

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

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

Parish Services Today

8am	St John's	Communion (BCP)	<i>1 Peter 4:1-11</i> <i>Preacher: Glyn Lucas</i>
10am	St John's	Morning Worship	
4pm	Emmanuel	Communion	
6.30pm	St John's	Evening Worship	A passion for Life: Being yourself <i>Preacher: Glyn Lucas</i>

Parish Services Next Week (Nov 9th - Remembrance Sunday)

8am	St John's	Communion (BCP)	John 3:1-21 <i>Preacher: SASRA</i>
10am	St John's	All-Age Worship	
	Emmanuel	To join St. John's at 10am	
6.30pm	St John's	Communion	

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 3 rd	9:30am	Ladies' Bible group	Church lounge
Tues 4 th	8:00pm	Music Rehearsals	Church
Wed 5 th	10.00am 11:45am 2:00pm 7:45pm	Emmanuel Coffee Morning Daytime Prayer Meeting Funeral-June Willis Parish Prayer Meeting	Emmanuel Emmanuel Church Church
Thurs 6 th	2:30pm 8:00pm	Thursday Fellowship Remembrance Choir rehearsal	Church Small halls
Fri 7 th	9:30am	Ladies' Bible group	Narthex

Events Coming Up:

1. Men's Games Evening: Friday, November 21st at 8:00pm.

2. Ladies' Evening - Gingerbread Houses: Friday, 28th November at 7:30pm.

Build and decorate a gingerbread house to take home, and enjoy refreshments, entertainment and a short Christmas talk. £10 per ticket.

To book: <https://buytickets.at/stjohnschurchwoking/1906175>

Book early to avoid disappointment!

Emmanuel Coffee morning: No fireworks, but great coffee, cakes, and photographs of a 25 million 'Threads through the Cross' tapestry which was displayed at Guildford Cathedral.

Please remember to return filled shoeboxes and any final donations for **Operation Christmas Child by Sunday 9th November**. The shoeboxes will be taken to the processing centre during the following week.

Christmas Choir is back!: We are looking for people of all ages and abilities to join the Christmas Choir for the carol service on 21st December at St John's and 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 30th November - 3pm-4.30pm, Thurs 4th December - 8pm-9.30pm,

Thurs 11th December - 8pm-9.30pm, Sun 14th December - 3pm-4.30pm,

Thurs 18th December - 8pm-9.30pm.

Survey – What do we believe? We're conducting an anonymous survey to find out what members of our church believe, across a range of different points of Christian doctrine.

Go to our website www.stjohnswoking.uk– Church Life - Survey to read last week's letter which explains more about it.

To skip straight to the survey, scan this QR code.



When we think about safeguarding in the church what do we mean, why does it matter and whose responsibility is it? We may think it is just a set of rules to follow, DBS checks and endless paperwork, although for some, the failings of the Church of England to protect those it is called to serve, may come to mind. Safeguarding matters, because it matters to God. The Bible urges us to stand up for the vulnerable as God has particular concern for the widow, the orphan, the stranger, those who are marginalised and often powerless. Proverbs 31:8 says, *'we should speak up for people who cannot speak for themselves and protect the rights of the vulnerable'*. The needs of the vulnerable were at the heart of Jesus' ministry and they should be at the heart of ours.

Safeguarding in simple terms means, 'to protect from harm,' to promote the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and all those who walk through our doors. It encompasses a range of activities from preventative measures to responding to situations of abuse or neglect. In recent years the Church of England has introduced various policies and procedures to promote a safer environment for all. As part of a loving and caring community, here at St John's and Emmanuel, we are committed to safeguarding as an integral part of our ministry and mission.

As part of my role as safeguarding officer, I'm involved in overseeing safeguarding training and the recruitment of volunteers as well as keeping up-to-date with safeguarding matters in general. I liaise closely with the clergy and speak to the Diocesan safeguarding team when necessary. I also report to the PCC on safeguarding at every PCC meeting.

There are many aspects to safeguarding. It is not necessarily concern about a child who may be at risk although this is certainly a matter that should be reported to me or a member of the clergy. Sometimes it can be a case of providing advice to someone about a particular situation or a concern raised about someone who is older or not looking after themselves properly. Similarly, an individual may have experienced abuse or struggling with mental health or addiction issues and unsure where to find appropriate help and support.

Earlier this year the PCC met to consider how to best promote a healthy, safe church culture. The main outcome of the discussion was for greater awareness of safeguarding in the church. Whilst I, the clergy, and the PCC have ultimate responsibility for safeguarding, it is something we all play a part in to promote a culture of safety and the welfare of every individual.

If you have any questions about safeguarding or require any further information, please let me know.

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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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