

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 – Pentecost

Almighty God, who taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending the Holy Spirit, grant that by the same Spirit we may judge everything rightly, and always rejoice in his holy protection through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Services today at St. John's – How will God's word reach the ends of the earth?

8.00am	Holy Communion	Readings:	Luke 24: 44 – 49
10.00am	Holy Communion		Acts 13: 1 – 12
6.30pm	Evening Worship	Sermon:	Daniel Newman

Today at Emmanuel Church – Can human authorities stop God's word?

9.30am	Morning Worship	Readings	Psalm 2: 1 – 12 Acts 12: 1 – 25
		Sermon:	Glyn Lucas

Next week at St John's – What is God's word for the world?

8.00am	Holy Communion	Readings:	Genesis 12 : 1 - 8
10.00am	Morning Worship		Acts 13: 13 - 52
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

Diary dates this week:

Today	8.00pm	iNsght	Youth Centre
Tuesday	5.30pm	Ignite	Youth Centre
	7.00pm	1eighty	Youth Centre
	7.30pm	iNsght	Youth Centre
Wednesday	9.30am	Toddler group	Youth Centre
	10.00am	Men's prayer meeting	Lounge

Children's groups today:

Scramblers:	Jesus gives life (John 4: 43 – 54; 5: 19 – 30)
Climbers:	Good kings turn to God: Josiah (2 Kings 22 - 23)
Explorers:	Power to obey (Joel 2: 28 - 29; Acts 2)

Future Diary Dates:

Scout fete: Saturday 15th June on the Lye (12 noon – 4.00pm)

Prayer for children and young people: Sunday 16th June in small meeting room.

Gin & Jazz: Friday 21st June, 8pm

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

This year's Scout Fete is fast approaching! Can you help set up / pack away our pitch or man the stall for an hour? If so, please sign up in the welcome area. Along with information about the Christian faith and our church activities we'd like to give away jam jars filled with goodies. So jars and/or contents are also needed – see box in welcome area for guidance as to what to include.

Margaret Cuddy's funeral will be at 1.30pm on Thursday June 13th. Before the service please share with Daniel any memories you have of Margaret.

Gin and Jazz evening. Please let Anne Lucas know if you can help with setting up and clearing away tables and chairs (the afternoon of 21st June and early evening of 22nd June) or welcoming guests and serving tables on the evening of 21st June.

Sidesmen: the 6.30 teams are running on minimum numbers and could benefit from some new recruits. If you believe you can serve in this capacity once a month please contact Duncan Rawson for details - 01483 722151.

South Woking Fun Day: Saturday 22nd June 12 noon – 3.30pm. ACROSS need ladies to sit and chat whilst making simple craft at St Peters Recreation ground, Maybury. Please email acrosswokingoffice@gmail.com for more details

Knaphill Community Fridge is now open at Holy Trinity Church, Knaphill.

Monday - Thursday, 8.30am – 3.30pm. Flyers available in the Welcome Area, or visit knaphillcommunityfridge@htandstschurch.org

The final edition of 'Transforming Churches' magazine is now available in the Welcome Area. Please take a copy

Training Morning for all youth and children's leaders on Saturday 29th June. *Growing groups which include everyone through Cherishing* with Dave Thornton Director of Youth and Children's Ministry at Christ Church Winchester. The morning starts with coffee from 9:30 before formally starting at 9:45 and finishing for 12:30. If you need to arrive late or leave early please come for what you can.

Historical heresies and why they matter- Modalism

This week in our short series on heresies I want to consider '*Modalism.*'

This is probably the most common theological error concerning the nature of God and put simply it's a denial of the Trinity.

Modalism states that God is a single person who, throughout biblical history, has revealed Himself in three modes or three different forms. Thus, God is a single person who first manifested himself in the mode of the Father in Old Testament times. Then, at the incarnation, he switched mode and manifested himself as God the Son. After Jesus' ascension, he then switched mode once more to become God the Holy Spirit.

These modes are consecutive and never simultaneous. In other words, this view states that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit never all exist at the same time - only one after another. Modalism denies the distinctiveness of the three persons in the Trinity even though it retains the divinity of Christ.

Present-day groups that hold to forms of this error are the United Pentecostal and United Apostolic Churches. Both these denominations deny the Trinity and, although not explicitly, they teach that the *name* of God is Jesus and require baptism for salvation. *Modalist* churches will often accuse Trinitarians of teaching that there are three gods, since they refuse to accept the complexity of God's trinitarian nature.

The correct teaching of the Trinity is, *one God in three eternal coexistent persons: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

You may think that you would never fall for such an obvious error, and yet we can find ourselves slipping into this kind of teaching simply by not thinking about the illustrations we use to teach.

How many times for instance have you heard the Trinity being described like three states of water – ice, liquid and steam!

This may be a useful illustration, but it's easy to see how someone could be left with a *Modalist* understanding because of it. Whenever someone says they have a simple way to explain the Trinity, the answer is always – *no, you don't!*

Have a fabulous week,

Glyn

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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