



St. John the Evangelist  
Merrow



# **NEWS & RESOURCES**

## **Patronal Festival – St. John the Evangelist**

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Patronal Festival**

8:00 BCP Holy Communion

10:00 All Age Worship

10:45 Congregational Brunch

### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

9:15 Glow Toddler Group

### **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

10:15 Coffee Club – Centre

10:30 Holy Communion – Centre

5:00pm Youth Café – Centre

### **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

No Choir Practice

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Patronal Festival**

8:00 BCP Holy Communion

10:00 Parish Communion

11:30 APCM in Main Hall

*Please take this home with you*

## **Hymns**

494 I, the Lord of sea and sky

652 Guide me O thou great redeemer

595 (tune 1) At the name of Jesus (omit \*)

748 O Jesus I have promised

## **Collect**

Merciful Lord,

cast your bright beams of light upon the Church:

that, being enlightened by the teaching

of your blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John,

we may so walk in the light of your truth

that we may at last attain to the light of everlasting life;

through Jesus Christ your incarnate 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 - 1 John 1**

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is

not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

### **Gospel - John 21: 20-24**

Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, 'Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?' When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, 'Lord, what about him?' Jesus said to him, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!' So the rumour spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?'

This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

*Readings next week (Easter 7): Acts 1: 15-17. 21-end.*

*John 17: 6-19*

### **Seasonal Material:**

#### **Invitation to Confession**

Hear what Saint John says:

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just,  
and will forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

#### **Introduction to the Peace**

Jesus says, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
I do not give to you as the world gives.'

## **Extended Preface**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty creator, ever-living God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
for he is the Word before all creation,  
the Life made manifest,  
the Light who shines in the darkness.  
He is the living Bread who has come down from heaven,  
the Good Shepherd, who lays down his life for the sheep,  
the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
He stands among us in his risen power,  
and shows us his hands and his side.  
With joy we worship him as our Lord and our God.  
Therefore with all the angels of heaven  
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name  
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

## **Post Communion**

Grant, O Lord, we pray,  
that the Word made flesh  
proclaimed by your apostle John  
may, by the celebration of these holy mysteries,  
ever abide and live within us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Blessing**

Grace from the eternal Father be with you;  
grace from the Word made flesh be with you;  
grace from the Spirit of truth be with you;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

## **FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

### **Sick or in need**

Jenny Shales, Dick Pyper, Toni Gardner, David Welbourn.

### **The Departed**

Mike Newell

### **The World**

The children we help in Haiti through the work of Compassion, whose country is suffering a complete collapse of law and order, a takeover by warring gangs and a breakdown of society in general.

## **ST. JOHN'S NEWS**

### **Christian Aid Week 12th**



St John's is raising money for Christian Aid. Envelopes will be given out at the services on 12<sup>th</sup> May or it's possible to give through the St John's e-envelope on the Christian Aid website – use this QR code or go to

<https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2024/st-johns-church-merrow>.

You can read about CA's work in Burundi on our church website under Our Community and then Christian Aid.

### **Desert Detectives Holiday Club Information Session**

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 14:00 in the Church Centre we will be running an information session about our upcoming bible holiday club! For anyone who would like to find out more about what it is and see what volunteering opportunities there are please come along. There will be a short presentation followed by time to ask questions..... with tea and biscuits, of course!

## **Bereavement Teas**

We will be serving tea to anyone who has been bereaved and would like to spend some time chatting with others.

3pm-5pm in the Merrow Hall on

16th June

22nd September

8th December

## **Message from Sally Peters**

Sally has asked us to thank everyone at St. John's for their prayers and support during her recent illness. Happily she is now back with us in person.

