

This week in Church

Mon - Wed	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Mon	9-10am	Contemplative Prayer in the Church
Mon	6-8pm	SHAPE COURSE in the Church
Mon, Tues & Fri	5.00pm	Evening Prayer
Tues	7.30pm	Bell Ringing practice
Wed	10.30am	Holy Communion in Merrow Hall

Next Sunday 5th August - 10th after Trinity

8am	Holy Communion	<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>
10am	All Age Communion Service	
6.30pm	NO SERVICE	

NOTICES

PLEASE NOTE THE PARISH CENTRE & OFFICE ARE CLOSED FROM MON 30th JULY TO FRI 10th AUGUST, RE-OPEN MON 13th AUGUST, BUT THE WEDNESDAY COMMUNION SERVICES WILL STILL TAKE PLACE IN MERROW HALL

WOKING MIND our Charity of the Month for July. We have raised a fantastic **£1320**. Thank you all so much for your kind generosity. Tom & Chris Mabbort

New Organiser urgently needed for ST JOHN'S CHRISTMAS FAIR - in order for the fair to take place this year we need someone to step forward to organise it. There will be a good handover and a willing team of volunteers to help. However, without an organiser it will not be possible to hold the fair this year. Do you think this is a one off or annual event you could take on? Please contact Helen Chambers asap. Thank you.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER - every Monday morning, 9-10am - in the Prayer Area in Church while the Centre is closed. We meet for an hour to listen to music, read the coming Sunday's Bible readings, discuss them and pray. Come along and enjoy the discussion and peace.

SHAPE COURSE - Monday 6-8pm in the Church this week.

IF YOU FEEL EXCITED BY THE IDEA OF VISITING PEOPLE FOR ST JOHN'S, THIS IS FOR YOU! Now is the time to have a conversation with Rev Rona about the Pastoral Assistant Foundation Training programme for 2019, which will begin in January. Applications are open now and courses fill up fast!

FOR MORE INFO ABOUT THE COURSES PLEASE EMAIL:
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PRUDENTIAL RIDE LONDON-SURREY 100 MILES is taking place TODAY 29th July. Our own Joanna Stokes is cycling to raise money for Guide Dogs for the Blind. Please sponsor Jo on www.justgiving.com/fundraising/joanna-stokes2 See posters in Church and Centre.



St John the Evangelist Merrow 29th July 2018 9th after Trinity Today's Services



8.00am Holy Communion BCP

President & Preacher: Diana Matthews

10.00am Service of Holy Communion CW

President: Rona Stuart-Bourne

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Readings, Intercessions & Elements: Jack Fuller & Mike Newell

HYMNS: NEH:

333 All my hope on God

410 My God how wonderful thou art

294 Just as I am

368 Guide me O thou great Redeemer

11.30am Holy Baptism

President: Rona Stuart-Bourne

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Officiant: Rona Stuart-Bourne

Jane Farquharson will be leading a Junior Church session at the 10am Service, so the children can prepare for the All Age Communion Service next Sunday 5th August

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Day off Thursday

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TODAY'S COLLECT & READINGS

Collect

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading Samuel 11:1-15

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, 'This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite.' So David sent messengers to fetch her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, 'I am pregnant.' So David sent word to Joab, 'Send me Uriah the Hittite.' And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, 'Go down to your house, and wash your feet.' Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, 'Uriah did not go down to his house', David said to Uriah, 'You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?' Uriah said to David, 'The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing.' Then David said to Uriah, 'Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back.' So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, 'Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die.'

Second Reading Ephesians 3.14-21

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel John 6.1-21

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of

them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Jesus, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.' When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYERS:

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: Pray for Province de L'Eglise Anglicane au Rwanda, The Most Revd Onesphore Rwaje Archbishop of L'Eglise Episcopale au Rwanda and Bishop of Gasabo

DIocese CALENDAR OF PRAYER: Pray for the work of the Bishop of Guildford's Foundation and its trustees and officers who are helping the most disadvantaged in Surrey and North East Hampshire.

IN AND AROUND THE PARISH: Pray for those who live and work in Bushy Hill

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 David Welbourn Nick Montague Winifred Twidell Pamela Smith

FOR THE DEPARTED AND THOSE WHO MOURN: Eric Ryland
Eric Ryland's Thanksgiving Service will be held on Fri 3rd August, 12 noon at St John's

FOR THOSE BEING BAPTISED TODAY, FOR THEIR PARENTS AND GOD-PARENTS: Jaydon Deegan, Tyler Crouch, Kai Wallis and Adam Junior Wallis

FOR THOSE BEING MARRIED AT ST JOHN'S NEXT SATURDAY: Ashley James Wise to Olivia Bethany Baulch
AND CONGRATULATIONS TO: Emily-Jane and Jeffrey Mark Staniforth who were married at St John's yesterday