

NOTICES

DEC INDONESIA TSUNAMI APPEAL- we are starting a collection next Sunday for DEC. Please give generously.

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Quiz Night and also to those who have made a donation. A total so far of £1125.51 has been raised for Facial Palsy UK.

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 Thank you. **The organisation CSW are coming to talk to us at St John's NEXT Sun 14th October.**

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND IN SEPTEMBER 2019 - Rev Rona has organised a Pilgrimage to Galilee, Jerusalem and Bethlehem in Sep 19. An information session will take place after the 10am Service in the Quiet Room on Sun 28th October. A DVD can also be borrowed. For more info see pg7 of August's Parish Magazine.

MERROW COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR - this Monday and every Monday, 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.

HARVEST GIFTS - we will be collecting Harvest Gifts for **BESOM TODAY**. Please see flyers for what to bring. Thank you.

GUILDFORD DEANERY MU will be meeting in the Church Centre THIS Mon 8th Oct 7.45 for 8pm. The subject is Domestic Violence. All welcome! Jenny Welbourn 825541.

CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS - to swell the choir for Christmas we would welcome new recruits. Anyone who would like to join us for the festive season please come to the first rehearsal on Fri 19th Oct at 7pm in Church.

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 if you are able to help. Thank you.

CHEQUE FROM EASYFUNDRAISING for £49.32 has been received. Please do use the site when you are purchasing or just browsing. Thank you.

DIOCESAN TRANSFORMING CHURCH MAGAZINE is now available at the back of church. Please take a free copy.

ANNUAL CARERS TEA & SERVICE - THIS Thurs 11th Oct 3.30-5pm at the Refectory, Guildford Cathedral. Followed by Evensong in the Cathedral 5.30-6.30pm. Places must be booked.



St John the Evangelist Merrow 7th October 2018 HARVEST FESTIVAL Today's Services



8.00am Holy Communion *BCP*

President & Preacher: Rona Stuart-Bourne

10.00am All Age Communion for Harvest

President: Diana Matthews

Preacher: Rona Stuart-Bourne

HYMNS: NHWS

537 For the fruits of his creation

285 God whose farm is all creation

286 Praise, O praise our God and King

494 I the Lord of sea and sky

11.30am Holy Baptism

President: Rona Stuart-Bourne

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Officiant: Rona Stuart-Bourne

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Day off Thursday

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TODAY'S COLLECT & READINGS

Harvest Collect

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we bless you for all you have created, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Reading 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Gospel Matthew 6:25-33

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS:

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: Pray for The Episcopal Church, The Most Revd Michael Curry Presiding Bishop of TEC

DIOCESANE CALENDAR OF PRAYER: Pray for Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit, Guildford

Dianna Gwilliams (Dean), Stuart Beake (Residentiary Canon and Sub Dean), Julie Gittoes (Residentiary Canon and Acting Chaplain to the University of Surrey), Paul Smith (Canon Liturgist), Mavis Wilson (Priest Vicar)

Pray for:

- the ministry of the Cathedral – all staff and volunteers; Matt O’Grady (Chief Operating Officer); for the governance - Chapter, the College of Canons and the Cathedral Council (Canon Professor Peter Shaw, Chair)
- the thousands of visitors each year – that they might encounter God’s love in all that they see and in all the people that they meet
- that our Cathedral would be a place Open to God and Open to all.

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

FOR THOSE BEING BAPTISED TODAY, FOR PARENTS AND GODPARENTS: Harper Violet Pickford

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

This week in Church

Mon - Wed	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Tues only	5.00pm	Evening Prayer
Mon	9-10am	Contemplative Prayer in the Centre
	5-6pm	Gospel Choir in Centre
Tues	7.30pm	Bell Ringing practice
Wed	10.30am	Holy Communion in Merrow Hall, Centre
		Wed Coffee Club
Fri	6.30pm	Choir Practice

Next Sunday 14th October - 20th after Trinity

8am	Holy Communion	BP
10am	Holy Communion	CW
6.30pm	Evening Prayer	