

NOTICES

WAR MEMORIAL - as you may be aware we have been updating the names on the War Memorial to include three people whose names were missing from the original dedication. The cost of this exercise was not inconsiderable but I am pleased to say the family of one of the soldiers together with Merrow Residents Assoc have covered the cost, and we are extremely grateful for their generosity. Do look on the MRA website/Memorials for more information.

And a big thank you to Tom Mabbort who has put in a lot of work to make this happen.

TOGETHER IN CHRIST SERVICE - we are hosting an Ecumenical TiC Service on Sun 29th Sept at 6.30pm on 'Pilgrimage'. Do come along and show a warm welcome to those who have come from other churches in Merrow.

ST JOHN'S JUMBLE SALE - unfortunately we have had to cancel as we simply did not get enough offers of help.

NEW PRAYER WALL - don't forget to post your prayers in the new prayer wall. These prayers are blessed and prayed for on your behalf. If you have any questions/concerns please speak to Tom or Chris Mabbort.

SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA - please help. A couple of our long term helpers have had to retire suddenly due to ill health and we need help on the 24th Nov and possible 8th Dec. Please could you join the Rota, or even be a Reserve, it is only four times a year!

THE HYGIENE BANK UPDATE - the collection box remains in the Centre foyer, so do keep it coming in.

TOOLS FOR AFRICA UPDATE - the collection box also will remain in the Centre foyer, so do keep bringing in your tools. And thank you to everyone who has already contributed.

CLIMATE CHANGE, OBSERVE & ACT - a Mothers Union meeting at Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, tomorrow Mon 9th Sept, 7.45pm coffee, 8pm start. Speaker Robert Cotton.

MERROW METHODIST CHURCH is having a Coffee Morning this Thurs 12th Sept, 10.30-12.30, to raise funds for HASTE, a charity which funds the prevention of heart attacks/strokes.

SURREY CHURCHES RIDE & STRIDE on Sat 14th Sept - ride your bike or walk round the churches of Surrey and raise money for St John's. See info at the back of church.

GUILDFORD HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 13-15 Sept - a chance to visit places not normally open to the public. See brochures in the Centre. St John's Church is involved.

TALKING JESUS COURSE - a six week evening course at St Saviour's Church, Guildford. Dates: 24th Sept, 8th & 22nd Oct, 5th & 19th Nov and 3rd Dec, 7.30-9.30pm.

To help you talk about Jesus to people you know and meet. Six encouraging video-based sessions with short films and inspirational testimonies. With a short easy to follow course book! Sign up at the Diocese website, or let Michelle in the office know and she will book you in. Cost £5 at time of booking. This includes all course materials and refreshments.

LONDON INTERNATIONAL GOSPEL CHOIR at G Live on Fri 20th Sep. Raising money for Donate4Refugees. Tickets £18-£27.

INTRO TO MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES IN SPIRITUAL & PASTORAL CARE

A 10 week course at Farnham Road Hospital, 6.30-9pm, Wed evenings, 2nd Oct to 11th Dec 19. Booking forms in the parish office.



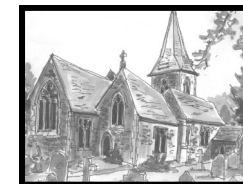
St John the Evangelist

Merrow

*A community
growing in faith*

8th September 2019

12th Sunday after Trinity



8.00am Holy Communion BCP

President & Preacher: Tim Dean

10.00am Holy Communion CW

President: Margaret Dean

Preacher: Tim Dean

Assisted by: Barry Hanson

Readers, Intercessions & Elements: Tom Mabbort & Dorothy Seymour

HYMNS:

1 Awake my soul and with the sun

489 From heaven you came

487 Christ is the one who calls

476 Forth in thy name

11.30am Holy Baptism

President: Rona Stuart-Bourne

6.30pm NO SERVICE

Rector: Revd Rona Stuart-Bourne ☎ 572207 revrona@gmail.com

Day off Thursday

Curate: Revd Barry Hanson ☎ 07949 654988 revbarryhanson@outlook.com

Day off Friday

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TODAY'S COLLECT & READINGS

Collect

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading Deuteronomy 30.15-20

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Second Reading Philemon 1-21 - please read at home

Gospel Reading Luke 14.25-33

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.'

Post Communion Prayer

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Anne & Jeremy Cooper's new address is:

Four Acres, Green End Road, Radnage, Bucks, HP14 4BZ
Their email addresses remain unchanged.

PRAYERS:

ST JOHN'S 2019 CHARITIES: Please pray for our three main Charities of the Year - Compassion, Christians Against Poverty (CAP) and Foodwise. Look out for more details about these charities in the Parish Magazine.

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

Pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan, The Most Revd Ezekiel Kumir Kondo - Archbishop of the Province of Sudan & Bishop of Khartoum

DIOCESAN CALENDAR OF PRAYER:

Chaplains of General Hospitals, Hospices and Mental Health Trusts.

IN AND AROUND THE PARISH AND DEANERY:

Pray for those who live and work in Merrow Park

FOR THOSE BEING BAPTISED TODAY, FOR THEIR PARENTS AND GODPARENTS: George Clive Cummins-Taylor Pratt

FOR THOSE BAPTISED YESTERDAY, FOR THEIR PARENTS AND GODPARENTS: Myles & Rosemarie Pankhurst

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Linda & Paul Ratnieks Penny Evans John Higgins Elizabeth Jordon Brenda Mansey Sue Inkster Beth Chapman David Kemp

FOR THE DEPARTED AND THOSE WHO MOURN:

Patricia Cleall-Harding Stella Fleuret

This week at St John's

Morning Prayer: 8.30am Mon, Tues, Wed and Thurs, and 9am on Sat

Evening Prayer: 4pm on Mon, 5pm on Tues, Wed, Fri and Sat

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	9.30-11.30am	Baby & Toddler Gp
	3-4pm	Contemplative Prayer in Church
	5-6pm	Gospel Choir in Merrow Hall
Tues	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Wed	10.30am	Holy Communion in Merrow Hall
		Wednesday Coffee Club
Fri	6.30pm	Choir Practice

Next Sunday - 15th September - 13th Sunday after Trinity

8am	Holy Communion	<i>BCP</i>
10am	Holy Communion	<i>CW</i>
6.30pm	NO SERVICE	