

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: Psalm 25
10.00 am	Holiday Club service All age worship	Reading: Acts 12: 1-19
6.30 pm	Evening Worship	What does the Eastern Orthodox church believe? Peter Chamberlin

Today at Emmanuel Church, Mayford

9.30am	Morning Worship	Reading: Acts 21:37-22:29 Preacher: Peter Chamberlin (rec)
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Next Week at St John's

8.00 am	Communion (BCP)	Passage: Psalm 33
10.00 am	Morning Worship	Genesis 37 – 'Joseph and his coat'
6.30pm	Evening Communion	Psalm 100

Next week at Emmanuel Church, Mayford

9.30am	Holy Communion	Psalm 100
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This week's collect (Special Prayer for Today):

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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.

What's happening this Week ...

Mon 1 st August	10.00 am	Ladies' prayer meeting	Church lounge
Tues 2 nd August	8.00 pm	Music practice	Church
Weds 3 rd Aug	10.00 am	Men's Bible study	Church lounge
	7.45 pm	Parish Prayer meeting	St John's church
Frid 5 th August	10.00 am	Ladies' Bible study (arrive at 9.30 for coffee!)	St John's church

SAVE THE DATE: Emmanuel church will be meeting for a lunch after the service on 21 August and the service there will be at 11am that day.

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

Rocky's Plaiice - Holiday Club

- Thank you for everyone who helped with this year's holiday club.
- There will be a holiday club reunion on Saturday 3rd September. Please speak to Lys Price for further details.



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.

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.

Surrey Gospel Partnership: Praying this week for Binscombe Church, thanking God for new members, for the progress on their rebuild fundraising (83% of the target achieved). Please pray for those who have attended their Hope Explored course this year and for wisdom in their fundraising and tendering for their rebuild.

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.

Youth Summer Music Session 17th August 2pm-4pm

An informal time together to make some music and have fun. For all youth 1Eighty age and above whether you're musical or not! Please remember to contact Robin to confirm your child's attendance: music@stjohnswoking.org.uk

Red hot news frpm Rocky's Plaiice ... helping you to Ketch-up with the news:

- ! We've heard there may be a supply of party rings at the back of church after the service !
- ! We have an escape artist in church today – see if you can spot him !
- ! Today's key word is 'encourage' !

Goodbye but not goodbye.....

When I took on the role of Children's and Families' worker back in early 2006, I never thought I would still be doing this amazing role for some 16 and a bit years later.

The role has changed hugely along the way, from just doing a couple of days a week to nearly full time. I have made some wonderful friends along the way and I have been able to build strong relationships within the local community especially within the three primary schools. I have "seen off" two vicars, three youth workers and three curate / associate ministers – is that them or me? I also said when I started that I wouldn't do holiday club or school assemblies, that held up well!

I also saw off not being able to work properly through Covid and the pandemic and I don't think I'll forget the Laurel and Hardy moments with Glyn producing craft videos or presenting them live!

I have had immense fun and laughter along the way and plenty of tears too, but you as a church have supported me and my family, particularly through some tough times.

I should also at this point thank Dean, Tom and Olly for all their support over all those years – first to be at anything and last to leave and working hard to help me throughout.

As my role here at the church comes to an end, I would like to thank you for all your support across the years and I pray the work I have built will continue to flourish. I will miss the school work, holiday club and children shouting in the supermarket "there's Mary", but not the stress on a Sunday morning, praying that everything will run smoothly across all four of my groups.

As a family you don't get rid of us that easily. We won't be leaving the church and Dean will continue to run the bookstall and lead services, but we will be taking a step back whilst we decide how and where we should be serving.

Once again thank you.

Mary

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. Tel 07763 456015 or email safeguarding@stjohnswoking.org.uk