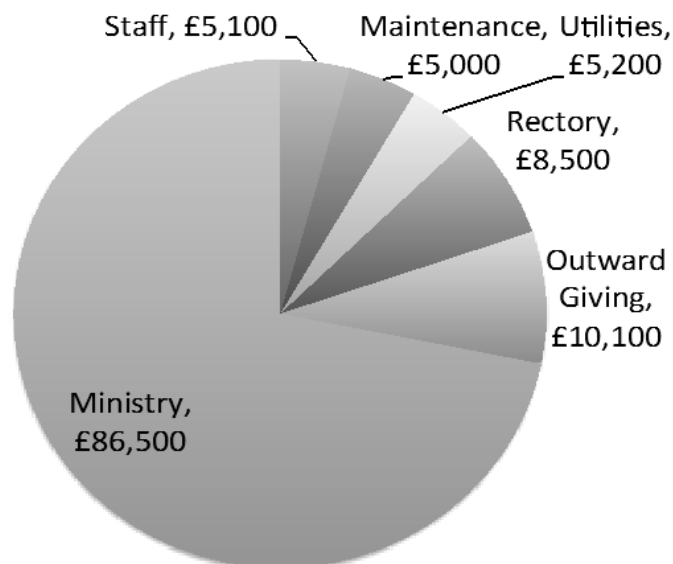
WHY ARE WE HAVING A STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN?

On Sunday 21st May, Jacqueline launched our Stewardship Campaign, preaching a sermon drawn from Paul's message to the Corinthians in Chapter 8 vv 1-7. Over the following few days we should have all received an envelope in which there is an explanation of the current financial situation of St. Johns and why it is necessary to seriously review the level of our regular giving if we are to avoid running out of money in the not too distant future.

For the last three years, the church has incurred an annual operating deficit of about £20,000. This means that, excluding the Centre which is planned to generate income to cover its annual expenditure and development, the church has been spending significantly more than it has been receiving. We have kept going because we have had reasonable reserves in the General Church Fund. But there is now less than £12,000 left in it and the Budget for this year is predicting a £22,000 deficit. And this is after the PCC has rigorously reviewed all items of expenditure.

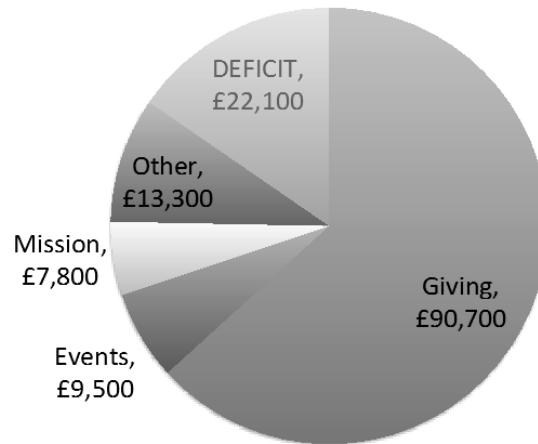
These two charts show where we expect to have to spend our money and where we expect our income to come from in 2017.

CHURCH Expenditure £143,000



CHURCH Income £121,300.

DEFICIT £22,100



A measure of the issue is that it would need an average increase of £20 per month from all our current regular givers for the gap to be bridged and our financial situation to be put on a reasonable footing for the future. Of course, our individual responses will be unique to our own circumstances but our problem is collective.

The literature we have received from the Churchwardens and Clergy Team explains the situation, the need and the possibilities for action in more detail. The more people who sign up to regular giving, using the Parish Giving Scheme, Gift Aiding our donations and inflation linking them, the more the problem is shared and the solution more likely to be achieved.

We are also being asked to consider making a legacy to St. John's in our wills, which would be an expression of our gratitude and thanksgiving to God by making a significant contribution to transforming the Church's future work in Merrow.

Brian Taylor (01483 571712) and Sara England (01483 504205) have kindly volunteered to help in confidence anyone who would wish to speak further on the subject.

If there is anyone who by chance hasn't received the pack, please let us know.

In the love of Christ
Robert and Helen.

Summary of Jacqueline's Sermon on Sunday 21 May

Our Stewardship campaign rests in that circle of love that exists for Christians between God and his people through the power of the Holy Spirit brought to us through Jesus.

WE ARE people responding to the call of Jesus to be here together on our journeys of life that are not so much about pounds and pence but about peace, fulfilment, freedom and friendship - and about service and passing on God's hope and love.

It is about being part of a community spirit that dwells in a house of God – St John's – a house that can survive the demands of the world-pull and stay functional and fit for purpose so that we can join in with God in building his kingdom by experiencing all that good news of the Gospel for ourselves and the wider community and beyond...

