

## 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.**

**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 a DVD can be borrowed. For more info see pg 7 of August's Parish Magazine.

**MERROW COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR:** we had another wonderful turn out of people last Monday for the 2nd Taster Session. The Choir starts in earnest next Mon 17th September, 5-6pm in Merrow Hall, St John's Centre. It is not too late to join. Cost £5/person/session, £7 for two family members, £3 for students.

**PARISH BREAKFAST - TODAY** Sun 16th Sept, 8.30am to 9.45am.

**QUIZ NIGHT NEXT 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 NEXT 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 C and the Parish Office.

**HARVEST GIFTS** - we will be collecting Harvest Gifts for BESOM on Sun 7th Oct. Please see flyers for what to bring. Thank you.

**JUMBLE SALE - St John's Centre Sat 20th October 10-11.30am.** Lots of help needed to set up on the Friday evening 5-7pm, and from 8.30am on the Saturday. Then clearing away. Please contact Michelle in Parish Office. Thank you.

**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.

**WOOL** - if you have any unwanted balls of wool, Teresa from Wed Coffee Club would love them. Please hand into the Parish Office or bring on Wed morning. Thank you.

**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 16th September 2018 16th 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*

*Preacher: Diana Matthews*

*Readers, Intercessions & Elements: Sara England & Anne Reeve*

**HYMNS: NEH**

**368 Guide me**

**407 Lord thy word abideth**

**415 O for a thousand tongues**

**413 Now thank we all our God**

## 6.30pm Meditation & Compline

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## TODAY'S COLLECT & READINGS

### Collect

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### First Reading Isaiah 50.4-9a

The servant of the LORD said: The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens – awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

### Second Reading James 3.1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue – a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

### Gospel Mark 8.27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' Jesus asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And

Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

### Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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### PRAYERS:

**ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:** Pray for Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan, The Most Revd Ezekiel Kumir Kondo Archbishop of the Province of Sudan & Bishop of Khartoum

**DIocese CALENDAR OF PRAYER:** Pray for our Ecumenical Partners and for those of other faiths. Pray for the inter-faith team in their work with the different faith communities

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

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

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### This week in Church

Mon - Wed	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Mon, Tues & Fri	5.00pm	Evening Prayer
Mon	9-10am	Contemplative Prayer in the Centre
Tues	7.30pm	Bell Ringing practice
Wed	10.30am	Holy Communion in Merrow Hall Wed Coffee Club
Fri	6.30pm	Choir Practice

### Next Sunday 23rd September - 17th after Trinity

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