



St. John the Evangelist  
Merrow



# **NEWS & RESOURCES**

## **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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

8am Holy Communion BCP

10am Parish Communion

12pm Baptism of Oscar Lunn in Church

### **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

9.15am Glow Toddler Group – Centre

### **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

10.15am Coffee Club – Centre

10.30 Holy Communion – Centre

5pm Youth Café – Centre

### **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

6pm St John's Choir Practice

### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

8am Holy Communion BCP

10am Parish Communion

*Please take this home with you*

## **Hymns**

221 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem

208 Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky

198 At the Lamb's high feast we sing

203 Good Christians all rejoice and sing

## **Collect**

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where hereigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*or*

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, ‘By what power or by what name did you do this?’ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, ‘Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is “the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.”

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.’

*John 10.11-18*

‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason, the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power

to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

## **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**

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **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**

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.

## **Mike Newell RIP**

The funeral for Mike Newell will be on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May at 2.00pm in the Church, followed by the wake in the Main Hall

## **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 cooking oil, tinned meat, tinned fruit, toilet roll, rice, honey/choc spread, cereal, jam, 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 24<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 – Patronal Festival**

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

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

Christian Aid Sunday

### **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 Peoples 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

### **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. 12pm – 3pm

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

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