

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

Almighty and eternal God, you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints: grant to us the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may be sustained by their example and fellowship; 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: Numbers 22:1-20, Revelation 22:1-21
10:00am	Morning Worship (Youth prayer meeting at 11:30am)	Reading: Numbers 22:1-20, Revelation 22:1-21 <i>Preacher: Glyn Lucas</i>
6:30pm	Evening Worship	Commandment 4: Remember the Sabbath <i>Preacher: Matt Cherukara</i>

Today at Emmanuel

8:00am	Communion	Reading: Numbers 21:4-9, Revelation 21:1-27
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Next week at St. John's (Remembrance Sunday)

8:00am	Communion	Reading: Acts 2
10:00am	Morning Worship	Reading: Acts 2
6:30pm	Communion	Commandment 5: Honour your father and mother

Next week at Emmanuel

9:30am	Morning Worship	Reading: Numbers 22:1-20, Revelation 22:1-21
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Gluten free wafers and a non-alcoholic alternative are available for communicants: just ask the administering clergy.

Events This Week:

Mon 4 th	9:30am	Ladies' Bible group	Church lounge
Tues 5 th	2:30pm 6:00pm 7:15pm 8:00pm	Pastoral Support Group Dangerous Kids Club (7-10s) Youth groups (11-18s) Music group rehearsal	Church Youth Centre Youth Centre Church
Wed 6 th	10.00am 11:30am 2:00pm 7:45pm	Emmanuel Coffee morning Emmanuel Prayer meeting Light in the darkness for grieving hearts Parish Prayer Meeting	Emmanuel Emmanuel Church lounge Church
Thurs 7 th	9:30am 2:30pm	First-steps toddler group Thursday fellowship group	Youth Centre Church lounge
Fri 9 th	9:30am	Ladies' Bible group	Narthex

Dates for the diary:

Men's Curry night: Nov 12th at 7:30pm. (*Flyers in the welcome area*)

Saturday Working Party: Nov 16th at 9:00am onwards.

Newcomer's welcome lunch: Nov 17th at 12noon. (*Flyers in the welcome area*)

Quiz night: Nov 29th at 7:00pm.

CAMEO: Dec 11th at 2pm

Christmas shoebox donations: Please bring in your shoeboxes by Nov 10th.

Choir for Remembrance Sunday 10th November: Rehearsals have begun. If you would like to join, please speak/email Robin robin@stjohnswoking.uk.

A Christmas Bookstall will be set up in the Narthex on Nov 17th. More details to follow...

Christian Institute – a talk on Defending faith, family and freedom, at Yateley Baptist church – Tuesday 19th Nov at 7:30pm. Flyers in the welcome area.

Christmas Choir is back! We are looking for people of all ages and abilities to join the Christmas Choir for the carol service on 22nd December at St John's and 15th December at Emmanuel. Everyone is welcome, no experience necessary! Rehearsals will be a mixture of Thursdays and Sundays as below. If you cannot make them all that is not a problem but ideally, we ask that you make at least 3.

Please e-mail Robin to let him know you are interested. -robin@stjohnswoking.uk

Sun 1st Dec - 3pm-4.30pm; Thurs 5th Dec - 8pm-9.30pm; Sun 8th Dec - 3pm-4.30pm; Thurs 12th Dec - 8pm-9.30pm; Thurs 19th Dec - 8pm-9.30pm.

SGP Prayers: Cranleigh Baptist Church: Praise God for: Regular new faces on Sundays and growing attendance after a significant post-summer dip. Happy staff team and unity within the Church. Encouraging times with young people and youth group - particularly good Open Doors secret church evening with Binscombe. Pray for: An increased corporate dependence on God in prayer. Our Light Party on Thursday 31st - pray that non-church parents will continue to come on Sundays. Bonfire night on Saturday 2nd when we will hand out free hot chocolate and invites.

During November, the church is being used by **Woking Music Festival** to run their annual music competition. Please see flyer for dates.

There are poppies with a donation box for the Royal British Legion in the welcome area.

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

As believers we have a saviour who went to the cross carrying our sins and sorrows. Isaiah 53 v 4 tells us he *bore our grief and carried our sorrows*. That being the case, why should Christians grieve?

We live in a fallen world and are subject to situations on our journey that affect our life here on earth.

What does God's Word show us about grief? King David was not ashamed of going before God and crying out in grief. Yet he stood in God's strength to help him through the tough times. Psalm 73:26 says, "*My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.*" Note his honesty in admitting his brokenness before the "but".

Walking with God does not mean we will not grieve loss throughout our life. Think about Job in the Old Testament. If ever anyone could be totally swallowed up in his grief he could. Yet he got through.

In the book of 1Thessalonians 4 the apostle Paul states, "*Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.*"

Yes, we have hope, but we still go through situations causing a grief response, requiring healing and ongoing life adjustment. The "if only"; "Why did you take them now God?"; "Life is not the same anymore". "I feel so alone".

As Christians it is important that we grieve as we grasp hold of the promise Jesus gave us in John 14:27 – "*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.*"

Light in the Darkness Group on Wednesdays at 2pm provides a place to confidentially share and express those many grief emotions and commit them to the one who bore our grief – Jesus.

Sylvia Stock

Sermon Notes

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

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