

Next Sunday - 15th October - Trinity 18

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Eucharist
6.30pm Meditation & Compline

NOTICES

ST JOHN'S JUMBLE SALE - NEXT Sat 14 October 10am to 12 noon. Help needed on the Friday 5-7pm, on the Sat from 9am (ish), and on the Sunday afternoon to take the unsold items to the dump, charity shop etc, and to move the jumble (being collected on the Monday) to the foyer - please let Michelle know if you can help, particularly on the Sunday.

BIBLE SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER - Michael Stoughton will be exhibiting some of his precious and ancient bibles from **8.30am** to 4pm in the Main Hall. We need stewards to oversee the bibles. Can you spare an hour? Please contact Tom Mabbort on 825143 or email Tom.Mabbort@ntlworld.com asap. Thank you.

TiC (Together in Christ) - the next Service will be on Sun 29th Oct, 6.30pm at Merrow Methodist Church, followed by refreshments. A lovely opportunity to gather with our local church community for worship and fellowship. Do come.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING TRAINING on Sat 4th November 10am to 12.30pm at St John's Centre. We **all** have a responsibility to try and ensure that St John's provides a safe and secure environment in which to offer fellowship and the opportunity to develop one's faith. Come and find out how you can help. Please check availability as numbers are limited. Rosanne 579462.

ST JOHN'S ANNUAL SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION OF THE DEPARTED on Sun 5th Nov at 4pm - please add any names you wish remembered to the list at the back of Church.

REAL CHOCOLATE ADVENT CALENDARS - £3.99. Orders now being taken. See list at the back of Church.

REV RONA STUART-BOURNE will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 10th-17th Sept 2018. This trip was planned prior to her appointment to Merrow, and in agreement with the Diocese of Portsmouth, she is happy to open this trip to us. Details are on the notice board at the back of Church. If you are interested please speak to Helen.

MERROW TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB needs more drivers, servers and kitchen help. On a Rota either once or twice a month. Drivers pick up at 12noon, return home at 1.30pm. Please contact Isla Stables 567599 or Alison Scudamore 572706 if you can help. Help is very much appreciated and it is a worthwhile cause which is very rewarding.

FILM NIGHT AT CHRISTCHURCH, WATERDEN ROAD on Wed 15th Nov at 7.15pm. **Summer in the Forest** is a moving film about the L'Arche community and Jean Vanier's vision of peace and love. Free admission. Bring a cushion. Light refreshments provided and a reflection on the film. Not suitable for under 16s. For more details see posters in Church and Centre or contact Paula Bell on 569002.

ROYAL SURREY COUNTY HOSPITAL CHAPLANCY DEPT NEEDS YOU! Are you willing to be trained and support the work of the hospital chaplains, complying with hospital policies? Training this month and next. For an application pack please contact Volunteer Services Co-ordinator 571122. Or ring Revd Joanna Percival, Lead Chaplain for a chat 406835.



St John the Evangelist Merrow 8th October 2017 TRINITY 17 Today's Services



8.00am Holy Communion (C W Order 2)

President & Preacher: Jacqueline Drake-Smiht

10.00am Parish Eucharist

President: Dermot Verschoyle

Preacher: Jacqueline Drake-Smith

Deacon: Diana Matthews

Readings, Intercessions & Elements: Mark Butcher & Hilary Ellwood

HYMNS: NEH

205 Christ is made the sure foundation

234 Christ, whose glory fills the skies

86 My song is love unknown (omit verses 4 & 6)

338 At the name of Jesus

6.30pm Evening Prayer (said)

Officiant: Jacqueline Drake-Smith

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Churchwardens: Helen Chambers 846574

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TODAY'S COLLECT & READINGS

Collect

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading Isaiah 5.1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Second Reading Philippians 3.4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Matthew 21.33-46

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce.

But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?' Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.' When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: Pray for

St Albans (Canterbury, England), The Rt Revd Alan Smith

St Albans - Bedford (Canterbury, England), The Rt Revd Richard Atkinson

St Albans - Hertford (Canterbury, England), The Rt Revd Michael Beasley

DIOCESE CALENDAR OF PRAYER: Pray for Pastoral Assistants in the parishes, for Noelle Coe, tutor for continuing ministerial development for PAs, for those in training and for Sue Lawrence and the team of PA tutors.

IN AND AROUND THE PARISH: Pray for those who live and work in North Epsom Road

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Alan Purser Linda Ratnieks Joan Simon Penny Evans Pamela Smith Jenny Branson
Barbara White John Higgins Dawn Swarbrigg Brenda Mansey Joan Ashbee Shirley Burns
Janet Alder

FOR THE DEPARTED AND THOSE WHO MOURN: Peter Hewson

Father Augustine Hoey

This week in Church

Mon - Thurs	8.10am	Morning Prayer
Mon - Thurs	5.15pm	Evening Prayer
Tues	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Wed	10.30am	Holy Communion in Merrow Hall Wednesday Coffee Club
Fri	6.30pm	Choir Practice