

### Welcome!

We are so glad you are here with us today. We especially welcome the family and friends of Gracie, here for her baptism, and all others who 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

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, 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: 1 Samuel 4:1b-22
10:00am	All age worship with baptism	Reading: 1 Samuel 4:1b-22 <i>Preacher: Glyn Lucas</i>
6.30pm	Communion	Reading: John 16:5-16 <i>Preacher: Peter Chamberlin</i>

### Today at Emmanuel Church, Mayford

9:30am	Morning Worship	Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1- 4:1a
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### Next Week at St John's

8:00am	Communion	Reading: 1 Samuel 5:1-12
10:00am	Communion	Reading: 1 Samuel 5:1-12
6:30pm	Evening worship	World Mission Evening

### Next Week at Emmanuel

9:30am	Morning Worship	Reading: 1 Samuel 4:1b-22
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## *Events This Week:*

Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	Ladies' Bible Group	Church lounge
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	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 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am 2:00pm 7:45pm	Men's Bible Group Knit&Natter Homegroup in Church	Church lounge Emmanuel Church
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am 10:30am	First-steps toddler group Grieving Hearts Group	Youth Centre Church lounge
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	Ladies' Bible group with creche	Narthex

### Save the date:

**CAMEO:** June 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm

**Supper Club:** June 28<sup>th</sup>, 7pm

**Church family picnics:** We'd love you to join us for an informal picnic on the Lye (and maybe a game of rounders!) from approx. 12pm on **9th June and 14th July**. Bring your own picnic/rugs.

**SGP:** It is the turn of our church to be the focus of this week's prayers! Give thanks that other local churches pray for us and our work.

**Associate Minister's House:** The news sheet letter of 21 April (still available in the Welcome Area, as with all the back-copies for the past month) sets out the need to carry out some desperately-needed building work on the house. The potential cost is still being finalised but meanwhile we encourage you to prayerfully consider how you may be able to respond, so that we can press on with the project as soon as we are able.

**Host Families Wanted!** Are you, or do you know of Christian families with teenage children who could host a Japanese teenager for 9 nights in early October? The Japanese students come as part of a trip organised by Meysen Academy, a Christian organisation which reaches out to Japanese families by running an extensive after-school English academy programme. The students all speak English, can share a room with your child, and host families are paid. The trip offers the opportunity for students to experience an English way of life, and Meysen would like that to be a Christian one if possible. Contact the office for more information.

## What does it mean to be busy?

Why does it seem like there's so little time to get everything done these days? It's funny, the persistent promise of technology is that our lives are supposed to get easier as machines take over the mundane and laborious tasks that have traditionally made us busy. I once read a technology article all about the *'paperless office'* which looked forward to a time when we'd have no need to print things out because we'd only ever need to read things electronically. The article gushed with delight at all the new developments that would help, but the final conclusion said it all, *'the paperless office is about as likely as the paperless toilet!'*

The problem isn't that technology can't help, it's more to do with our attitudes and actions. I don't think we are truly busier than people have been in the past, we often just busy ourselves with the wrong things. It's more about priorities than perspiration!

In Luke 10, Jesus is welcomed into the house of Mary and Martha and while Mary sat at Jesus' feet, Martha busied herself with practical preparation. She was irritated that Mary wasn't helping and confronted Jesus, *"Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me."* But the Lord answered her, *"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."*

Martha was losing sight of the opportunity to spend time with Jesus, serving those around him and not serving him.

Serving others should come from first serving Christ, and that's not only true in our personal lives, it's true in our commitment to the church family. When we're constantly looking for people to serve or fill the gaps, perhaps.... perhaps we need to start with ourselves and ask, 'How is my worship, how is my relationship with Jesus?' Out of that will come a desire and compulsion to serve rather than being driven by duty.

I know this is something I need to work on, and I hope it is a good reminder for us all. Have a really fruitful week.

Glyn

*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.*

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

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*Recordings of our livestreamed services are available on our website.*