## **Choir during Communion**

On one Sunday in each month we would like a choir of singers to sing a hymn during communion. This choir will be made of members of our church choir and anyone else who wishes to join in! If you wish to sing please contact Micky or Tim. Rehearsals will be on the Friday before the Sunday, in the church centre. The Sundays will be:

23rd June (rehearsal at 6pm on Friday 21st)

21st July (rehearsal at 6pm on Friday 19th)

18th August (rehearsal at 6pm on Friday 16th)

15th September (rehearsal at 6pm on Friday 13th)

## **Gardening Party for Rectory Fete**

In preparation for the Fete on 8<sup>th</sup> June, we are hoping to gather people to help smarten up the rectory garden. If you would like to help come to the rectory on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June** at 11am. If you have gardening tools please bring them! If you hope to attend please let Tim or Alexandra know.

## **Rectory Fete – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 12-3pm**

We are delighted to confirm that plans for the fete are progressing well and we now need your help. Can you please be ready to donate **bottles** (alcoholic and non-alcoholic), **paperback books** and **jigsaws** later this month and **plants** on the day. Thank you!

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **Baby Basics**

Baby basics is open for donations by appointment. Please contact Lisa at [babybasics@saintjohns.org.uk](mailto:babybasics@saintjohns.org.uk)

We are always in need of any financial donations to keep this vital charity running. If you are able to consider donating to this work please visit [www.saintjohns.org.uk/babybasics](http://www.saintjohns.org.uk/babybasics)

### **Food Bank**

The food bank greatly appreciates donations of tinned vegetables, baked beans, instant coffee (not decaff), rice, biscuits and tinned tomatoes. All donations gratefully received in the boxes in the Church porch.

### **Giving**

Giving is good for us! It is our response to the gift of life from God. Giving to the Church, according to our ability, enables our mission and ministry in love and service of the world to the glory of God. If you want to talk more about giving to the Church, and how that connects to your life as a Christian, Tim (our Rector) would be pleased to hear from you. At St. John's we encourage generous, regular and planned giving and you can also setup a monthly payment arrangement.

## **Online Shopping**

We would be grateful for your help in raising money for St. John's when you shop online. Follow this link to sign up and join many others at St. John's who already kindly contribute.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/how-it-works/>

## **Newsletter Content**

If you have anything to advertise or news from the Church family or community for this newsletter please email [office@saintjohns.org.uk](mailto:office@saintjohns.org.uk).

## **The Friends of St John the Evangelist (FOSTJ)**

The Registered Charity 'Friends of the Church of St John the Evangelist, Merrow' (known as Friends of St. John's (FoStj)) was formed by members of the community to assist in maintaining and preserving the buildings and grounds of the magnificent Grade II listed Church, for the benefit of the local Community as a whole. If you would like to help our endeavours in any way and keep up with our news, please visit [www.fostj.org](http://www.fostj.org).



## **SERVICES COMING UP & VISITING PREACHERS**

**9<sup>th</sup> May – Ascension Day**

10.30am Eucharist with hymns in church

**11<sup>th</sup> May – Messy Church**

3.30pm in the Centre

**12<sup>th</sup> May**

Christian Aid Sunday

**19<sup>th</sup> May - Pentecost**

Come dressed in red!

**26<sup>th</sup> May – Trinity Sunday**

Preacher: Mrs Kitty Price. Lay Reader at Portsmouth Cathedral

**9<sup>th</sup> June - Trinity 2**

Launch of the Young People's Ministry Fund

**16<sup>th</sup> June – Trinity 3**

Preacher: Bishop Peter Hancock. Former Bishop of Bath & Wells

**23<sup>rd</sup> June – Trinity 4**

Preacher: Compassion UK Representative

**7<sup>th</sup> July**

3.00pm Pet Service

**14<sup>th</sup> July – Trinity 7**

Preacher: Rev. Elizabeth Brown. Former Curate and daughter of Rev. John Gordon Clark.

**1<sup>st</sup> September**

All Age Worship with Blessing of Backpacks (school and work bags)

## CHURCH EVENTS THIS SUMMER

12<sup>th</sup> May

APCM. 11.30am

8<sup>th</sup> June

Rectory Fete. 12pm – 3pm

19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> August

Desert Detectives Holiday Club

9:15-12:00 Church Centre

Children Year 1-Year 6

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