

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

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 forever. Amen

Today at St. John's

8:00am	Communion	Reading: Luke 11:29-32
10.00am	Morning Worship <i>(Youth prayer meeting at 11:30am)</i>	Reading: Luke 11:29-32 <i>Preacher: Peter Chamberlin</i>
6:30pm	Evening Worship	Why do Muslims need the gospel? <i>Preacher: Glyn Lucas</i>




Today at Emmanuel Church, Mayford

9:30am	Morning Worship	Reading: Acts 27:27-44; Acts 28:1-10
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Next Week at St John's

8.00am	Communion	Reading: Revelation 14:14-15:8
10.00am	Morning Worship	Reading: Revelation 14:14-15:8
6.30pm	Communion	Why Do Jews Need the Gospel?

No Service next Sunday at Emmanuel due to the Surrey Half Marathon

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Events This Week:

Mon 2 nd	9:30am	Ladies' Bible group	Church lounge
Tues 3 rd	2:30pm	Pastoral Support Group	Church
	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 4 th	10.00am	Emmanuel Coffee Morning	Emmanuel
	11:30am	Daytime Prayer Meeting	Emmanuel
	7:45pm	Parish Prayer Meeting	Church
Thurs 5 th	9:30am	First-steps toddler group	Youth Centre
	2:30pm	Thursday fellowship	Church lounge

Church Photos: You may still be approached for a photo of yourself for the new digital contact directory if the photographer didn't manage to catch you in August. If you prefer not to have a photo of yourself or your children (in a family group) included, just let the photographer know. The directory is to enable the leadership team to identify people more easily.

AM's house update: Work has started! The appeal stands at a little over £133,000 (with gift aid). Please prayerfully consider if you could contribute to the remaining £7,000.

Singing workshop on Sunday 8th September at 2pm: Join us for a singing workshop with professional singer, Eleonore Cockerham, covering topics including vocal techniques, how to use your voice effectively, singing as part of a worship band, Q&A. £10 suggested donation to cover costs.
Email Robin: robin@stjohnswoking.uk to book a place.

SGP: Send Evangelical Church: As we enter a new school year, let's pray that each of our churches would be more intentional in making Christ known to our communities. Thank the Lord for a gospel witness in Send village. Pray for the Pastor Search at Send as they have recently re-advertised and that the Lord will bring forward a suitable candidate.

Cartridge recycling: We have a box in the printer room for recycling original and branded ink cartridges only. Please make use of this facility, if you wish. Compatibles not accepted.

If you are, or know of others, in need of financial help, the church has access to a charitable fund which can make small one-off donations. Please speak to Glyn, in confidence.

With the hours of time and huge amount of energy put in by so many people from our church, plus not forgetting the financial cost, we might find ourselves asking "Why do we do this?! Why bother putting on a holiday club?"

We spend hours cutting out paper fish, rehearsing dramas, contacting parents and turning the pulpit into an ocean liner. Is it really worth it?

The simple answer is "Jesus told us to".

Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations... – Matthew 28:19

We have been commissioned to go and tell the good news of God's grace, sins forgiven and eternal life, to all nations and that includes Woking.

But, is running a church holiday club the best way to do this? Looking around, how many families that we saw this week have actually turned up to church this Sunday? We may find ourselves asking "How many lives have I changed through all that effort?"

First off, we've got to remember that it is not us changing lives, it is the Holy Spirit that changes lives. We just get to be a part of His work. Holiday Club is part of a much larger picture. A bigger story. We might spend all our energy trying to get someone to believe and then never see them again. We might feel like we've failed or missed an opportunity, or done something wrong.

But hold on to the thought that one day you'll be standing with people from every tribe and tongue and nation, worshipping God for all eternity. You look around and you'll see and know countless faces you recognise, people who are there because in some small way you played a part in God's plan. It may be that the only time you ever saw them was at holiday club but through that they remembered how welcoming a church could be or how excited the people were about the Bible and later in life walked through the doors of a different church.

We just don't know how God is going to work in the lives of the people we meet, only He knows that. But we do know that we have a task to do on this earth, to tell people about God's amazing love and how he has changed our lives and saved us, and holiday club is a great place to start!!

Robin Langdon

Ministry Lead for Children's Work and Music

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.