

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

8.00 am	Communion (BCP)	Reading: Acts 21:37 – 22:29
10.00 am	Morning Worship	Preacher: Peter Chamberlin
11.30 am	<i>Interment of Suné Hull's ashes in the Memorial Garden</i>	
6.30 pm	Evening Worship	What do Roman Catholics actually believe? Glyn Lucas

Today at Emmanuel Church, Mayford

9.30am	Morning Worship	Reading: Acts 21:17-36 Preacher: Glyn Lucas
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Next Week at St John's

8.00 am	Communion (BCP)	Passage: Acts 12:1-19
10.00 am	Morning Worship	Holiday Club Service
6.30pm	Evening Worship	What does the Eastern Orthodox Church actually believe?

Next week at Emmanuel Church, Mayford

9.30am	Morning Worship	Reading: Acts 21:37- 22:29
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This week's collect (Special Prayer for Today):

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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.

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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.

Rocky's Plaice Holiday Club is happening this week, Monday - Friday!

If anyone is able to lend a gazebo for holiday club, please bring it to the youth centre this afternoon at 3pm (preferably), or very first thing tomorrow morning.

We are planning a Holiday Club reunion on Saturday 3rd September, between 1pm and 4pm.

Please speak to Lys Price for more details, or if you are able to help.



Men's Bible Study is meeting as usual this Wednesday, at 10am in the church lounge.

Thank you. Dorothy and the Hull Family wish to thank St John's for their kindness, generosity, love and support surrounding Suné's illness and recent passing. Dorothy says "You are an amazing church family!"

Mary Faulkner's last Sunday will be next week (31st) See *Peter's letter*. If you would like to make a contribution to a gift in recognition of Mary's 16 years' service here, please contact the office as soon as possible.

August picnics – 12-2pm: You are welcome to join us in the vicarage garden on Sundays during August for a bring-your-own picnic lunch together. Come straight after church

SAVE THE DATE: Emmanuel church will be meeting for a lunch after their service on 21 August, which will be at 11am that day.

Financial Update after first 6 months of 2022. We are showing a surplus of £10,000 for the 6 months (revenue of £171,000 and expenses of £161,000) but as revenue declines and expenses increase, it is anticipated we will have a loss of around £20,000 for the year. There is a sheet with detailed numbers in the Welcome Area.

Surrey Gospel Partnership: Praying this week for Yateley Baptist, which has gone through a testing period of change with movements in church families over the past year and new visitors. Pray for refreshment over the summer and a chance to refocus as things get back to normal.

Coffee rota – If you are able to serve coffee before the evening service and help to clear up afterwards, please contact the office, or Kathryn Winfield. Thank you.

Bicycles needed! Frank Cuddy has a Ukrainian family staying with him and would like to hear from anyone who might have a bicycle for an 11 and 7 year old boy. The boys are going to school locally and it would be really helpful if they could cycle. Please contact the office for further details.

Good Companions Club who meet at the Memorial Hall in the village on 2nd Tuesday of the month in the afternoon are in need of people to help with transport, if you feel able to help please contact Dorothy Chalk for more details.

Accommodation required. Hein's son needs to urgently find a one or two-bedroomed flat in Woking. If you know of any spare accommodation, please contact Hein.

Children's and Families' work at St John's

This week is a big one for children's and families' work at St John's. For a start, Holiday Club has arrived! Everyone involved is thrilled that we'll have 80 Primary School age children joining us at 'Rocky's Plaice'. There'll be all kinds of fun and games, craft, music, and we'll share the gospel as we meet Jesus' best friend 'Rocky' (Peter!) through the book of Acts. Please pray for fun, safety, and hearts ready for the message.

Not only is it holiday club week – it's also Mary's final week as our Children's and Families worker. We'll say a big "thankyou" to her next Sunday at our Holiday Club service!

At the risk of getting ahead of ourselves before Mary has even finished, we're also delighted to announce that from September Robin Langdon and Lys Price will be taking on some aspects of Mary's work.

Robin already works for St John's 1.5 days/week as Music Co-ordinator, and will continue in that role. We're delighted to add another 1.5 days of his creativity, organisation and bible teaching ability to our staff team. Robin will take on responsibility for our Sunday children's groups. His experience as a music teacher (including teaching at many primary schools) also makes him ideally suited to build on the links we have with Oak Tree, Hermitage and St John's schools. You'll see him involved in other areas of children's and families' work too. But please remember, in 1.5 days he can't do everything Mary did!

Lys is well known to many in the church family, and contributes in so many ways – singing in the band, leading the Friday ladies' bible-study, running a Lent course, at holiday club, and much more. She will work with the church staff team a couple of days each month to help us to develop our All Age worship – including both 'All Age services' through the year and the regular 'all age spot' in our 10am services. I think we'd all agree she's ideally suited to the task. Like Robin, you'll also see her involved in other areas of children's and families' work.

Clearly this leaves us significantly short of the 30hrs/week Mary worked. The PCC fully understand that, but voted unanimously in support of splitting the children's and families' worker role to build a team and increase our flexibility and breadth of skills. Watch this space for further announcements too – this isn't the only part of our plan. Give thanks to God for his provision! And please pray for the staff team as we settle into new roles and learn to work together effectively.

Yours in Christ, Peter & Glyn

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

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