

Services at the Cathedral on the 20th May

4pm	Taize Worship
5-7pm	Dedicated Prayer Stations
5pm	Messy Church in the Chapter House
7pm	Contemporary Worship

NOTICES

PARISH BREAKFAST - TODAY 8.30-9.30am. Do come and join us.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - THIS WEEK - Collectors' bags will be at the back of church ready for collection. After the 10am Service **TODAY** please join us for coffee and cakes and a table top sale for Christian Aid.

SONGS OF CELEBRATION at Guildford Cathedral **TODAY** to give thanks for the refurbishment.. 'Open House' 4-6pm Service of worship and thanksgiving 6pm. See posters in Church and Centre.

PRACTICAL ACTION COLLECTION BOXES- please give to Barbara Lawrence or hand into the Parish Office when it re-opens tomorrow. Thank you.

CHURCHYARD CLEAN UP - please come and join us **NEXT** Saturday 19th May, anytime between 9am and 12 noon. Bring your own equipment. Refreshments will be provided. Thank you.

VIVACE CHORUS Concert at the Cathedral on Sat 19th May at 7.30pm. They are singing Beethoven's Symphony No 9 in D minor (Choral) and Stravinsky Symphony of Psalms. They would like to invite anyone with Dementia to attend the afternoon rehearsal at 3.15pm free of charge.

HOW CAN WE SHARE OUR FAITH WITH INTEGRITY? - come and join our workshop at Church House Guildford, 20 Alan Turing Road, Guildford, GU2 7YF **THIS** Tues 15th May, 3-5pm. Run by the Parish Development & Evangelism Mission Advisers. Open to everyone. Free event, but please book your place on the Diocese website.

THY KINGDOM COME Thurs 10th May to Sun 20th May - a time of global prayer. See Parish Magazine pages 9 & 10 for details of how we can all be involved.

READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR! - those who were inspired by the Bible reading notes which Rona spoke about in her sermon. The link is davidheywood.org/biblestudy. For those with ipads, Mark has offered technical help to load it: markdsb@gmail.com

ST JOHN'S SUMMER FAYRE 9th JUNE - the fayre is only 4 weeks away, so we really need to start collecting items for the stalls. There will be boxes at the back of the church on Sundays, or leave items in the Parish Office during the week. Please start collecting PAPERBACK books, toys and games, plants and bric-a-brac - see list of stall-holders. Any offers of help would still be much appreciated Jane 579926.



St John the Evangelist Merrow



13th May 2018 7th SUNDAY OF EASTER Today's Services

8.00am Holy Communion *BCP*

President & Preacher: Rona Stuart-Bourne

10.00am Service of Holy Communion *Common Worship*

President: Diana Matthews

Preacher: Dermot Verschoyle

Readings, Intercessions & Elements: Sara England & Anne Reeve

HYMNS: NHWS

15 And can it be

71 Give me joy in my heart

115 I cannot tell

271 To God be the glory!

6.30pm Meditation & Compline - *Harry and Meghan's Wedding*

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Rector: Revd Rona Stuart-Bourne ☎ 572207 revrona@gmail.com

Day off Thursday

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Day off Friday

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TODAY'S COLLECT & READINGS

Collect

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 Ezekiel 36.24-28

Thus says the Lord GOD: I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Second Reading Acts 1.15-17,21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people). He 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

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Father, 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.'

Post Communion Prayer

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.

PRAYERS:

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: Pray for the work of the Anglican Centre in Rome Christchurch, (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) The Rt Revd Victoria Matthews

DIOCESE CALENDAR OF PRAYER: Pray for Youth and Children's Workers in our parishes

Pray for David Welch (Diocesan Youth Adviser), Steff Shepherd and all staff and volunteers working for the benefit of young people.

Prayer requests:

for the Thy Kingdom Come prayer initiative from 10-20th May, and the celebrations at Pentecost

for the PDE team as they make plans to support children's and families workers following Alison leaving

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

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 Karen Sherlock Anne Bowey

FOR THE DEPARTED AND THOSE WHO MOURN: Vera Violet Belchamber

This week in Church

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 Wednesday Coffee Club
Fri	6.30pm	Choir Practice

Next Sunday 20th May - The Day of Pentecost

8am Holy Communion *Book of Common Prayer*

10am Service of Holy Communion *Common Worship*

No Evening Service at St John's in order that we can join in with the Pentecost and Thy Kingdom Come services at The Cathedral.

PTO for Services at the Cathedral which everyone is invited to: