

NOTICES

WAR MEMORIAL RESTORATION - our grateful thanks on behalf of the community of Merrow must go to Merrow Residents Association for raising over £500 towards the cost of the recent work to the War Memorial. This was partly through an appeal to their members and partly from a generous grant from the MRA itself. The other £500 has been donated by St John's PCC.

ST JOHN'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR NEXT SATURDAY 17th NOV, 2-4pm
- we need lots of goodies for the stalls - good quality gifts, bottles, chocolate items, jigsaws, board games, children's books, jams, promises of cakes and biscuits on the day. **Boxes will be in the CENTRE today.** See flyers and posters for more info.

FOR TRANSPORT TO THE BAZAAR - please contact Rosanne by **Wed 14th Nov** on 579462.

DEC INDONESIA TSUNAMI APPEAL - we are collecting today for DEC. Please give generously.

VOUCHERS FOR OLDER CHILDREN OF PRISONERS IN HMP SEND - Barbara Lawrence is collecting money to buy the Vouchers. Please give her your donation by Sun 25th Nov, thank you.

CHURCHYARD TIDY UP - thank you to everyone who came and helped tidy up the churchyard and those who provided refreshments last Sunday. Excellent teamwork!

RED WEDNESDAY 28th NOV (initiated by the Charity CSW who spoke at St John's on the 14th Oct) - St John's will be lit up in red (colour of martyrdom) to encourage people to pray, support and take action for those who aren't free to believe. Do wear red that day as a sign of solidarity. **Please sign the Petition at the back of church 'Every child safe in school'.**

CHRISTMAS CHOIR - anyone who has joined the Choir for Christmas, please come to Choir Practice on Friday at 7pm.

DEDICATION OF NEW HYMN BOOKS - we are sourcing bookplates for our new hymn books. If you would like to dedicate a hymn book to a particular person, please let Helen Chambers know. We would suggest a donation of £12.50 or £20 for a large print copy. Thank you.

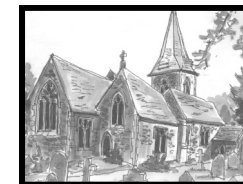
MERROW COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR - meets every Mon, 5-6pm in Merrow Hall, St John's Centre. It is not too late to join! Cost £5/person/session, £7 for two family members, £3 for students. **Do join us now to be involved in the Christmas Concert on Sunday 22nd Dec in St John's Centre.**

WILL AID is 30 - book your Will Aid appointment now!

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND IN SEPTEMBER 2019 - Rev Rona has organised a Pilgrimage to Galilee, Jerusalem and Bethlehem in Sep 19. A DVD can be borrowed giving info on the trip.



St John the Evangelist Merrow



11th November 2018 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Today's Services

9.00am Holy Communion *BCP*

President & Preacher: Tim Dean

10.45am Service of Remembrance (see Service Booklet)

Presidents: Rona Stuart-Bourne & Diana Matthews

Reader: Mike Newell

HYMNS:

Praise to the Lord the almighty

O God our help in ages past

I vow to thee my country

The National Anthem

6.30pm Evening Prayer

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TODAY'S COLLECT & READINGS

Collect

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

 Jonah 3.1-5,10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Second Reading

 Hebrews 9.24-28

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Gospel

 Mark 1.14-20

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.' As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Post Communion Prayer

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS:

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: Pray for Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba, Cuba, The Rt Revd Griselda Delgado Del Carpio

DIocese Calendar of Prayer:

Pray for *O God, lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth.*

lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.

lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.

Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe. Amen.

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

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 Brenda Mansey Meah Paterson
Sarah Donoghue

FOR THE DEPARTED AND THOSE WHO MOURN: Robert Taylor

This week at St John's

Mon, Tues & Wed	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Mon, Tues & Fri	5pm	Evening Prayer
Mon	9-10am	Contemplative Prayer in the Centre
	9.45-11.30am	Baby & Toddler Gp in the Centre
	5-6pm	Gospel Choir in the Centre
Tues	7.30pm	Bell Ringing practice
Wed	10.30am	Holy Communion in Merrow Hall, the Centre
		Wed Coffee Club in the Centre
Fri	6.30pm	Choir Practice

Next Sunday 18th November - Special Service for the Church's Year - 2nd before Advent

8am	Holy Communion	BCP
10.00am	Special Communion Service	Celebrating the Church's Year
6.30pm	Meditation & Compline	