

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here with us today. We 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

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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: Numbers 20:1-13; Revelation 20:1-15
10:00am	Communion	Reading: Numbers 20:1-13; Revelation 20:1-15 <i>Preacher: Tony Graham</i>
6:30pm	Evening Worship	Commandment 2: No images <i>Preacher: Richard Barwick</i>

Today at Emmanuel

8:00am	Morning Worship	Reading: Numbers 16:1-3; 17:1-13, Revelation 19:1-21
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Next week at St. John's

8:00am	Communion	Reading: Numbers 21:4-9, Revelation 20:1-15
10:00am	Morning Worship	Reading: Numbers 21:4-9; Revelation 20:1-15
6:30pm	Evening Worship	Commandment 3: Do not misuse God's name

Next week at Emmanuel

8:00am	Communion	Reading: Numbers 20:1-13; Revelation 20:1-15
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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 21 st	9:30am	Ladies' Bible group	Church lounge
Tues 22 nd	6:00pm	Dangerous Kids Club (7-10s)	Youth Centre
	7:15pm	Youth groups (11-18s)	Youth Centre
	8:00pm	Music group rehearsal	Church
	8:00pm	Standing committee meeting	Church lounge
Wed 23 rd	10.00am	Men's Bible study	Church lounge
	7:45pm	Homegroup in church	Church lounge
Thurs 24 th	9:30am	First-steps toddler group	Youth Centre

Dates for the diary:

Grieving Hearts group will restart on Nov 6th (Wednesday) at 2pm for a cuppa and chat.

Saturday Working Party: Nov 16th

Quiz night: Nov 29th

Andy Alderton's funeral will take place on Oct 30th at 3pm in St. John's church.

Churchwarden's election: This has been postponed to **Oct 27th**. Please prayerfully consider if you should be seeking nomination. Address any questions to Peter.

Pledge for Associate Minister (AM) house. If you have pledged to donate an amount for this project, it would be helpful if you could please now pay it either by cheque, or directly into the church bank account (speak to the office if assistance is required); now that the building work is progressing, we are making regular payments to the builders.

Poppy Cross Making - Children and Young People

On **27th October** we will be making simple Poppy crosses ready for Remembrance Sunday. We'd love lots of help from children and young people to make these. This will happen during coffee time after the service in the church lounge.

Do encourage your child to join. It's a great way to help them engage with Remembrance Sunday.

Choir for Remembrance Sunday 10th November: We are getting the choir back together to sing in the service on Remembrance Sunday. All welcome. Please e-mail or speak to Robin if you are interested. robin@stjohnswoking.uk. Rehearsals will be: Sunday 27th October - 2:30pm and Thursday 7th November - 8pm.

SGP Prayers: Life Matters: Pray that we would reach many at the Christmas Outreach at the Guildhall on the High Street at lunchtime on Dec 18th. Pray for good spiritual conversation at Vaughan House as we continue to meet those housed there as they recover their lives.

An 'item of jewellery' was found in the Vicarage driveway last evening. Please contact the office if it belongs to you.

Two weekends ago, we launched our Operation Christmas Child Campaign for 2024! Right now, somewhere around the world, there is a child waiting to receive a gift filled shoebox.

Angella lives in Malawi and was 12 when she received her shoebox gift. The school supplies she received in her box were a particular blessing to her and her family, who couldn't afford to buy them. For many children this gift could be the difference between being able to go to school or not – something that we take for granted here in the UK. But for Angella the most impactful thing was the booklet that was distributed with the shoeboxes, that contained a message of hope in Jesus Christ. Many shoebox recipients go on to share the Good News of the Gospel with their families and wider communities. Your shoebox could be the first gift that a child ever receives. Imagine the excitement and wonder for a child who has never received a gift, to open a shoebox full of exciting things. This expression of love, delivered alongside the Gospel message can have a life transforming impact, not only on the child but also on their family and beyond. How amazing that simple gifts of toys, school supplies and personal care items can be used as tools to share the Gospel.

Whatever your age, there are ways for you to get involved with Operation Christmas Child. Please consider packing a shoebox - not forgetting to include a letter and a £5 contribution to shipping and equipping local churches! If you would like to get involved but can't commit to a whole box, we would also welcome items to pack in boxes or monetary gifts to enable us to purchase items to go in the boxes and to pay the shipping fees for the boxes we send. There is also an Amazon Wishlist which you can purchase items from and will be delivered directly to me. Ideas of items to pack and details of the Amazon Wishlist are on the church website and Facebook group. Lastly, we can all be praying for the children who will receive these boxes, that they will be open to hearing the Good News and for the churches who will be delivering the Greatest Journey programme to the children, in their own language.

The deadline for donations of items or monetary gifts is **Sunday 3rd November**, to allow us time to shop and pack boxes. The deadline for packed shoeboxes is **Sunday 10th November** (Remembrance Sunday – so hopefully that's easy to remember!). The shoeboxes will be collected and delivered to national processing centres week beginning 11th November.

Thank you for all your support over the years and please do prayerfully consider how you can contribute to the campaign this year.

Tammy Hughes

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

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