



NEWS & RESOURCES

Sunday 24th March – Holy Week

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8am Holy Communion BCP

10am Palm Sunday Service

with donkey procession starting in the centre

6pm Youth Group – in the centre

Monday 25th March 2024

9.15am St John's Baby & Toddler Group – in the Centre

2pm Funeral Service for Jim Styles

8pm Compline - Church

Tuesday 26th March 2024

9am Infant School Easter Service - Church

Wednesday 27th March 2024

10.15am Coffee Club

10.30am Communion - in the Centre

No Youth Café this week

8pm Compline – Church

Thursday 28th March 2024 – Maundy Thursday

8pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist & Foot Washing

Friday 29th March – Good Friday

10.30am Good Friday Family Service – Church
followed by Chocolate Egg Hunt in the Rectory Garden
2pm Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday 30th March

8pm Easter Vigil – Church

Please take this home with you

Hymns

159 All Glory, Laud and Honour

161 (tune 1) Ride on, Ride on, in Majesty

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.

Readings

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.

Mark 11. 1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany,
near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to
them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you
enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden;
untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’
just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here
immediately.’” They went away and found a colt tied near a door,

outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Seasonal material

Invitation to Confession

God shows his love for us in that,
while we were still sinners,
Christ died for us.

Let us then show our love for him
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Introduction to the Peace

Once we were far off,
but now in union with Christ Jesus
we have been brought near
through the shedding of Christ’s blood,
for he is our peace.

Extended Preface

It is indeed right and just,
our duty and our salvation,

always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near
the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.

The power of the life-giving cross
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world
and the triumph of Christ crucified.

He is the victim who dies no more,
the lamb once slain, who lives for ever,
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,
for ever praising you and saying:

Blessing

Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
and the blessing...

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.

Readings next week (Easter Sunday)

Acts 10.34-43

Mark 16.1-8

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Sick or in need

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

The Departed

Rev. Tim Dean, Jim Styles, Ian Donnison.

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 for Jim Styles – 25th March

The funeral for Jim Styles will be at St John's on the 25th March at 2pm, followed by a reception in the centre.

Tricia and family thank you all so much for your love, support and prayers during the months of Jim's illness, and for all the beautiful cards and letters we have received following his sudden death. Your kind words have been totally overwhelming, uplifting, and of great comfort as we move forward. Thank you

St Johns Choir

Choir practice will move to 6pm on Fridays after easter.

Youth Café Helper

We are looking for two more people 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 and she will send you a full role description. These roles will require a DBS check and safeguarding training.

Concert

Don't forget to get your tickets for the concert by Dave Kelly on Friday 5th April 2024 at St. John the Evangelist Church, Merrow, GU4 7AA. Doors open at 7pm for 7:30pm start
Tickets £18.00 online at <https://www.saintjohns.org.uk>

Sing a New Song

Sing a New Song will not be happening on 7th April, it will return on the 12th May.

Rev. John Gordon Clark RIP

A Memorial Service will be held at St John's Leatherhead on Saturday 13th July 2024. If you would like to attend please email Robert Gordon Clark: 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

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 toothpaste (adult & children's), 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 by Wednesday 27th March.

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 We would love you to become a member.

SERVICES COMING UP

5th May – Rogation Sunday

10am All Age Worship

10.45am Congregational Brunch

11th May – Messy Church

3.30pm in the Centre

Events Coming Up

Please pencil the following in your diary:

12th May APCM. 11.30am

8th June Rectory Fete. Time TBA

19th - 23rd August Holiday Club. Timings TBA

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