We are called to come together - as a family - and pull ourselves out of the glitch in our daily budgeting finances – to get us back on track. We can do it because we are loved by God beyond measure and because we love him in return.

The time is now and it is down to us to try our best to become more sustainable and smarter so that such a situation is less likely to happen again.... And that is all that is asked of us – that we do our best...

And as Christians, our best is to follow Jesus - to live out heavenly ideals in earthly ways that he taught us. Jesus knew that dealing with money and stewardship matters is part of following him as disciples and in fact, one in three of his parables are embedded in a story and meaning about money – two masters, the rich man, the talents, the love of money...

Giving in Grace - giving in the safety and security that God is with us and for us and through us in Jesus's name - will be key in all of us doing what we can together – not with a worldly 'them and us' attitude – but a spirit-filled *togetherness*, finding confidence in numbers...

Remember the Macedonians who showed us that overflowing thanksgiving and joy is what giving is about – not overflowing wealth... (2Cor.8:1-7) – We can all be thankful and joyful that this grace-filled community of St John's is always there for us through thick and thin. Giving is sharing, and sharing is caring...

Remember also that it isn't simply about £5 or £10 or £20, but about a *heartfelt intention* to do all we can...

Ideal action = £20 more – Ideal intention = our prayerful best...

Please use the spiritual tools – the prayer – the devotional booklet – the stewardship 'friends', Brian and Sara, and remember that God WILL be with us in our best efforts...

May the Lord Bless and Keep us all – now and always....

Jacqueline

St John's Stewardship Prayer

Lord of Life,

We thank you for your generous and loving grace.

Help us to be assured that all we have and need
comes from you alone.

Guide us to be wise and responsible in our stewardship
of all good gifts bestowed upon us.

Direct us to be confident shareholders in your kingdom
here in St John's, and to give what we can
in faithful trust that financial sharing
empowers rich and spiritual flourishing
for ourselves, our community, and all who turn to you in faith.

Help us to respond each day to those
generous promptings of the Holy Spirit
so that together we can offer generosity of spirit in return.

In the name of your Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen

Dear Readers

We keep very busy at Mellow C of E Infants School. Since last September, in between lessons, we have supported Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice, The British Heart Foundation and The Royal British Legion.



After our Harvest Festival so much food had been generously donated that after the distribution to deserving local residents the food left over was given to the North Guildford Food Bank. We received letters of 'thanks' from all the organisations who explained how the monies/gifts would be used.

Not only do we have very generous families at Mellow but also we have a very hard working PTA who raise money for equipment in school, recently in the form of I-pads to support learning across the curriculum. Earlier this year we worked with parents to make sure our children are safe on-line and have updated our safety rules accordingly.

We continue to come to St. John's to celebrate the important festivals. you may have seen us walking up Mellow Street.

We join you in praying for a satisfactory conclusion in the search for a new Rector.

Regards, *Jane Treharne*

Oh Lord!

The Vicar's five-year-old daughter noticed that her father always bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon. One day she asked him why.

"Well darling", he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his messages. "I'm asking the Lord to help me preach a good sermon."

"Why does he never listen?" she asked.

[Thanks to Alex for giving me this one – ed.]

Gardening Hints for June

The rain has finally arrived in the form of May showers which hopefully will produce June flowers. I wonder if we are going to have a drought as the soothsayers are predicting, watch this space.

Once your early potatoes come into flower they are ready for harvesting. Continue to make frequent small sowings of Salad Crops to avoid having a glut which you cannot use.

Indoor tomatoes should be staked and have their side shoots removed unless they are of a bush variety.

Now that the risk of frost has passed outdoor tomatoes should be planted out following the same instructions as for indoor varieties.

Runner Beans, French Beans, Brussel Sprouts, Courgettes, Kale, Purple Sprouting and Winter Cabbage should be planted out.

Harvest Rhubarb until the end of the month.

Cannas, Dahlias and Gladioli should be planted.

Pinch out the leading shoots of Chrysanthemum, Helianthus and Fuchsia to ensure bushy growth.

Feed containerised plants with a liquid feed once or twice a month.

Spring Flowering Perennials should be given the "Chelsea Chop" reducing their height by a third to encourage fresh growth and flowers.

Dead head Lupins and Delphiniums to encourage a second flush of flowers.

Divide Bearded Irises after flowering.

Lift Tulips when the foliage is dry and papery.

To avoid wilt plant Clematis deep and 18" away from a wall top give the plant the best chance of catching rainfall.

Protect Delphiniums, Lilies, Hostas and Lupins from Slugs and Snails.

Inspect Roses for Black Spot, Blight, Mildew and Aphids and spray with a systemic insecticide.

Feed potted plants every week with a liquid feed.

Prune Spring flowering shrubs such as Philadelphus and Weigelia.

