

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here with us today. We especially welcome those 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

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. Amen

Today at St. John's

8:00am	Communion	Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
10.00am	Morning Worship <i>followed by Youth Prayer Meeting at 11.30am</i>	Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 <i>Preacher: Glyn Lucas</i>
6.30pm	Evening Worship	What makes Jesus so special? <i>Preacher: Peter Chamberlin</i>

Today at Emmanuel Church, Mayford

9:30am	Communion	Reading: 2 Timothy 3:1-17
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Next Week at St John's

8.00am	Communion	Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-22
10.00am	Morning Worship <i>followed by Church family picnic on the Lye</i>	Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-22
6.30pm	Communion	What makes the Gospel so special?

Next Week at Emmanuel

9:30am	Morning worship	Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
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Events This Week:

NB: The church office will be closed this week

Mon 8 th	9:30am	Ladies' Bible group	Church lounge
Tues 9 th	6:00pm	Dangerous Kids Club (Yrs. 3-6)	Youth Centre
	7:00pm	1Eighty (Yrs. 7-9)	Youth Centre
	7.45pm	iNsight (Yrs. 10-13)	Youth Centre
	8:00pm	Music group rehearsal	Church
Wed 10 th	10.00am	Emmanuel Coffee Morning	Emmanuel
	11:30am	Daytime Prayer meeting	Emmanuel
	7:45pm	Homegroup in Church	Church
Thurs 11 th	9:30am	First-steps toddler group	Youth Centre
	10:30am	Grieving Hearts Group	Church lounge
	3:00pm	Funeral of Peter Howitt	Church

Please note: There will be no 6:30pm services running in August. We will restart in September.

Save the dates:

CBBC: July 21st (Bacon butties on the BBQ) – any volunteers to fire the grill? Please get in touch with the office.

Welcome Gift for George and Rose Belfield: If you would like to make a donation to help with their relocation expenses, please use the special envelopes in the Welcome area, pay online with "Belfield" as the reference, or use the dedicated screen on the card reader.

AM's house update: Following the response to the appeal – over £88,000 (with gift aid) has been pledged so far – the PCC has given the go-ahead for work to start in September. It would be a tremendous blessing if the rest of the money could be raised by then. Do consider this financial need prayerfully.

Men's Summer Book Group: Calling all men! Would you like to read a good Christian book this summer? And then to discuss it with other men from our church?

We'll read "The Lord of Psalm 23" by David Gibson. I read it earlier this year and it was such a warm, encouraging book. Speak to me (Peter) and I'll put an order in – £11.69 each (£10.50 if 10 or more of us join in) and worth every penny. We'll meet on the evening of **Thursday 22nd August** to discuss how we've been encouraged and challenged in our walk with Jesus. <https://www.thegoodbook.co.uk/the-lord-of-psalm-23>

SGP: Grace Church, Wrecclesham: Give thanks for a couple of new families joining us this year. Pray as we seek for a new pastor, and for Dan and his family as they prepare to move to the Isle of Wight. Pray for outreach at the Wrecclesham Village Fete on Sunday, 14th July.

Tea Towels: Please return all borrowed church tea towels back to the kitchen, and if you have a few spares to give away, do consider donating them to church.

I can't believe how quickly 2 years have gone by. I have had the privilege of attending the Proclamation Trust's ministry training program for the last two years and now I have finally finished the two foundation years of the Cornhill Training Course. I covered F1 of Cornhill from September 2022 to June 2023. The first year was spent going through various books of the bible such as Esther, Jonah, Mark and Exodus. We spent morning lectures working through the books and learning about all the important aspects of them and how to understand the book as a whole better. We spent the afternoon in the time called Teaching Practice groups where we were split into groups and practiced a pre written talk we had prepared on a specific bible passage. We spent the whole first year on Colossians. My first passage was Colossians 1:28-29. It was an absolute disaster! Haha. We would then finish off the day with a hour session on some form of practical ministry whether it was writing a Bible study, Christian character, relationships within church or ministry to youth and children. There were a lot of breaks throughout the day and lots of tea and coffee being served. The course provided refreshments, however each week a different Teaching Practice group was assigned to set it all up, make the coffee and put biscuits out and clean up at the end. It was a way of serving each other.

Second year was a very similar structure. However, we did not just stick to one book throughout the year in Teaching Practice groups. We did a different book each half term. We started off with 1 Peter, then moved on to John, then 1 Samuel, then Isaiah, then Exodus and finishing off finally with Ecclesiastes. I found this so much more beneficial because it exposed me to nearly every type of biblical scripture and to teach each book was so different every single time. Cornhill really drove home the importance at looking for the biblical context and fully understanding it and how it connected with your specific passage. They also taught us the importance of finding and summarising the main point of the passage and the main reason why the author was writing it. This was the basis of our entire talk. If we got this wrong, the whole talk was wrong. But the more I practiced it, the easier it became.

Cornhill was really beneficial to my ability to teach and understand the Bible. To learn alongside other Christians is really amazing and everyone is really nice. If you feel that you would like to gain further skills in preaching God's word to others then Cornhill will definitely give you the skills and the ability to do so. I have found it so useful and it has taught me so much about who God is and true and rich depth of his love for his people. It had certainly grown my faith and helped me to grasp some rather challenging concepts. I have really enjoyed my time at Cornhill and I have massively grown in understanding for the biblical scriptures. I encourage others to look into it and explore the possibility of growing their ability to proclaim God's word.

Kim Phillips – Ministry Trainee

Sermon Notes

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.

Tel 07763 456015 or email: **safeguarding@stjohnswoking.uk**

Recordings of our livestreamed services are available on our website.