

Welcome! We're so glad you're here with us today, especially if you are new to the Church. Please take a Welcome Card from the chair in front of you and if you would like more information, complete the card and give it to a Steward or Minister.

We never have a collection during our services although you are welcome to give if you would like to and there is a box at the back of church.

Large print copies of the Bible readings are available at the back of church

This Week's Collect – Easter 3

Almighty God, you show the light of your truth to those who are in error so that they may return into the way of righteousness: grant to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's church that they may reject everything that is contrary to what they profess and follow whatever is in agreement with it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Services today at St. John's – Is baptism enough to save me?

8.00am	Holy Communion	Readings:	Luke 3: 1 – 17
10.00am	Holy Communion		Acts 8: 1 – 40
6.30pm	Evening Worship	Sermon:	Daniel Newman

Today at Emmanuel Church – Faith – what cost?

9.30am	Morning Worship	Readings	Acts 7: 1 - 29 Acts 7: 30 - 60
		Sermon:	Glyn Lucas

Next week at St John's – Is anyone too bad for Jesus?

8.00am	Holy Communion	Readings:	1 Timothy 1: 12 – 17
10.00am	Morning Worship		Acts 9: 1 - 31
6.30pm	Evening Worship		

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Staff days off:

Glyn – Monday Daniel – Saturday  
Mary – from pm Friday & Saturday  
Andy – Friday & Saturday  
Chris & Nicky – Saturday & Sunday

Recordings:

Want to listen to a sermon again?  
They are available on our website:  
[www.stjohnswoking.org.uk](http://www.stjohnswoking.org.uk)

### Diary dates this week:

Today	8.00pm	iN sight	Youth centre
Monday	9.30am	Ladies Bible Study	Lounge
Tuesday	5.30pm	Ignite	Youth Centre
	7.00pm	1eighty	Youth Centre
	7.30pm	iN sight	Youth Centre
Wednesday	9.30am	Toddler group	Youth Centre
	10.30am	Men's Bible study	Lounge
	2.30pm	Emmanuel Knit & Natter	Emmanuel, Mayford
Thursday	8.00pm	Christianity Explored	Vicarage
Friday	10.00am	Emmanuel Mums & Tots	Emmanuel, Mayford

### Children's groups today:

Scramblers:	God is wonderful (Psalm 96)
Climbers:	Kingdom divided (1 Kings 12 – 14)
Explorers:	God's promised King (2 Samuel 7: 1 – 16 & Psalm 2)

### Future Diary Dates:

CAMEO: Thursday 6th June, 6.30 - 8.30pm. "Ploughman's and Plonk"

Coffee and Croissants: Saturday 8th June, 10am – 12noon

Gin & Jazz: Friday 21st June, evening – times tbc

Holiday Club: 29th July – 2nd August with service on 4th August. Theme is 'Spies'.

Church Collection for Christian Aid. Today, the start of Christian Aid Week, you have an opportunity to donate to Christian Aid. Envelopes are in church - collection box in the Welcome Area. Christian Aid is a church-based charity, working for over 70 years to end poverty worldwide. Please give generously.

Prayer for Children & Youth after the morning service on Sunday 19th May at 11.30am in the small halls. Everyone welcome.

After over 25 years of compiling the monthly prayer diary, John & Joan Price have decided it is time for them to pass this on to someone else. Many people over the years have valued their hard work and dedication and we say a heartfelt thank you to them for their faithful service.

The new church membership list is now available. Please email the office if you would like a copy. For a hard copy we suggest a donation of 50p in the collection box.

Christianity Explored course on Thursdays at 8pm. It's not too late to join! Please speak to Glyn or Anne if you are interested in attending.

BESOM – a local charity to bridge the gap between people who want to give their time, skills or things with those in need. Find out more at their open morning on Saturday 18th May 8.30 – 12.30. For more information 01276 855215 or email: [wokingbesom@gmail.com](mailto:wokingbesom@gmail.com)

Community fridge now open at Holy Trinity Church, Knaphill. Monday - Thursday, 8.30am – 3.30pm. Flyers available in the Welcome Area, or visit: [knaphillcommunityfridge@htandstschurch.org](mailto:knaphillcommunityfridge@htandstschurch.org)

## CHRISTIAN AID

Christian Aid was started by the churches in Britain and Ireland in 1945 after the Second World War. It raised money for the refugees in Europe. Since then it has worked in 37 countries throughout the world, providing relief, development and support for those living in poverty. It highlights suffering, tackles injustice and works towards people's rights.

In the 50's it supported the establishment of the Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) to enable young people to make a difference. In the 60's it created the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) so that development agencies could work together in times of crisis.

As everyone is equal in the eyes of God, Christian Aid considers poverty an outrage against humanity, but believes together we have the power to transform lives. It works in 37 countries for all people – people of all faiths and none.

Christian Aid stands for dignity, equality and justice.

It aims together with supporters and partners to -

- to expose poverty throughout the world

- to help in practical ways to end it

- to highlight, challenge and change structures that favour the rich and powerful over the poor and marginalised.

Most of Christian Aid's work is devoted to projects with local organisations and partners to help those in poverty. The aim is to develop skills, from silk weaving in Afghanistan to beekeeping in Kenya, to allow people to support themselves.

A large amount of their funds are kept in reserve for emergencies and disasters. Very often Christian Aid is one of the first to help when these occur as they have workers already in the area.

Today is the beginning of Christian Aid Week. Last year £8.5 million was raised during the week. In Woking we raised £18,381 from house-to-house collections and other fundraising events. This year Christian Aid Week is focusing on Sierra Leone, still suffering from the aftermath of the Ebola outbreak. Sierra Leone is the most dangerous place to become a mum. For every 1 mother who dies in the UK, 150 die in Sierra Leone. Please help with our collection so Christian Aid can continue with their good work helping the needy.

*Pippa Ward*

Office hours. Please respect the office hours of 9am-1pm Monday to Friday and do not stop by outside of those hours. This will enable the office staff to do all the work they need to do to keep the parish running smoothly. Glyn and Daniel

## Sermon Notes

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