

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

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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)	Ruth 4 <i>Preacher:</i> <i>Rev. Peter Chamberlin</i>
10am	St John's	Communion	
4pm	Emmanuel	Afternoon Worship	

Parish Services Next Week (Aug 23rd)

8am	St John's	Communion (BCP)	Exodus
10am	St John's	Outdoor Service on the Lye <i>Remember to bring something to sit on!</i>	
4pm	Emmanuel	Afternoon Worship	Titus 1

A hearing loop is available in the church.

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

Events This Week:

Mon 17 th	9:30am	Ladies' Bible group	Church Lounge
Tues 18 th	10:00am 8:00pm	Holiday club set-up Music rehearsals	Church Church
Wed 19 th	2:00pm 7:45pm	Knit&Natter Homegroup in church	Emmanuel Church lounge

6:30pm services will resume from 6th September.

Holiday Club is on from August 25th – 28th.

Harvest service followed by bring and share lunch is on October 4th.

Marriage MOT is on October 9th.

Ladies Event: Puddings, Prosecco and Puritan Hope

Come and hear how old wisdom can refresh weary modern souls.

Friday 25th September, 7:30-9:30.

We are thrilled to be joined by Emily Lucas, who will speak about her book, Hope That Endures. Emily will draw on her own experiences to show how the writings of the Puritans offer practical wisdom for the heart's deepest battles.

Tickets £5 - <https://buytickets.at/stjohnschurchwoking/2314324>

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

A couple weeks ago, Rose and I were leading on a summer camp called Contagious Go for 11-14s. It's part of the Contagious network of camps that run up and down the country every summer for children and teenagers between 8-18. Others from our church went to Adventure for 8-11s and Max for 14-18s. They are brilliant Christian, bible-centered camps, that are packed full of activities that make it a wonderful experience. From my perspective, a week away on a camp like Contagious is one of the best things for young people at church during the long summers.

This year on Contagious Camps, our teaching was on the book of Proverbs. Not a book of the bible I've ever taught before or would have ever chosen for doing on camp. After all the book is largely just a collection of sayings giving practical wisdom for how to live life well. How could we possibly point them to Jesus all week? But in the end, I really enjoyed teaching it. We saw that wisdom is the knowledge, skill and attitude of living God's way in God's world. We saw that Jesus is wisdom eternal because he is God and through him the whole world was made. Only he lived a perfectly wise life. So, as we looked at the Proverbs we were actually learning about what Jesus was like. We saw Jesus' grace too because the Proverbs only revealed our sin more and our need for Jesus. Whatever it was, whether it was in the way we use our time, money, words, or emotions and thoughts, Proverbs was good at making us realise how far short we fall. But praise God, Jesus is gracious with us who often make unwise decisions in life. We also just learned very practically some ways in which we all wanted to grow in our walks with Jesus.

But camp isn't just about the teaching, it's the experience too. There were a multitude of options each day of activities to do from chill craft, board games and salon to high energy football or basketball. Additionally, there were some big highlights the water games afternoon topped off with a slip and slide, the campfire and disco, the leaders vs members dodgeball, the high ropes and climbing and so much more. But beyond activities one of the most encouraging things for young people going was the deeper relationships formed, a deeper relationship with Jesus no doubt, but also as well new friendships with Christians across the country. It is so encouraging for them to see that being a follower of Jesus, you are part of something bigger, the kingdom of God.

If you'd like to find out more about camp, whether that's as a parent, a potential volunteer, or a supporter from home, do come chat to me.

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