



Weekly News
12th June 2022
Trinity Sunday

Welcome! We are so glad you are here with us today. You are especially welcome if you are new to the Church at St John's. If you would like more information about the church, please take and complete a blue Welcome Card from the chair in front of you and give it to a Steward or a Minister.

Today at St John's

8.00am	Communion (BCP)	Reading: Acts 19:1-22
10.00am	Morning Worship	Preacher: Glyn Lucas
11.30 am	<i>Sidesmen's team meeting</i>	<i>Small Halls after 10am service</i>
6.30pm	Evening Worship	Reading: Psalm 7
	What should we pray? Psalms	Preacher: Peter Chamberlin

Today at Emmanuel Church, Mayford

9.30am	Morning Worship	Reading: Revelation 14:6-13
		Preacher: Glyn Lucas (R)

Next Week at St John's

8.00 am	Communion (BCP)	Passage: Acts 19:23-41
10.00 am	Morning Worship	
6.30pm	Evening worship - 'What should we pray?' - 2 – the Lord's prayer	

Next week at Emmanuel Church, Mayford

9.30am	Morning Worship	Reading: Acts 19:1-22
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This week's collect (Special Prayer for Today):

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal trinity and in the power of the divine majesty, to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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 forever. Amen.

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Livestream: Please contact the office for this week's live link. Recordings of our livestreamed services are available on our website.

What's happening this Week ...

Mon 13 th June	10.00 am	Ladies' group meeting	Church lounge
Tues 14 th June	6.45 pm	Eighty	Lye/Youth Centre
	8.00 pm	Music practice	St John's church
Weds 15 th June	10.00 am	Men's Bible study	Church lounge
	2.00 pm	Knit & Natter	Emmanuel
	7.30 pm	Archdeacon's visitation (for new wardens)	St Paul's Addlestone
Thurs 16 th June	9.30 am	First Steps toddler group	Youth Centre
Sat 18 th June	12.30 pm	St John's Village fete	St John's Lye
Sun 19 th June	11.30	Prayer for children & young people's work	Small halls (after 10am service)

Thursday 28th June: DEF event about 'race and justice' at St Mary of Bethany from 7.30pm

Sunday 3rd July: Join the Beatons for a 'bring your own picnic' after 10am service.

25th-29th July: Holiday club: please sign up if you can help by completing the registration form on the FaceBook group link or email Tammy Hughes or the church office for the link

Holiday club prep: Join us making the set / decorations for this year's Holiday Club in the youth centre, Sunday 26th June from 2pm. If you're arty, crafty or enjoy a bit of DIY there will be ways you can help. Some ideas and materials will be provided, but please be creative and bring your own too. The theme is 'Rocky's Plaice' – set in a fish & chip shop, following the apostle Peter's story in Acts. Speak to Mary if you'd like to help at another time – we won't be finished in one afternoon!

As announced a few weeks ago in our Sunday services, Mary Faulkner will be leaving her role as Children's and Families Worker this summer after holiday club. We're grateful for her faithful service and will thank her properly nearer the time. Please pray for her as she moves on to new work. And don't worry – she and Dean will still be around at St John's!

Calling all sidesmen: don't forget the meeting following the 10am service today to clarify the processes for holy communion, after lots of changes! Please try to be there.

Surrey Gospel partnership is praying for 'life Matters', Guildford, for contacts with enquirers to explore the Gospel and potential evangelistic opportunities in Guildford High Street.

The Tuesday men's working party urgently need a replacement petrol garden strimmer. If you have one which is surplus to requirements please could you contact the office.

CAMEO : starting up again after a lengthy absence due to Covid, the first event is a cream tea in the Narthex on Friday 24th June from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm. Please sign the sheet in the Welcome Area so we can gauge numbers to cater for, but it's also OK to just turn up on the day! CAMEO stands for Come And Meet Each Other. We meet every quarter for social events, usually in Church in the afternoon, and we are mainly in the over 50s/retired age category. Please contact Duncan Rawson on 01483 722151 with any questions.

Mission partner focus: The Hooker family

Josh started his working life wearing a lab coat as a chemist, Cathy started hers singing about 'Roger Red Hat' as an early years teacher. Their paths collided in London when Josh was in local church ministry. Josh was leading the evening service. Cathy arrived late. They got over their differences, got married and went to live in Suffolk.

During that time their son Benjamin was born, Josh got his Masters from Oak Hill and Cathy was frequently misunderstood because of her Northern Irish accent. In 2005 they were sent from Christchurch, Lowestoft to Lesotho. (Yes, we needed to look up where it was too - a little country surrounded by South Africa). Josh taught biblical studies in a Bible College there, Erin our daughter was born, Benjamin learned to walk and Cathy discovered how hard it was to live without electricity and running water.

In 2007, they changed countries again. This time to Namibia. (This was easier to find on the map - it's bigger - and just north of South Africa.) There, Josh served at Namibia Evangelical Theological College training people for local church ministry. Cathy served as a mum, a school teacher and child taxi service. During this time Matthew was born, Erin learned to sing in Afrikaans and Benjamin learned to play chess. And they all became Crosslinks Mission Partners.

At the beginning of 2019, Josh embarked on a new ministry. Still based in Windhoek, the capital, he worked with a local church to start a preaching academy (a bit like the Cornhill Training Course). Against a background of some very dodgy preaching (like 'Prosperity Gospel') he worked with preachers to help them to preach the Bible faithfully. He also taught a beginners 'School of the Bible'.

This was all going well, and the family were rooted in life in Namibia, until Josh and Cathy realised that their children needed to be in the UK school system for 3 years for easy entry into university. After 17 years in Africa, in November 2021, they returned 'kicking and screaming' to the UK.

Crosslinks have organised a temporary secondment to the Diocese of Down and Dromore in Northern Ireland. Josh teaches a Bible course, leads preaching workshops, trains small group leaders and encourages ordinands. In 2025/26 they hope to return to Namibia to resume their ministry there (minus Benjamin and Erin, who will be dispatched to university). Please pray for them.

St John's link mission partners with the Hooker family are Sam and Oli Barwick

Please note: the church has recently changed insurance providers. Our new policy includes Personal Accident cover for volunteers up to the age of 80.

Sermon notes

Staff days off:

Revd Glyn Lucas – Monday

Revd Peter Chamberlin – Saturday

Mary –from 1pm Fri & all day Saturday

Robin – regular working day: Friday

Our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Mary Kirkman, is available for advice or to talk through concerns relating to safeguarding.

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