

NOTICES

NEW ELECTORAL ROLL - a new electoral roll has to be completed this year and existing members have to reapply along with new members. Forms are available at the back of church, the Parish Office or from Jean Spencer. **Completed forms must be returned to Jean Spencer or the Parish Office by NEXT SUNDAY 17th Feb.**

PARISH MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS MEETING TODAY at 11.15am in Merrow Hall.

TiC LENT GROUPS FOR 2019 - this year the Lent Groups will discuss "The Way of the Desert" by Andrew Watson. More information to follow next week.

LENT RETREAT Fri 1st to Sun 3rd March - CYE run occasional quiet retreats on their lovely boat in a beautiful river inlet in Chichester Harbour. They have a few spaces left. Do speak to Rona if you are interested and look at their website.. They come highly recommended.

PARISH BREAKFAST Sun 3rd March – do join us for a continental breakfast in the Centre from 8.30-9.30am. Stay on after the 8am Service or come early for the 10am. We look forward to seeing you there.

ROTA FOR SUNDAY COFFEE - after many year's service Barbara Booth is having to step down from the Sunday Coffee Rota. Please could someone step forward and take her place? They would be needed on Sundays 31st March, 30th June, 22nd Sept and 22nd Dec. We also need a few extra people to be on a reserve list. Please contact Michelle in the Parish Office asap 454621. Thank you.

JEEL-AL-AMAL BOYS HOME IN BETHANY APPEAL - we are delighted to report they raised enough money to pay salaries, pay off debts and keep things going . A big thank you to you all.

MERROW COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR meets every Monday, 5-6pm in Merrow Hall, St John's Centre. Come and join us! Cost £5/person/session, £7 for two family members, £3 for students.

URGENT PRAYER FOR NIGERIA - **this Tues 12th Feb** Nigeria are holding elections that will determine their future. Please pray for the country at home or where ever you are, or go to St Michael's, Chester Square, London, SW1W 9EF to join CSW in prayer from 7-9pm. See info at the back of church.

HAPPY, HEALTHY AT HOME? All are welcome to an open meeting held by The West Surrey Palestine Solidarity Campaign and The Justice & Peace Gp of the Catholic Parish of Guildford at St Pius Church, Laustan Close, **this Fri 15th Feb** at 7.30pm. For more info see posters in Church and Centre.

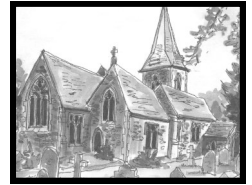
YMCA SLEEP EASY 2019 - Fri 22nd March 8pm to 8am. Sleep out and change the lives of homeless and vulnerable young people. Last year they raised £62,000, this year they are aiming for £75,000. Go to the the YMCA website for more details.

VARIETY NIGHT in aid of HAPPY CHILD INT at Burpham Church on Sat 2nd March 5-8pm. See posters and flyers in the Centre.



St John the Evangelist Merrow

10th February
4th Sunday before Lent
Today's Services



8.00am Holy Communion BCP

President & Preacher: Margaret Dean

10.00am Service of Holy Communion CW

President: Diana Matthews

Preacher: Margaret Dean

Readings, Intercessions & Elements: Joe Bullock & Tom Mabbort

HYMNS:

676 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

602 Blest are the pure in heart

729 My God how wonderful thou art

584 All my hope on God is founded

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Officiant: Helen Chambers

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Day off Thursday

Curate: Revd Dermot Verschoyle ☎ 533449

Day off Friday

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TODAY'S COLLECT & READINGS

Collect

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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.

First Reading Isaiah 6.1-8(9-13) - please do look up the reading in your bible at home.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15.1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Gospel Luke 5.1-11

While Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

Post Communion Prayer

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your

continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYERS:

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: Pray for the Anglican Church of Canada, The Most Revd Frederick Hiltz - Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada

DIOCESE CALENDAR OF PRAYER: Pray for

- members of the Bishop's Council and the Diocesan Board of Finance as they balance issues of mission and finance
- for those serving on Diocesan Synod and those from this diocese serving on the General Synod.
- for Peter Coles in his role as Diocesan Secretary and for Chris Ellis in his role as Deputy Diocesan Secretary

IN AND AROUND THE PARISH AND DEANERY: Pray for those who live and work in Bushy Hill, and for the PCC and parishioners of St Nicholas

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR: Linda & Paul Ratnieks Penny Evans
John Higgins Joan Ashbee Elizabeth Jordon Barbara White Yvonne Tarrant
Winifred Twidell Brenda Mansey Sarah Donoghue Clifford King David Welbourn
Alan Whicheloe

FOR THE DEPARTED AND THOSE WHO MOURN: Heather Fair
Heather Fair's Thanksgiving Service will take place at St John's on Friday 22nd Feb at 12 noon followed by refreshments at Guildford Golf Club, High Path Road, Merrow.

This week at St John's

Morning Prayer - Mon 8am, Tues & Wed 8.30am, Sat 9am

Evening Prayer - Mon 4pm, Tues & Sat 5pm

Join Rona for Morning and Evening Prayer by clicking on the link to the Church of England Daily Prayer page on our website.

Please be assured that Rona prays the Daily Office both in Church at published times, and privately at other times. Prayer requests are always welcome.

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 the Centre Wed Coffee Club in the Centre
Fri	6.30pm	Choir Practice

Next Sunday - 17th February - 3rd Sunday before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion *BCP*

10.00am Service of Holy Communion *CW*

6.30pm Meditation & Compline