

NOTICES

RON'S PROM TODAY Sunday 20th October at 3pm - do join us for a pot pourri of evocative sketches and music, based broadly on the Last Night of the Proms. Come and wave flags, sing, and enjoy a delicious British Afternoon Tea. Tickets £5 from Andy Nunney and Robert Avis. Proceeds will be in aid of Church Funds.

ANNUAL SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION OF THE DEPARTED ON SUNDAY 27TH OCT AT 4PM - the list of names to be read out during the service is at the back of church. If you wish to add anyone's name to that list, please do so.

ROB HALLIGAN in Concert at St John's Church Sat 2nd November, 7 for 7.30pm start. Tickets £15 in advance, which includes a supper during the interval. Please bring your own drinks. Tickets from Peter Tappin 07776 183701 or email: peter.tappin@btinternet.com. Proceeds to Global Care and Friends of St John's

AUTHORISATION SERVICE FOR PASTORAL ASSISTANTS at G Cathedral on Sat 9th November at 10.30am. Do go along and support our new Pastoral Assistants Helen, Jo and Carol.

ST JOHN'S ANNUAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE will be on Sunday 10th November at 10.45am.

ST JOHN'S 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.

THE HYGIENE BANK & TOOLS FOR AFRICA - both collection boxes will remain in the Centre foyer for the foreseeable future, so do keep bringing in your contributions. Thank you to everyone who have already contributed.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Until 31st Oct - 'Light in Abstraction' Exhibition by Nicola Rose at G Cathedral

19th Oct - Shere Cinema Anti-Slavery Gp presents **I Am Slave** - see posters and flyers

21 Oct - Guildford YMCA open day, 9.30am to 2pm

23rd Nov - St John's Church Christmas Market

30th Nov - Merrow C of E Infant School Christmas Fair

18-22 Dec - Wintershall - The Nativity - see website and flyers for more information - please be aware that tickets are going fast.

MERROW IN BLOOM! - a Community bulb planting session on Bushy Hill on Wed 13th Nov from 10am to 12noon. Meet on the green on Hall Dene Close. Everyone very welcome. Refreshments will be provided. Organised by the Community Wellbeing Team.

TAISO run by Les Bubka meets at the Centre every Thursday lunchtime, 1-2pm.

Taiso is a very gentle form of exercise which can be managed in a standing or sitting position, and which improves the posture. It is ideal for those who find exercise more difficult. Just come along on a Thursday and join the group. The cost is £5/session.



St John the Evangelist

Merrow

*A community
growing in faith*

20th October 2019

18th after Trinity



8.00am Holy Communion BCP

President: Diana Matthews

10.00am Holy Communion CW

President & Preacher: Rona Stuart-Bourne

Deacon: Barry Hanson

Readers, Intercessions & Elements: Anne & David Woolcott

Hymns:

743 O God beyond all praising

711 Like a mighty river flowing

460 O thou who thy Eucharist didst pray

742 O for a thousand tongues

6.30pm No Service

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Day off Thursday

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TODAY'S COLLECT & READINGS

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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. **Amen**

First Reading Genesis 32.22-31

Jacob got up, took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5

Continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

Gospel Reading Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in

helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

Post Communion Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.

PRAYERS:

ST JOHN'S 2019 CHARITIES:

Please continue to pray for our three main Charities of the Year: Foodwise, Christians Against Poverty (CAP) and Compassion

Please see more information about Foodwise in the October Parish Magazine

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

Pray for the Church in the Province of the West Indies

DIOCESAN CALENDAR OF PRAYER:

Pray for our Discipleship, Vocations and Ministry team and also those who at national level and in our parishes encourage those seeking God's calling.

IN AND AROUND THE PARISH AND DEANERY:

Pray for those who live and work in Epsom Road South

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Linda & Paul Ratnieks Brenda Mansey Sue Inkster Carol Jeffreys Pamela Smith Everleigh Fred Windsor

FOR THE DEPARTED AND THOSE WHO MOURN:

David Kemp

This week at St John's

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

Evening Prayer - 5pm Mon, Tues, Fri & 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	9.45-11.30am	Baby & Toddler Gp in Merrow Hall
	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 27th October - Bible Sunday

8.00am	Holy Communion	<i>BCP</i>
10.00am	Holy Communion	<i>CW</i>
4.00pm	All Souls Service	