

Weekly News 8th June 2025

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, or scan the QR code, also in the Welcome Area.

Collect

God, who as at this time, taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Parish Services Today

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8am	St John's	Communion (BCP)	Genesis: 4:1-16			
10am	St John's	All-Age Worship	Hebrews: 11:1-7 Preacher: Glyn Lucas			
4pm	Emmanuel	Afternoon Worship				
			John 14:15-31			
6.30pm	St John's	Communion	Preacher: Matt Cherukara			

Parish Services Next Week (June 15th)

8am	St. John's	Communion (BCP)		
10am	St. John's	Communion	Genesis: 11:27-12:9	
4pm	Emmanuel	Afternoon Worship	Hebrews: 11:8-19	
6:30pm	St. John's	Evening Worship	Psalm 23	

Recordings of our livestreamed services are available on our website <u>www.stjohnswoking.uk</u> Someone from our Prayer Ministry Team (with <u>blue lanyards</u>) 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

Events This Week:							
Mon 9 th	9:30am	Ladies' Bible group	Church Lounge				
Tues 10 th	6:00pm 7:15pm 8:00pm	Dangerous Kids Club (7-10s) Youth groups (11-18s) Music Rehearsal	Youth Centre Youth Centre Church				
Wed 11 th	10.00am 7:45pm	Men's Bible study Homegroup in church	Church lounge Church lounge				
Thurs 12 th	9:30am	First-Steps toddler group	Youth Centre				
Dates for your diary: St. John's Village Fete – June 21 st See below – help required! Men's Games Evening – July 18 th							
An evening with Tim Farron, MP for Westmoreland & Lonsdale, at Cranleigh Baptist							

Church, 17th June at 7:30pm. See flyer on the welcome board for more information.

Christian perspectives on Dementia at Grace Church, Guildford on 28th June at 9:45am. See flyer on the welcome board for more information.

Men's Summer Book Group: Calling all men! Please join us this summer reading a good Christian book. You could take it on holiday with you for some spiritual refreshment. Mark the evening of **Thursday 21st Aug** in your diary – we'll be discussing what we've read and how it's encouraged us. "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another". Ephesians 5:10 instructs us to "find out what pleases the Lord." Lee Gatiss took this command seriously and has written a wonderfully insightful book called "Living to please the Lord". It's slim and easy to read, and well worth your time. Contact Peter (<u>peter@stjohnswoking.uk</u>) and we'll order copies (less than £10 each).



SGP Prayers: Life Matters: Pray for meaningful conversations with residents at the Housing Association and for the planning of further outreach events.

Helpers Needed - Church Stall at St John's Village Fete: This year's fete is on Saturday 21st June at 12:30-5pm and is always a great opportunity to be involved with the village, meet and chat to lots of families and give out flyers for various church activities. But we can't do this without people to help on the stall on the day. This mainly involves either talking to people, helping with a simple craft activity or blowing up/handing out balloons. Please can you let me know if you are able to help with some or all of the day. Even if it is just for an hour or so that is still really useful. We will also need help setting up and packing away. Please let Robin know if you can help: robin@stjohnswoking.uk

Today we are very excited to see Michael, one of our youth, take a step of faith and be baptised! We're used to baptising babies here at St. John's but today we will see a teen fully submerged in the pool.

I haven't known Michael very long, but I have found him deeply encouraging to chat to. He turned up at our church a few months back and it has been a joy to welcome him into our church family.

If you're not able to hear him share his story today, here's what he says about his journey to faith in Christ:

"I was not in the best place, and I knew something was missing. So, I ended up looking into religion. As I did so, I started to see the flaws in my previous beliefs and after educating myself on religions I began to realise that Jesus was the right path and the only one that truly made any sense, so I came to church. After doing a building a relationship with God and praying, all felt right to me" Praise the Lord!

As Michael gets baptised today, he is declaring publicly what he believes and committing to follow the Lord Jesus. Also, as he gets baptised, God is showing us all what he has done for Michael, He has washed him clean of sin and given him new life in Christ. Please let me encourage you to pray for him today.

Perhaps also, seeing Michael get baptised today, makes you think that you would like to get baptised too. Please do come chat to one of us on the staff team, if that's you, we'd love to chat that through with you.

Sermon Notes

Are you new to St. John's church? We would love to get your name and contact number. This QR code will take you to a secure online form.



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