

### 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 (right), and also in the Welcome Area.



### Collect

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error, the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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)	<b>Matthew 24:36-51</b> <i>Preacher: Peter Chamberlin</i>
10am	St John's	Morning Worship followed by Children and Youth prayer meeting at 11:30am	
2:00pm	Emmanuel	St David's Day service with Woking Welsh Society	Service led by Bishop Paul
6.30pm	St John's	Evening Worship	The Love of God – Loving like God

### *Parish Services Next Week (March 8<sup>th</sup>)*

8am	St John's	Communion (BCP)	<b>Matthew 25:1-13</b>
10am	St John's	Morning Worship followed by APCM	
No service at Emmanuel – please join us at St John's for the 10am service & APCM			
6.30pm	St John's	Communion	Psalm 136

*A hearing loop is available in the church.*

*Recordings of our livestreamed services are available on our website*

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**Events This Week:**

Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:30am	Ladies' Bible group	Church lounge
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6:00pm 7:15pm 8:00pm	Dangerous Kids Club (7-10s) Youth groups (11-18s) Music Rehearsals	Youth Centre Youth Centre Church
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am 11:45am 7:45pm	Emmanuel Coffee Morning <b>Daytime Prayer Meeting</b> <b>Parish Lent Prayer Meeting</b>	Emmanuel Emmanuel Church
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am 2:30pm	First-Steps toddler group Thursday Fellowship	Youth Centre Lounge

**APCM Bring & Share lunch on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March** - The sign-up sheets are in the welcome area. Please sign up by Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March if you are able to come, or contact Gill M on 07748 310171. Please bring your own drinks and cups.

The PCC's annual report for the APCM, and the financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 are available on our website.

**Derrick Grundy's funeral is on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at St. John's.**  
**Trevor Abbott's funeral is on March 13<sup>th</sup> at 11am, at St. John's.**  
**Chris East's funeral is on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am, at St. John's.**

**Easter Trail set-up:** If you own a pop-up gazebo and are willing to lend it to church between March 24<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> for the Easter set-up, please speak to Lys ASAP.

**Easter Family Fun Afternoon 28<sup>th</sup> March, 1:30-3:30 - helpers needed:** We need people to help in a variety of ways for this popular event including, refreshments, crafts, welcoming or just keeping things tidy and setting out tables! If you can help then please let Robin know. [robin@stjohnswoking.uk](mailto:robin@stjohnswoking.uk)

**Easter Choir - singers needed:** We are hoping to have a choir for the Good Friday "Hour at the Cross" service (3<sup>rd</sup> April) and for Easter Sunday morning (5<sup>th</sup> April). Planned rehearsal dates are: 27<sup>th</sup> March, 8pm and 29<sup>th</sup> March 3pm. Please let Robin know if you want to join: [robin@stjohnswoking.uk](mailto:robin@stjohnswoking.uk)

**The Christian Institute** are running a meeting giving important updates on key contemporary issues such as assisted suicide, transgender ideology, and gambling, at St. Andrew's Church, Sturt Road, Frimley Green, Surrey GU16 6HY on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 8pm.



**St Andrews, Frimley Green & Mytchett:** Give thanks with us for the faithful proclamation of the gospel by students from the Cornhill Ministry Training Course during our Introducing Mission Week at the beginning of February. Pray with us for our Easter preparation and plans as we again seek to boldly and faithfully proclaim the gospel to our community; our Church and PCC as they begin to make plans to begin the process of appointing a new Vicar when our current Vicar retires in May.

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## Mission to Iraq

1<sup>st</sup> March

I am writing today about our family mission trip to Iraq. As believers, we are called to actively spread God's word and love to make a positive difference in the world. In Mark: 16:15 Jesus tells his disciples to, *"Go into the world and preach the Gospel to all the creation."*

My wife and I lived in Iraq for 8 years before we came to the UK three years ago. God put in our hearts to serve the Syrian refugees and Iraqi people in different ways. We started a home-school for Syrian children who could not join the government school. We aimed to help these children with education but also share Bible stories with those who come from Muslim families. This school is still being run by volunteers and we support them yearly, meeting different needs such as stationery, winter clothes, kerosene for heaters, or new carpets for the school.

In addition, we are also able to build relationships with many Muslim families and share the Gospel with them. Many miracles have been seen, demonstrating God's power. Some of them came to faith in Jesus, others were still in the process of seeking to know more about Jesus. It does not mean that everybody will have faith in Jesus but if they do not know him, how can they have faith in him?

The apostle Paul asks this same question in Romans 10:14, *"How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed, and how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard, and how are they to hear without someone preaching?"*

This is a clear call to evangelism, because people cannot believe in a message they have not heard.

Our plan is to return to Iraq for a two-week mission from 27<sup>th</sup> March to 10<sup>th</sup> April, and we would love for you to cover us with prayers asking for God's presence to go before us and for the hearts of the people to be prepared to receive the Gospel. We are undertaking this mission by faith, so I am inviting you to become the "senders" and partners of this mission. The writer of 3 John encourages us, work for brothers and sisters, even though they are strangers to us, and to work together for the truth. (3 John 1:5-8)

**Interserve will support us with the cost of flights to Iraq but if God touches your heart on this matter and you this is something you can help support us with financially, please consider making a donation to the normal St John's account adding the reference: "Iraq Mission."**

I look forward to sharing news of our mission with you on our return.

With thanks,  
Idris,



Our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Mary Kirkman, is available for advice or to talk through concerns relating to safeguarding.

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