

## NOTICES

**PRAYER FOR LEAH SHARIBU (CSW)** - 14 yr old Leah was captured by Boki Haram in Nigeria 200 days ago and is being held because she refuses to renounce her faith. There is a petition to call for the Nigerian Government to negotiate her freedom, and we have been asked to join in 200 hours of prayer representing her 200 days of captivity. Please sign up for your hour of prayer at [www.csw.org.uk/200hours.htm](http://www.csw.org.uk/200hours.htm) Thank you. The organisation CSW are coming to talk to us at St John's on Sun 14th October. Put the date in your diaries now.

**CHURCHYARD TIDY UP** next Sat 15th Sept, 9am to 12noon. Please bring your own equipment, but refreshments will be provided. Thank you.

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND IN SEPTEMBER 2019** - Rev Rona has organised a Pilgrimage to Galilee, Jerusalem and Bethlehem in Sep 19. Further information sessions will follow on the final Sundays of Sept and Oct and the DVD can be borrowed. For more info see pg 7 of August's Parish Magazine.

**MISSION MONDAY NEWS:** 54 people came to the Merrow Community Gospel Choir taster session on Monday. An amazing response! Well done Emily Bollon. Also Dermey's Boyz met after to organise the Christmas Bazaar. A good day for St John's mission!

Do come to the second taster session this Monday at 5pm in the Centre Main Hall. The Gospel Choir begins on Mon 17th September, 5-6pm in Merrow Hall, St John's Centre. Cost £5/person/session, £7 for two family members, £3 for students.

**PARISH BREAKFAST** - NEXT Sun 16th Sept, 8.30am to 9.45am. Do come and join us. It would be wonderful to see more people from the 10am Service!

**QUIZ NIGHT SAT 22nd SEPT, ST JOHN'S CENTRE** - 7pm for 7.15pm start, in aid of Facial Palsy. Fish & Chip supper or vegetarian option. BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS. Tickets £12 from Nick & Rosanne Bond 579462.

**CHILDREN'S HARVEST FESTIVAL WORKSHOP** on Sun 23rd Sept, 2-4pm in Merrow Hall, St John's Centre. We will be making, baking, playing and having fun. Cost £1/child. See pg12 of Sept's Parish Mag for more info.

**HARVEST TEA** Sun 30th Sept from 2.30-4pm at St John's Centre. 1st Merrow Scouts are hosting a Harvest Tea for St John's parishioners. Everyone is very welcome, so come along.

**TiC HARVEST SONGS OF PRAISE** - Sun 30th Sept, 6.30pm at St Pius Church, Lauston Close, off Horseshoe Lane East.

**HARVEST SUPPER** will be on Sat 6th October 6.30pm for 7pm. Tickets £10 from Barbara L, Helen and the Office.

**JUMBLE SALE - St John's Centre Sat 20th October 10-11.30am.** Help required to set up on the Friday evening 5-7pm and from 8.30am on the Saturday. Then clearing away.

**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 now open and courses fill up fast.

**GUILDFORD ECO DIOCESE** - Mon 24th Sept, the Launch of Guildford's Eco Diocese at St Peter's Church, Frimley Green Road, GU16 7AQ, 7-9pm. There will be a full programme of talks, discussions and Q&A sessions to help churches to join in with this initiative, or just to find out more. Led by Bishop Jo. All are very welcome. Book on line at Diocese website.



# St John the Evangelist Merrow 9th September 2018 15th after Trinity Today's Services



## 8.00am Holy Communion *BCP*

*President & Preacher: Tim Dean*

## 10.00am Service of Holy Communion *CW*

*President: Margaret Dean*

*Preacher: Tim Dean*

*Readers, Intercessions & Elements: Richard & Christine Mithen*

### **HYMNS: NHWS**

**246 Take my life**

**153 Kum ba yah**

**33 Brother, sister**

**17 As the deer pants**

## 6.30pm NO EVENING PRAYER

## Revd Rona is away until Friday 14th September

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**Day off Thursday**

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**Day off Friday**

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# TODAY'S COLLECT & READINGS

## Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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. Amen.

## First Reading Proverbs 22.1-2,8-9,22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the LORD is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the LORD pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

## Second Reading James 2.1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please,' while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there,' or, 'Sit at my feet,' have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself..' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>7</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

## Gospel Mark 7.24-37

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go – the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home,

found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

## Post Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## PRAYERS:

**ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:** Pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

**DIocese CALENDAR OF PRAYER:** Pray for Chaplains of General Hospitals, Hospices & Mental Health Trusts: Bishop's Adviser for Healthcare Chaplaincy: Rev Canon Judith Allford  
Prayer requests:

for Healthcare Chaplains from many denominations and faiths in their support for Hospice and Hospital staff as well as for patients and their families at this particularly difficult time throughout the health services.

please continue to pray for the work of our Hospice Chaplains throughout the diocese give thanks for the vital ministry of many volunteers within our Chaplaincy Teams and pray for others to join them.

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

**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 Winifred Twidell

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## This week in Church

### **NO MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER THIS WEEK**

Mon	9-10am	Contemplative Prayer in the Church
Tues	7.30pm	Bell Ringing practice
Wed	10.30am	Holy Communion in Merrow Hall Wed Coffee Club
Fri	6.30pm	Choir Practice

### **Next Sunday 16th September - 16th after Trinity**

8am	Holy Communion	<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>
10am	Service of Holy Communion	<i>Common Worship</i>
6.30pm	Meditation & Compline	