

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here with us today. You are especially welcome if you are new to the Church. If you would like more information about us, please take and complete a slip in the Welcome Area and give it to a Steward or a Minister.

Collect for This Sunday

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: Grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Today at St. John's

8:00am	Communion	Reading: Matthew 14:13-36
10:00am	Morning Worship	Reading: Matthew 14:13-36 <i>Preacher: Rob Bennett</i>
6.30pm	Evening Worship	Gospel Shaped Mercy 5 <i>Preacher: Glyn Lucas</i>

Today at Emmanuel Church, Mayford

9:30am	Morning Worship	Reading: Matthew 13:53-14:12
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Next Week at St John's

8:00am	Communion	Reading: Matthew 15:1-20
10:00am	Morning Worship	Reading: Matthew 15:1-20
6:30pm	Evening Worship	Reading: Gospel Shaped Mercy 6

Next Week at Emmanuel

9:30am	Communion	Reading: Matthew 14:13-36
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Gluten free wafers are available for communicants. Non-alcoholic alternative is available during communion.

*Someone from our Prayer Ministry Team (with **blue lanyards**) will be available after the 10am service to pray with those who would like prayer.*

Events This Week:

Mon 26 th	9:30am	Ladies' Bible group	Church lounge
Tues 27 th	6:00pm 7:00pm 7.45pm 8:00pm	Dangerous Kids Club (Yrs. 3-6) 1Eighty (Yrs. 7-9) iNsight (Yrs. 10-13) Music group rehearsal	Youth Centre Youth Centre Youth Centre Church
Wed 28 th	10.00am 7:45pm	Men's Bible group Lent Groups 2024	Church Church
Thurs 29 th	9:30am	First-steps toddler group	Youth Centre

Dates for the Diary: APCM: March 17th followed by a bring and share lunch.

Only those on the Electoral Roll can stand for election on the PCC or vote at the APCM. Check the Roll in the welcome area. Application forms are also available there and on the website.

CAMEO goes to GREENLAND: Thursday 14th March 2.30-4.30pm in the Church Narthex. Please join us for tea and cakes followed by a slideshow and talk on Greenland by Kate and Duncan. See wonderful photos taken by the professional Photographer on their recent Expedition there, and learn about the history, geography, culture and religion of this amazing country.

Ladies Curry Night, Friday 15th March, 7:30pm: Join us for an evening of food and fellowship. The event is aimed at building relationships amongst women in our church family so we are not having an evangelistic talk this time. Cost £15. Food and soft drinks provided, please bring your own alcohol. Sign up on the sheet in the foyer or by emailing Chamberlin.joanna@gmail.com by **Sunday 10th March**.

Guildford Living Out Day: Saturday, March 16th 9:30am-13:00pm. What does the Bible say about sexuality? Is it good news for all of us? How can we support those who experience same-sex attraction to stay faithful to Jesus and flourish? Join us as we explore these questions and more, offering a positive biblical vision and practical steps forward for Christians seeking to show Christ-like love to everybody. Book tickets: livingout.org/events

Easter Choir - Singers wanted!

We're getting the choir back together to sing on Good Friday afternoon at the reflective service and again on Easter Sunday morning.

There will be one rehearsal on Sunday 24th March at 2.30pm and short run through/rehearsal just before each service.

Please can you email Robin (robin@stjohnswoking.uk) to confirm you can join.

SGP Prayers: Binscombe: Pray for ongoing ministries to flourish and grow. Pray for gospel impact in the community and within family and friendship groups. Give thanks for the Lord's provision for a rebuild and pray for wisdom to appoint a building contractor. Give thanks for new members and baptisms planned for next term.

The Youth Weekend Away

25th February

A couple of weeks ago you probably noticed a lack of young people in church! 13 members of 1: Eighty (Yr7-9) and iNsight (Yr10-13) were away, along with several leaders, at Runways End – an outdoor activity centre near Farnborough. We teamed up with Send Evangelical Church, who brought 4 young people, and also supplied our wonderful cooks – Kevin and Lis!

Spending a whole weekend together was great fun. We've enjoyed the last couple of years, but this year was the best yet. Somehow the weather stayed dry for all our activities – a night hike along the canal, dragon-themed wide game, canoeing (yes – even in February! ... we stayed fairly dry, apart from Adin!) evening games with glow-sticks, hunt-the-leader, and much more. Indoors, we enjoyed a Mexican themed evening, with sombreros, pinatas, mojito-mocktails, "Talavera" tile-painting, and fajitas!

Jonathon Burrows, the youth minister at Christ Church Cockfosters in north London joined us, and taught on the theme of 'sacrifice' – key to our salvation through Jesus, and the pattern of the whole life of the Christian. There was lots to think about – pray for us as we seek to "offer our bodies as living sacrifices" to him.

Here's what a couple of the young people wrote about it all... "The weekend away was a really fun opportunity to spend time with people from our church, and meet others from Send Church. The teaching by Jonathon was really interesting and clear to understand, so it was good for everyone in the age range. We looked at different people in the Bible who were willing to sacrifice something, for example Abraham and Jesus. There were lots of fun games and crafts, and the canoeing on the canal was also so much fun." And "I had such a great time at the weekend away with my friends and leaders. I loved the talks so much and I loved how Johnathan referred to different parts in the Bible. The way that everything linked together was so cool. The activities we did were so much fun such as the Mexican tiles, find the leader, night hike and canoeing. It helped for us all to get to know more people."

Why not ask others what their memories are, and how it's helping them to live for Jesus?

And whilst we mention weekends away ... what about a whole-church weekend away? Wouldn't that be fun?! A time to bond and share fellowship, go deeper in God's word, to become more in practice what we already are – the family of God in St John's. It's an idea we'd love to make a reality – if you agree, and would be willing to put in some organisational effort, speak to Glyn or Peter.

Sermon Notes:

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.uk**

Recordings of our livestreamed services are available on our website.