

## NOTICES

**APCM and ELECTORAL ROLL** - our APCM takes place **NEXT Sun 22nd April at 11.15am**. Please check your details on the Electoral Roll and amend if necessary (at the back of church). During the week a copy of the Electoral Roll will be in the Parish Office. If you are **not** on the Electoral Roll but would like to be, please complete a registration form (at the back of church above the pigeon holes) and return to Jean Spencer or the Parish Office asap.

To save costs, this year's Annual Review and Report will be available on the Parish website. Where possible I will also email both reports to Parishioners. Printed copies of the Annual Report and limited copies of the Annual Review will be available.

**PRACTICAL ACTION** our Charity of the month for April - see articles in April's Parish Magazine. Please collect your money boxes at the back of Church or see Barbara Lawrence. When it rains (all the time!) or you have to water your plants, put a little money in the box.

**TiC HEALING SERVICE** - will be on Sun 29th April, 4pm at St John's. Followed by refreshments in the Centre. Please put the date in your diary now.

**BEREAVEMENT SERVICE** at St Saviour's Church, Woodbridge Road, Guildford, THIS Tues 17th April at 7.30pm. Anyone who has suffered bereavement would find a time of quiet reflection to remember and give thanks for their loved ones. The service will include readings, music and a short reflection. It will last approx 45 mins. There will be pastoral helpers available after the service to offer a listening ear and/or prayer.

**EASYFUNDRAISING** - we have received a further cheque for £29.45. Thank you to everyone who uses the [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) website when browsing or purchasing from Amazon, John Lewis and hundreds of other stores. Remember it is FREE money for St John's, so please do keep using the site.

**INTENTIONAL DISCIPLESHIP 2018** - 'Called to Serve: stepping into the vision' See booklets at the back of church or for the complete programme go to: [www.cofeguildford.org.uk/intentional-discipleship](http://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/intentional-discipleship)

**COMMUNITY ANGELS** - see info at the back of Church and in Centre re Volunteers Training Day on Sat 28th April, 9.30am-4pm at Millmead Centre, Bury Fields.

**SUMMER SERENADE** - a Concert at St John's Church on Sun 6th May at 3pm in aid of Woking & Sam Beare Hospices.

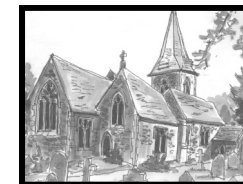
An hour of relaxing music from Bach to Albert with The Ancora Duo: Anne Allen and Sarah Freestone. Tickets £10 per person from Brian Taylor or the Parish Office.

**ST JOHN'S SUMMER FAYRE 9th JUNE** - the fayre is only 8 weeks away, so we really need to start collecting items for the stalls. Lets aim to keep Penny and John Ironmonger busy all afternoon on the Bottle Tombola. There will be a box at the back of the church next Sunday, or leave them in the Parish Office during the week. Or contact Penny and John direct. Please start collecting PAPERBACK books, toys and games, plants and bric-a-brac. A list of stallholders will be available soon. Any offers of help would still be much appreciated. Contact Jane Farquharson on 07765620017 or email [Farquharson@ntlworld.com](mailto:Farquharson@ntlworld.com)

**LIVING CHURCH MAGAZINE** - new Diocese publication for all the congregation, telling stories of life, faith and church around the diocese. Please take a copy.



## St John the Evangelist Merrow



15th April 2018

**3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Today's Services**

**8.00am Holy Communion**  
*Book of Common Prayer*

*President & Preacher: Diana Matthews*

**10.00am Service of Holy Communion**  
*Common Worship*

*President: Rona Stuart-Bourne*

*Preacher: Diana Matthews*

*Readings, Intercessions & Elements: Micky & Tony Clare*

**HYMNS: NEH**

**376 I heard the voice of Jesus say**

**372 He who would valiant be**

**124 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem**

**52 O worship the Lord**

**12.30pm Holy Baptism**

*President: Rona Stuart-Bourne*

**6.30pm Meditation & Compline**

*Officiant: Rona Stuart-Bourne*

Rector: Revd Rona Stuart-Bourne ☎ 572207 [revrona@gmail.com](mailto:revrona@gmail.com)

**Day off Thursday**

Curate: Revd Dermot Verschoyle ☎ 533449

**Day off Friday**

Parish Office: ☎ 454621 [stjohns.merrow@btconnect.com](mailto:stjohns.merrow@btconnect.com)

Churchwardens: Helen Chambers 846574

Robert Avis 575327

# TODAY'S COLLECT & READINGS

## Collect

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

## First Reading Zephaniah 3.14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

## Second Reading Acts 3.12-19

Peter addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. 'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.'

## Gospel Luke 24.36b-48

While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them,

'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

## Post Communion Prayer

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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## PRAYERS:

**ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:** Pray for The Church of Ireland, The Most Revd Richard Lionel Clarke Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan

**DIOCESE CALENDAR OF PRAYER:** Pray for our Diocesan Synod Bishop Andrew (President), Bishop Jo (Vice President); Revd Cathy Blair (Chair, House of Clergy), Stephen Roberts (Chair, House of Laity)

Prayer requests:

for all who serve on Diocesan Synod

for all who support and administrate its functions

for those elected to General Synod and for those serving on diocesan councils, boards and committees

**IN AND AROUND THE PARISH:** Pray for those who live and work in Merrow Park

**FOR THOSE BEING BAPTISED THIS SUNDAY, FOR THEIR PARENTS AND GODPARENTS:** Emilia Martha Briddon & Jenna Noelle Briddon

**OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:** Alan Purser Linda Ratnieks Penny Evans John Higgins Brenda Mansey Joan Ashbee Elizabeth Jordon Paul Ratnieks Barbara White Yvonne Tarrant Margaret Heale

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## This week in Church

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| Mon, Tues & Wed | 8.30am  | Morning Prayer   |
| Mon, Tues & Fri | 5.00pm  | Evening Prayer   |
| Tues            | 7.30pm  | Bell Ringing practice                                  |
| Wed             | 10.30am | Holy Communion in Merrow Hall<br>Wednesday Coffee Club |
| Fri             | 6.30pm  | Choir Practice   |

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## NEXT SUNDAY 22nd April - 4th Sunday of Easter

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| 8am    | Holy Communion <i>Book of Common Prayer</i>     |
| 10am   | Service of Holy Communion <i>Common Worship</i> |
| 6.30pm | Evensong  |