Trim evergreen shrubs such as Viburnum and prune wall trained Pyracanthus.

Keep newly planted trees and shrubs well watered during dry weather.

Mow lawns regularly and fed with a Summer Feed before rain is forecast.

Hoe regularly to control weeds, treat deep rooted weeds such as Bindweed with a weed killer such as "Roundup" once they are in full leaf.

John Boon

Mission and Outreach News

Jigsaw South East – April *Charity of the Month*

Our Chicken Foot Night was very enjoyable and we made a magnificent £368.45 (including gift Aid) for the charity.

Christian Aid – May *Charity of the Month* – results next month.

Guildford Action – charity chosen to share the profit from our Summer Fete on Saturday 10 June.

Guildford Action is an independent registered charity, which has been working within the local community for over 30 years helping individuals experiencing homelessness as well as isolated families. Their mission is to 'Enhance the lives of all those they come into contact with'. There has been a massive increase in numbers of those accessing the projects over the past year due to economic climate and social welfare reforms.

▶ The Day Service supports those who are homeless, have been homeless or those on a low income, through meeting basic needs as well as group work. They offer showers, access to primary healthcare, clothing, food alongside non-judgemental advice and advocacy within the safe warm environment of the centre.

▶ The Guildford Action for Families (GAF) team provides a support service, for isolated families with all issues involving the bringing up of children, aiming to maximise the potential of every child and family, they come into contact with. The GAF Team work with families in their own homes through outreach. Also drop-in sessions within the families own communities to increase confidence and self esteem.

▶ In partnership with other agencies they deliver a SCC commissioned scheme working with families identified as in poverty and needing advice and welfare support.

▶ Joanne Tester, their Chief Executive Officer, says she will be delighted to come and open the Fete.

Toilet Twinning – Charity for July – lots of different fund raising activities by lots of groups. Watch out for FLIERS!

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A History Lesson!

The oldest computer can be traced back to Adam and Eve




Surprise! Surprise! It was an Apple.

But with extremely limited memory. Just 1 byte.

Then everything crashed!

[This comes all the way from Canada via my neighbour Marilyn – ed]

THOUGHTS

-  As I hurtled through space, one thought kept crossing my mind
- every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder.
~ John Glenn
-  If God had intended us to fly, he would have made it easier to
get to the airport
~ Jonathan Winters
-  Hollywood must be the only place on earth where you can be
fired by a man wearing a Hawaiian shirt and a baseball cap.
~ Steve Martin

Who's Who ~ June 2017

Rector	VACANCY	
	If you have a query please contact the clergy or churchwardens	
Assistant Curate	Rev'd Jacqueline Drake-Smith (Friday off)	846812
Assistant Curate	Rev'd Dermot Verschoyle (Friday off)	533449
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	Mr Robert Avis	575327
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PCC Treasurer	Mr Dick Pyper	505104
Gift Aid	Mr Martin Thompson	578923
Joint Directors of Music and Choir	Mrs Micky Clare & Mrs Mavis Martin	
Babies and Toddlers Group	Parish Office	454621
Bell Ringers	Mrs Jane Farquharson	579926
Bible Reading Fellowship	Mrs Jenny Welbourn	825541
Cathedral Link	Mr Nick Bond	579462
Children's Society representative	Mrs Judith Sampson	571847
Christian Aid Organiser	Mrs Sara England	504205
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Clerk for Wedding Registers	Mrs Hilary Ellwood	454621
Electoral Roll	Mrs Jean Spencer	564028
Fair Trade representative	Mrs Cathy Thompson	578923
Flower coordinator	Mrs Caroline Heron	570776
Head Server	Mrs Kate Verschoyle	533449
Junior Church	Rev'd Jacqueline Drake-Smith	846812
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Church Governors:	Rev'd J Drake-Smith	
Mission Committee Chairman	Rev'd D. Welbourn	825541
Safeguarding Officer (protection of children & vulnerable adults)	Mrs Rosanne Bond	579462
St. John's, Merrow, Pre-School	Ms Amanda Bazley (Manager)	454625
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	Mrs Jean Spencer	564028
	Mr Tony Clare	538306
Reading and Intercession Rota	Contact via Parish Office	
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Sunday News Sheet		454621
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Lay Parish representative		
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Deputy	Mrs Barbara Booth	385447
Transport	Mrs Rosanne Bond	579462
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Pentecost



The Coming of the Holy Spirit

When Jesus lived with us on earth he could only be with some people, in some places, at some times, but he promised that when he went home to his father in heaven he would send the Holy Spirit so that God could be with anyone, anywhere, at anytime.

Jesus had told his friends much earlier that when the Holy Spirit came to them He would teach them all things and remind them of everything Jesus had said to them. **(John 14:26).**