

NOTICES

THE BISHOP'S LENT CHALLENGE 2019 - please see flyers at the back of Church and in the Centre. Everyone is invited to join in the journey this Lent to become more prayerful and confident disciples in daily life. Share in the daily reflections and weekly videos. Everyone can sign up to take part or receive paper versions.

Go to: cofeguildford.org.uk/lent

LENT LUNCHESES at the Rectory, 12-1pm, on the 12th March, 26th March and 9th April. Cost £5. All monies raised will go to Foodwise who will be cooking the lunches. Sign up sheets are at the back of church. See pg 11 of March's Parish Mag for more details.

LENT BOOK - even if you are unable to attend a Lent Course, the book "The Way of the Desert" by Andrew Watson is available to purchase at £4. Please see Isla Stables 567599.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING next Sunday 17th March at 11.15am in the Centre Main Hall. Please come to this important meeting.

The Electoral Roll is now complete and if anyone would like to check their entry please contact Jean Spencer on 564028, as the entries cannot be left out. New entries are not permitted until after the APCM.

MESSY CHURCH - Sat 23rd March in the Centre 2-4pm, with stories, singing, craft activities and tea.

SUNDAY COFFEE POTTER URGENTLY REQUIRED for Sundays 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.

MOTHERING SUNDAY POSIES - could you spare an hour on Sat 30th March to help assemble the posies for Mothering Sunday? Meet 9.30am at Alison Scudamore's house, 56 Horseshoe Lane East, armed with secateurs, snips and some greenery if possible. Refreshments provided and a good chat!

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.

MERROW COMMUNITY SING-A-LONG ON SAT 30TH MARCH AT 6.30PM IN CHURCH - do come along to sing along to Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat with Choirs from Bushy and Merrow Infants Schools. No tickets required but a collection will be taken at the end of the performance.

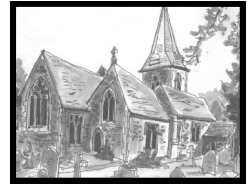
CHURCHYARD & CENTRE TIDY UP ON SAT 6th APRIL 9.30AM TO 12

NOON - do come and join us to tidy up the churchyard in readiness for Easter. Please bring tools and gloves. Refreshments will be provided. A wonderful morning to work together.

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 YMCA website for more details.



St John the Evangelist Merrow 10th March 2019 1st Sunday of Lent Today's Services



8.00am Holy Communion BCP

President & Preacher: Rona Stuart-Bourne

10.00am Service Holy Communion Service CW

President: Tim Dean

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Readings, Intercessions & Elements: Micky Clare & Barbara Lawrence

HYMNS:

121 Forty days and forty nights

628 Father of heaven whose love profound

464 Sweet Sacrament Divine

748 O Jesus I have promised

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Officiant: Tim Dean

***DERMOT'S FUNERAL WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY
28TH MARCH AT 2.30PM, FOLLOWED BY
REFRESHMENTS IN ST JOHN'S CENTRE.
EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME***

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TODAY'S COLLECT & READINGS

Collect

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading Deuteronomy 26.1-11 - please read this at home

Second Reading

 Romans 10.8b-13

What does scripture say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Gospel

 Luke 4.1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord

PRAYERS:

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: Pray for the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo, The Most Revd Zacharie Masimango Katanda - Archbishop of the Congo & Bishop of Kindu

DIOCESE CALENDAR OF PRAYER: Pray for Chaplains of General Hospitals , Hospices & Mental Health Trusts

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 AND DEANERY: Pray for those who live and work in Bushy Hill and for the PCC and parishioners of Guildford Cathedral

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR: Linda & Paul Ratnieks Eileen Quinn-Thomas John Higgins Joan Ashbee Elizabeth Jordon Barbara White Yvonne Tarrant Brenda Mansey Sarah Donoghue Clifford King Alan Whicheloe Penny Evans

FOR THE DEPARTED AND THOSE WHO MOURN:

Dorothy Carter Kenneth Downes Dermot Verschoyle Joan Boxall

Joan Boxall's Funeral will take place at St John's on Friday 5th April at 2pm, followed by refreshments in the Centre.

This week at St John's

Morning Prayer - Mon 8am, Tues 8.30am, Sat 8.30am

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
		Wednesday Coffee Club
Fri	6.30pm	Choir Practice

Next Sunday - 17th March - 2nd Sunday of Lent

8.00am Holy Communion *BCP*

10.00am Service of Holy Communion *CW (followed by APCM in Centre)*

6.30pm Meditation & Compline