



St. John the Evangelist  
Merrow



# NEWS & RESOURCES

## Third Sunday of Easter

### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

8am Holy Communion BCP  
10am Parish Communion

### **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

9.15am St Johns Baby and Toddler Group

### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

10am Coffee Club – Centre  
10.30 Holy Communion – Centre  
5pm Youth Café – Centre

### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

1.15pm Funeral for Rev. Tim Dean  
6pm St Johns Choir Practice

### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

8am Holy Communion BCP  
10am Parish Communion

*Please take this home with you*

## **Hymns**

199 Christ is alive!

219 This joyful Eastertide

507 We have a Gospel to proclaim

667 I danced in the morning

## **Collect**

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of  
the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;  
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*

Risen Christ,  
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, ‘You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

‘And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

*Luke 24.36b-48*

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, ‘Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.’ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, ‘Have you anything here to eat?’ They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.’

## **Seasonal material**

### **Invitation to Confession**

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil  
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

### **Introduction to the Peace**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples  
and said, ‘Peace be with you.’  
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

### **Extended Preface**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.  
For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.  
He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

### **Post Communion**

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

### **Blessing**

The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;  
and the blessing . .

## **FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

### **Sick or in need**

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

### **The Departed**

Rev. Tim Dean, Mike Newell

## **For your prayers**

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**

### **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 direct-debit.

### **Funeral of Tim Dean at 1.15pm on Friday 19th April**

We are expecting many people to attend this funeral and after reserving one side of the car park for funeral cars and visiting clergy we will only be left with 12 spaces, which will also need to be shared with the NHS Eye Clinic.

Please help us to minimise congestion by either walking, sharing cars, dropping off then parking elsewhere and making use of alternative parking facilities locally. You can also park at the Merrow Park & Ride just down the road and take the bus back to the church.

## **Youth Café Helper**

We are looking for one more person to join our Youth Café team. The role entails setting up, packing down, signing in and supervision of teenagers and helping make a few toasties! As for a time commitment, we run on a rota system, which works out each person being on about once a month from 16:30-19:00 on Wednesdays (term time only). If you think you might be interested, please contact Georgie on [youthworker@saintjohns.org.uk](mailto:youthworker@saintjohns.org.uk) and she will send you a full role description. These roles will require a DBS check and safeguarding training.

## **Articles for Parish Magazine – May edition**

Please consider writing an article for our May edition of the Parish Magazine - anything you feel might be of interest to other parishioners most welcome. Please send your article to [cathy.thompson@saintjohns.org.uk](mailto:cathy.thompson@saintjohns.org.uk) by 14<sup>th</sup> April please. Thank you, Cathy (guest editor, May edition)

## **Rev. John Gordon Clark RIP**

A Memorial Service will be held at St John's Leatherhead on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2024. If you would like to attend please email Robert Gordon Clark: [Robert@playgc.co.uk](mailto:Robert@playgc.co.uk)

## **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/>

## **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

## **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 toilet rolls, laundry detergent, spray cleaner, custard/rice pudding, rice, tinned meat, bags for life instant coffee, sugar, fruit squash, curry or pasta sauce, washing up liquid. All donations gratefully received in the boxes in the Church porch.

### **Newsletter Content**

If you have anything to advertise or news from the Church family or community that you would like to add to this newsletter please email [office@saintjohns.org.uk](mailto:office@saintjohns.org.uk) by Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April.



## **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) We would love you to become a member.

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

#### **5<sup>th</sup> May – Rogation Sunday**

10am All Age Worship  
10.45am Congregational Brunch

#### **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

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

Preacher: Mrs Kitty Price. Lay Reader at Portsmouth Cathedral

#### **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

## **14<sup>th</sup> July – Trinity 7**

Preacher: Rev. Elizabeth Brown. Former Curate and daughter of Rev. John Gordon Clark (John's memorial service is the day before at St. John's, Leatherhead)

**Please pencil the following in your diary:**

**12<sup>th</sup> May** APCM. 11.30am

**8<sup>th</sup> June** Rectory Fete. Time TBA

**19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> August** Holiday Club. Timings TBA

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