

Sunday 3rd June 2018 First Sunday after Trinity



Hello! Welcome to St John's, especially if you're here for the first time. If you have children with you then please *relax*! They are an important part of God's family and we're excited to have you and your family worship with us today!

We do not pass a collection plate during the 10.30am service, but if you would like to give to support the mission and ministry of our parish there are gift bowls at the back of church. If you are a tax payer please use one of the blue envelopes which allows us to reclaim tax.

If you would like to receive Communion in your seat please tell one of our Welcomers.

Please do join us for refreshments after the service

Our Worship Today

8.30am Holy Communion **10.30am** Family Communion including Little Fishes (ages 0-5) 5.30pm Evensong

Church News

Boiler Gift Day

Today is our Gift Day which marks the end of our Boiler Replacement Appeal. The good news is that we now have two brand new and fully operational boilers!

We still need to raise **£6,605** and over the past few weeks we've provided Gift Day forms which you can place into the offering plate at the back of church.

If you've not yet received a form and you would like to contribute to this essential maintenance project you can pick one up next to the offering plate.

Children & Communion - Consultation

As a parish we're exploring admitting children to Communion before Confirmation. After our service on **10th June** we're holding an open meeting and inviting you to tell us what you think. We'll hand out a short questionnaire for you to complete and return by the **8th July**.

Spend a summer with Paul

During **June and July** we'll be working our way through 2 Corinthians. We'll encounter some big themes including God's new covenant, the message of reconciliation, and the church as God's temple.

We'll also explore what it means to live as God's 'new creation' and how God's generosity towards us influences what a Christian attitude to giving looks like.

Then in **August and September** we'll be looking at Ephesians to discover more about God's amazing grace and the unveiling of his secret plan!

Why not read 2 Corinthians and Ephesians in your daily Bible reading and come along with your questions? If you're looking for a straight forward and helpful commentary check out Tom Wright's *Paul for Everyone*.

	What's on this week?		
Wednesday		<i>Next Sunday (</i> 10 th June)	
10am	Holy Communion	8.30 Holy Communion	
		10.30 All Age Communion	
Thursday		11.45 Children & Communion Forum	
10am-12pm	Good as New	5.00 Confirmation Service	
	10am Thursday	Wednesday 10am Holy Communion Thursday	

Dates for your diary

4th June @ 7.30pm – Alpha

Alpha restarts tomorrow running for three weeks. We begin with a meal at 7.30 and we'll be done by 9pm. This is a great way to explore the Christian faith so why not bring a friend along with you?

- 4th June "Who is Jesus?"
- 18th June "Why did Jesus die?"

• 25th June - "How can I have faith?" If you missed the first session don't worry, you can watch it online on our Facebook page!

10th June @ 5pm Deanery Confirmation Service

Please come along to encourage and support those being baptised and/or confirmed. Keep them in your prayers as they grow in their faith and take this important next step.

26th June @ 7.30pm Wardens & Sidespeoples Meeting

A meeting for *all* Wardens and Sidespeople will be held to reflect on roles and responsibilities and how we can nurture this important aspect of ministry in our parish.

30th June – Garden Party

This regular annual event in the St John's calendar returns this year. Please see the noticeboard in the hall for ways you can help this year.

3rd July @ 7.30pm Café Church - Planning Meeting

In January 2019 we are hoping to launch a new weekly Sunday worship service: an informal afternoon Café style service between 4-5pm. If you would be interested in playing a part in this exciting new initiative please come along to a meeting to help shape the plans.

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