



# NEWSLETTER

## **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

9.30am Church Annual Spring Clean - Church

## **Palm Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

8am Holy Communion - Church

10am Palm Sunday Liturgy - beginning in the church centre with Sam the donkey (livestreamed).

## **Holy Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

7pm Compline - Church

## **Holy Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

7pm Compline - Church

## **Spy Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

10.15am Wednesday Coffee Club - Centre

10.30am Holy Communion Service - Centre

7pm Compline - Church

## **Maundy Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

8pm Maundy Thursday Liturgy - Church

## **Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

10.30am Family Service - Church (livestreamed)

2pm Good Friday Liturgy - Church

## **Holy Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

8pm Easter Ceremonies - Church (livestreamed)

## **Easter Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

8am Holy Communion - Church

10am All Age Communion - Church (livestreamed)

Followed by an Egg Hunt in the Church Yard

*(Please take this news sheet home with you)*

## **Regular Calendar Events**

(in the Centre unless mentioned otherwise)

Sundays	8am Holy Communion - Church 10am Parish Communion - Church
Mondays	9.15am Glow Toddlers ( <b>not 14<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> April</b> )
Wednesdays	10.15am Wednesday Coffee Club ( <b>not 23<sup>rd</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> April</b> ) 10.30am Holy Communion Service 5pm Youth Café (term time only)
Fridays	3pm Choir Practice

## **Other Calendar Events**

(in the Centre unless mentioned otherwise)

### **April**

**Coffee club:** no coffee club on 23<sup>rd</sup> April and 30<sup>th</sup> April

**Glow Toddlers:** no Glow Toddlers on 14<sup>th</sup> April and 21<sup>st</sup> April

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr    Green Team 4.30pm

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Apr    Sparks 5-11s group – during 10am service in church

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Apr    Inter-Church 4pm in Church

Inter-Church is a new monthly service for all ages that involves fellowship, fun, prayer, singing, craft time for children and question time for adults.

All are welcome!

### **May**

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> May    Churchyard Tidy Up 9.30am

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> May    Green Team 4.30pm

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> May    Pilgrimage to Winchester Cathedral

Sun 11<sup>th</sup> May    Christian Aid Sunday

Sun 11<sup>th</sup> May    Sparks 5-11s group – during 10am service in church

Sun 11<sup>th</sup> May    Songs of Praise 6pm in Church

Sun 18<sup>th</sup> May    Inter-Church 4pm in Church

Sun 18<sup>th</sup> May    Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Tues 20<sup>th</sup> May    Green Team 4.30pm

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> May    Sparks 5-11s group – during 10am service in church

## June

Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jun	Green Team 4.30pm
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Churchyard Tidy Up 9.30am
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Sparks 5-11s group – during 10am service in church
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Inter-Church 4pm in Church

## Palm Sunday Hymns

159 All glory laud and honour  
161 Ride on ride on in majesty (tune 1)  
156 We sing the praise of him who died

## Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who in your tender love towards the human race  
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to take upon him our flesh  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,  
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;  
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.  
or  
True and humble king,  
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:  
grant us the faith to know you and love you,  
that we may be found beside you  
on the way of the cross,  
which is the path of glory.

## Reading

Philippians 2.5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## **Gospel**

Luke 19.28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it." So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!' Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

## **Readings next week:**

Acts 10.34-43

Luke 24.1-12

## **Post Communion**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,  
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:  
give us the mind to follow you  
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## **FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**Sick or in need** - Dick Pyper, Edward.

**Departed** - All whom we have known and loved but see no longer.

# NEWS

## **Palm Sunday - Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

A reminder that on Sunday we meet at the Church Centre at 10am and will then process up to church with Sam the donkey.

## **Rectory Fete 2025**

This year's fete will be held in the rectory garden on 5<sup>th</sup> July. Please save the date!

## **Visiting Preachers**

This Sunday we welcome the Rev Dr John Valentine as our visiting preacher.

11<sup>th</sup> May - Rev Dr Craig Holmes

22<sup>nd</sup> June - Archdeacon Catherine Mabuza

26<sup>th</sup> October - Bishop of Guildford

## **Church Annual Spring Clean - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April from 9.30 until noon**

Come along and help for all or part of the morning. Refreshments and homemade cakes! Rosanne 01483 579462.

