



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.

Today at St. John's

8:00am	Communion	Reading: Psalm 23
10:00am	All Age Communion	Reading: Psalm 23 <i>Preacher: Peter Chamberlin</i>
6.30pm	Evening Praise	<i>Preacher: Glyn Lucas</i>

Today at Emmanuel Church, Mayford

9:30am	Communion	Reading: John 20:19-31 and Acts 4:32-35 <i>Preacher: Rob Bennett</i>
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Next Week at St John's

8:00am	Communion	Reading: Psalm 24
10:00am	Morning Worship	Reading: Psalm 24
6:30pm	Evening Worship	Reading: Eschatology 1

Next Week at Emmanuel

9:30am	Morning Worship	Reading: Matthew 16:13-28
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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 1 st		No Ladies' Bible group	
Tues 2 nd	2:30pm 8:00pm	Pastoral Group Support Music group rehearsal	Church Church
Wed 3 rd	10.00am 7:45pm	Emmanuel Coffee Morning Parish Prayer Meeting	Emmanuel Church
Thurs 4 th	10:00am 2:30pm	Easter Family Fun Thursday Fellowship	Church Church lounge

Big Parenting Questions: April 30th 7:30pm: This event is for mums, dads, and carers, designed to offer hope and help through this time of change in our children's lives. We'll explore principles that will equip you to come alongside your child as they try and establish their identity, assert their independence and find their place in the world. Book tickets at

<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/tourevents/big-parenting-questions/>

SGP Prayers: St. Andrews, Frimley Green: Pray for the effectiveness of our Easter Services, as we seek to proclaim the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection and call people to repentance and faith. Pray for our families as they invite friends to our Easter Picnic following Good Friday morning Service. The ability to adjust and adapt with a number of people stepping down from key roles. Ask the Lord to sustain our core of current volunteers who do most tasks and add new servant-hearted believers to serve Jesus at St. Andrew's. Give thanks for a few new faces at our services in recent weeks. Pray that they may come to faith/grow in their faith and become committed members of our church family. The opportunities that our Children & Youth Worker Rohan has been able to develop within our local Church of England Primary School. Pray that opportunities might also be able to be developed within some of the other schools within our parish

Grieving Hearts Group will resume on April 11th at 10:30am. Contact Sylvia on 07860 432568 if you would like more information about the group. Flyers in the welcome area.

Engage Woking are on a mission to take the Christian message into schools and colleges in the Woking area, and we're currently looking for new trustees to help lead the direction and purpose of the charity. We are specifically looking for people with experience in HR or teaching but if you've got a passion to see Faith, Hope and Love shared with the educational community in our area, we'd love to talk to you. For a no obligation chat please reach out to Simon Pearce, trustee, (07743 234091) Si_j_Pearce@hotmail.com) or Shelley Blunden, the Director of Schools Work, (office@EngageWoking.org)

You know it's that time of year again, when the sun starts to come out and the flowers start to blossom on the trees after a cold, long winter. Easter is coming again. When you work with children and you ask them what their favourite part of easter is, the answer always seems to come down to one word "**chocolate**". Don't get me wrong, chocolate is secretly one of my favourite parts of easter and I'm 25! However, Christians, myself included, all know that Easter isn't really about the chocolate eggs and the warmer weather.

It's really about the joy of knowing that God's rescuing plan is complete and those who believe in Christ have been fully redeemed by his sacrifice. How incredible is that? I know we hear it all the time but, wow, the magnitude of this situation really does hit hard sometimes. We were destined for death, due to our sin. We were separate from God and unable to be reconciled. No matter all the hard work we put in to be "good" and "serve God" nothing we did was enough.

Only by Jesus and Jesus alone are we fully reconciled and redeemed back to our creator. It just blows my mind how Jesus willingly suffered all the torturous pain of the cross just so we can be free. And we can remember this every Easter. Not only does this mean that we are free, but it also provides us with the opportunity to have a purpose, a hope and a reason to life on Earth.

Knowing you are loved, chosen and created with a purpose by an all-powerful, loving creator is just so comforting. Knowing that Jesus chose to endure that pain so you, personally can be redeemed and avoid the consequence of sin should be the most exciting news for anyone to hear.

The joy of Easter Sunday is a celebration we should not take lightly or go through the motions of. It should be a time we personally thank God for his rescue plan and rejoice with such sincerity, knowing that we have been chosen, saved and loved so deeply.

So, on this day of Easter Sunday 2024, take a moment to really think and appreciate the depth of Jesus's sacrifice and what it really means for those who follow him! Jesus's love for his people ran so deep, let's do our best to rejoice and praise him today.

Kim Philips
Ministry Trainee

Sermon Notes:

Collect for This Sunday

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen

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.