

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

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Parish Services Today

8am	St. John's	Communion (BCP)	<i>Deuteronomy 31:1-8</i> <i>Hebrews 13:1-6</i> Preacher: Peter Chamberlin
10am	St. John's	Morning Worship	
4pm	Emmanuel	Afternoon Worship	
6.30pm	St. John's	Communion	The Lord's Prayer Preacher: Glyn Lucas

Parish Services Next Week (July 20th)

8am	St. John's	Communion (BCP)	<i>John 19:14-20</i> <i>Hebrews 13:7-19</i>
10am	St. John's	Communion	
4pm	Emmanuel	Afternoon Worship	
6:30pm	St. John's	Evening Worship	Nicene Creed

Recordings of our livestreamed services are available on our website www.stjohnswoking.uk
 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

Events This Week:

Mon 14 th	9:30am	Ladies' Bible group	Church lounge
Tues 15 th	6:00pm 7:15pm 8:00pm	Dangerous Kids Club (7-10s) Youth groups (11-18s) Music Rehearsal	Youth Centre Youth Centre Church
Wed 16 th	10.00am 7:45pm	Men's Bible Study Homegroup in church	Church lounge Church
Thurs 17 th	9:30am	First-Steps toddler group	Youth Centre
Fri 18 th	9:30am	Ladies' Bible group	Narthex

No 6:30pm services in August.

The service will resume on **Sunday 7th September.**

Don't our front doors look great? Huge thanks to Rowan and Lisa Alderton for doing an excellent job of repainting them, and to Linda for arranging to have it done.

Keith Bridges' funeral will be held on Aug 12th at 11:30am at St. John's Church.

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 (peter@stjohnswoking.uk) and we'll order copies (less than £10 each).

St John's Karaoke and Cocktails - Friday 10th October - 7.30-10.30pm: Following the success of St John's Gin and Jazz evening a few years ago, we are hosting a similar event in October. The event is the perfect opportunity to invite friends and family from outside the church community for a fun and relaxed evening of good company, tasty food, homemade entertainment and a little gospel message. The church will be transformed into a sophisticated setting with an onsite bar providing fresh cocktails and mocktails. Ticket information will follow but please put this date in your diary, pick up some 'save the date' flyers from the Welcome Area and give these out to potential guests. Any questions or if you are willing to help with tasks for the event, please contact Lys Price.

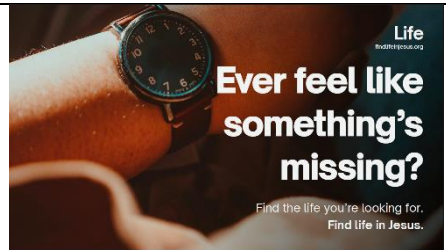


SGP Prayers for all churches: Pray for conversations to be fruitful; for courses to point people clearly to Jesus; for the Spirit to be at work softening hard hearts and bringing forth real faith in Christ!

"Ever feel like something's missing?"

Do you remember a time when you were asking yourself that question, and would have had to answer 'yes'?

Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10).



St John's and Emmanuel exist with a purpose: to help people discover the life that there is in Jesus. Many of our neighbours have not discovered what it is that's missing, but would admit to some kind of emptiness and searching.

Beginning in March 2026 we're going to join hundreds of churches for a nationwide gospel mission, asking that question (top right is a preview of the kind of publicity you'll see around, including images of everyday objects missing a key component!). The mission will be what we make of it (there's no-one else to run it for us! *) so, we need to begin preparing soon. Expect to hear more about this from September.

* we may find ways to work together with other local churches in Surrey Gospel Partnership, but let's aim to be drivers, not passengers, if that happens!

A rough timeline for our preparation is as follows:

- Now – volunteer to join the small committee to plan our mission.
- Autumn 2025 – use personal witness training resources at 6:30 and in home groups. Ideas for events submitted to the mission committee. Every group in church (home groups, First Steps, DKC, Thursday Fellowship, Cameo, etc.) challenged to come up with at least one idea and run it.
- January 2026 – Lots of prayer. Print and digital publicity in local community.
- March 2026 – Mission week.
- April 2026 onward – follow-up (personal, and Christianity Explored) and ongoing evangelism.

Take a look at the resources and <https://www.apassionforlife.org.uk/>

Of course, evangelism is always our business as Christians. But many churches find that a focused week and 'something to work towards' fires our enthusiasm and becomes a springboard to a more evangelistically engaged culture. We trust that will prove to be the case here too, and that the Lord will honour our faithful attempts to glorify His name.

In hopefully anticipation – Peter

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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