**Parish Magazine** - Please can you send your items for the May Parish Magazine to Cathy Thompson by the 13<sup>th</sup> April -

[cathy.thompson@saintjohns.org.uk](mailto:cathy.thompson@saintjohns.org.uk)

## **No Choir Practice on Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

## **Choir during Communion - Easter Day - Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April 10am**

On one Sunday in each month, we ask members of our congregation to gather in a choir of singers, to sing a hymn during communion. This choir consists of members of our church choir and anyone else who wishes to join in! If you wish to sing, please arrive at church at 9.30am on Sunday for a run-through before the 10am service if you can. Contact Micky or Tim for more information.

20<sup>th</sup> Apr: 194 Alleluia, hearts to heaven and voices raise

18<sup>th</sup> May: 458 Here proclaim the glorious mystery

## **Winchester Cathedral Pilgrimage - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

Arrangements are now complete for our Parish Pilgrimage to Winchester Cathedral on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Our coach is booked, our special Pilgrims Mass organised, lunch tables set and our cathedral guide ready to take us on

our private tour of the cathedral. After some time to explore the city, we end on a high at Choral Evensong before returning to Guildford. The cost per person is £44 which includes transport, lunch the cathedral tour and gratuities.

To book your place

Either: Go to the church website, [www.saintjohns.org.uk](http://www.saintjohns.org.uk), click on the picture of Winchester Cathedral and follow the instructions to pay by credit/debit card.

Or:

Come to the Parish Office with cash or a cheque made payable to St. John's PCC (Write on the back Winchester Pilgrimage).

If you have any queries, please contact either, Tim, Robert or Richard. Full details of the day will be sent in advance to those who have signed up.

### **Songs of Praise - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 6pm**

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May we will hold our first Songs of Praise. For this new format Tim has asked for everyone to send him their favourite hymns for everyone to sing.

### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May - Save the Date!**

**Great News!** The Merrow Post Office will be re-opening on the 15th May at the NISA store on the Epsom Road.

Opening hours will be Mon - Sat: 07:00-18:00, Sun: 07:00-14:00

### **Pastoral Care**

Pastoral Care in a church should be something we all share, even if some people take a lead on it through training and their personal gifts. We have a vision of Christ-centred pastoral care as a major element of the life of any church, along with worship and teaching. At St. John's, the whole church family aims to care for each other. If you know anyone who would like to be visited (at home or in hospital) or receive communion at home, please let Tim know.

### **Warm Space**

A 'Warm Space' is available on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings between 10am and 2pm.

## **Food Bank**

The food bank would greatly appreciate donations of

- Tinned Spaghetti rings/hoops
- Vegetable/Corn Oil
- Tinned Veg
- Tinned Fruit
- Orange/Blackcurrant Squash
- Toothbrushes/Toothpaste



Please put donations in the boxes in the Church Centre, thank you. The QR code can be used for monetary donations to the food bank.

## **Baby Basics**

The donation point is outside the Church Centre to the left of the main door.

**Monday - Friday 9am - 1pm and Saturdays (term time only) 12pm - 3pm**

Please refer to our baby basics website/Facebook page for a list of items that we accept. Please refrain from leaving other items as space is limited. Prams or pushchairs that are suitable from birth can be accepted, but by prior appointment only.

For more information email [babybasics@saintjohns.org.uk](mailto:babybasics@saintjohns.org.uk), or if you would like to contribute financially to the work we do please visit [www.saintjohns.org.uk/babybasics](http://www.saintjohns.org.uk/babybasics). Thank you.

## **This 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) by Tuesday each week. Please be aware that anything you ask to be advertised in the newsletter may also appear on Facebook and our website. If you do not wish to have personal details advertised, then please make it clear when asking to have items advertised in the newsletter.

Many Thanks, Sandra.

# CONTACTS

## Parish Office

Please note the following Parish Office opening times:

**Easter Week the office will be open Monday to Thursday 9am to 1pm.**

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