



St. John the Evangelist
Merrow



NEWS & RESOURCES

Sunday 19th May – Pentecost

8am BCP Holy Communion – Church

10am Parish Communion – Church (Livestreamed)

Come dressed in red!

12pm Baptism of Frederick Bickerton – Church

Monday 20th May

9:15am Glow Toddler Group - Centre

Wednesday 22nd May

10:15am Coffee Club – Centre

10:30am Holy Communion – Centre

5pm Youth Café – Centre

Friday 24th May

6pm St John's Choir Practice - Centre

Sunday 26th May - Trinity Sunday

8am BCP Holy Communion – Church

10am Parish Communion – Church (Livestreamed)

Preacher: Mrs Kitty Price. Lay Reader at Portsmouth Cathedral

Please take this home with you

Hymns

242 Come Holy Spirit Come

258 O thou who camest from above

238 (tune 1) Come down O love divine

246 Holy Spirit come confirm us

Collect

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Or

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

Acts 2.1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy

Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Gospel

John 15.26-27, 16.4b-15

‘When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

‘I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, “Where are you going?” But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

‘I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Readings next week – Trinity Sunday:
Romans 8.12-17, John 3.1-17

Seasonal Material:

Invitation to Confession

What God has prepared for those who love him,
he has revealed to us through the Spirit;
for the Spirit searches everything.

Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,
who has prepared good things for those who love him.

Introduction to the Peace

God has made us one in Christ.

He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

Extended Preface

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord.

This day we give you thanks

because in fulfilment of your promise

you pour out your Spirit upon us,

filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth,

and uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith.

Your Spirit gives us grace to call you Father,

to proclaim your gospel to all nations

and to serve you as a royal priesthood.

Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels,

and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells,

to proclaim the glory of your name,

for ever praising you and *saying*:

Post Communion

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.
and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God;
and the blessing ...

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Sick or in need

Jenny Shales, Dick Pyper,

The Departed

David Welbourn

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

Desert Detectives Holiday Club Information Session

On Monday 20th 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!



Christian Aid



Thank you so much to all those who have given so generously. We have already raised nearly £1000. If you're bringing back an envelope this Sunday, please give it to one of the sidespeople or to the office during the week. Envelopes are still available at the back of the church and in the

office. Our e-envelope will remain open for several weeks – use this QR code or go to

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

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

Rectory Fete 8th June 12-3pm

In preparation we are ready to receive your donations of:

- Paperback books & jigsaws - may be left at the Church on every Sunday (receiving box provided) or via the Centre Office
- Bottles (alcoholic & non-alcoholic) via the Centre Office
- Cakes and Home Produce are requested for delivery on the day
- Plants and all things horticultural are requested on the day

Gardening Party for Rectory Fete - Saturday 1st June

In preparation for the Fete on 8th 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 1st June at 11am. If you have gardening tools please bring them! If you hope to attend please let Tim or Alexandra know.

Transport to Rectory Fete

If you need transport to the fete on 8th June please contact Rosanne no later than Friday 31st May. Rosanne 579462

CONGRATULATIONS to five parishioners and a Rector who have completed six hours of First Aid training and an assessment which means they are now qualified First Aiders. Well done to Tim, Georgie, Helen, Lindsay, Barry and Rosanne

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 consist 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 (464 Sweet Sacrament divine)

rehearsal at 6pm on Friday 21st

21st July - rehearsal at 6pm on Friday 19th

18th August - rehearsal at 6pm on Friday 16th

15th Sept - rehearsal at 6pm on Friday 13th

COMMUNITY NEWS

Baby Basics

Baby basics is open for donations by appointment. Please contact Lisa at 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

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.

Wine Tasting Event

The Friends of St. Johns regret to tell you that the Wine Tasting evening on Friday 17th may have had to be cancelled. Everyone who has bought tickets on line will be automatically refunded. FoSTJ hope to rearrange the event for later in the year.

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

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.

SERVICES COMING UP & VISITING PREACHERS

26th May – Trinity Sunday

Preacher: Mrs Kitty Price. Lay Reader at Portsmouth Cathedral

9th June - Trinity 2

Launch of the Young People's Ministry Fund

16th June – Trinity 3

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

23rd June – Trinity 4

Preacher: Compassion UK Representative

7th July

3.00pm Pet Service

14th July – Trinity 7

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

1st September

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

CHURCH EVENTS THIS SUMMER

8th June

Rectory Fete. 12pm – 3pm

19th- 23rd August

Desert Detectives Holiday Club

Church Centre 9:15am -12pm

Children Year 1-Year 6

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10am - 4pm

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10.00am - 1.00pm

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