



St John the Evangelist – a beacon on the hill



St John’s Newsletter for October 2024

Inspiring a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, sharing our faith, pastoral care, making disciples and by being the heart of the community

Verse of the Month

2 Peter 1:5-7 “For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.” 2 Peter 1:5-7

Sunday Services at St John’s 10.00am

Date		
6 th	19 th Sunday after Trinity	Holy Communion
13 th	20 th Sunday after Trinity	Morning Worship
20 th	21 st Sunday after Trinity	Holy Communion
27 th	22 nd Sunday after Trinity	United Parish Communion – FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE CIRCULATED

Refreshments following Sunday Service

Do stay for refreshments after the Sunday Service. A great time for a chat and to get to know each other.



Meetings for the month of October

Monday 14th - Diocesan Finance Meeting 6.30 -7.30pm at St Matthew’s followed by Deanery Synod from 7.45 to 9.00pm

Tuesday 22nd 7.00 pm – Domestic & Outreach in the Church

WEEKLY EVENTS AT ST JOHN’S

Monday - Singing for Fun – Do come along and join this friendly group.

Opens at 10am for coffee/tea and biscuits and time for a meet up before the singing starts at 11am. You will sing a variety of popular songs *just for fun* with Stephen Page.

Cost £5.00 per session which includes tea/coffee and a biscuit.

Tuesday and Thursday - Common Grounds Coffee Café - Open from 10am to 12noon



Have you visited the cafe yet?? If not do come along and try out.

Café sells a variety of coffees (filter, latte, cappuccinos), teas and hot chocolate plus cakes and savouries. There are also cold drinks

There is a free top up of filter coffee and tea.

Do come along and visit the café and perhaps bring a friend.

There is always someone to chat to.

Dogs and children welcome.

Books and puzzles on sale plus a table with varying items and craft items

Tuesdays 10am to 12noon – The Chatty Craft Club – Takes place in the Church

Come along, have a chat and make new friends. Bring your own materials/crafts or use the materials which are already in the Church. Come and use your skills or learn new ones. Free to attend.

The Common Grounds Coffee Café is open at the same time for drinks and food.



Church Grounds Working Party

Next date for working party will be on Saturday 5th October 9am to 11am – weather permitting. If you are free and would like to join us please come along – the more helpers the better.

November working party will be on **Saturday 2nd November**

'St John's Holy DustBusters'



Next St John's Holy DustBusters" will be on **Friday 25th October** from 10am to 12 noon. Look forward to seeing you there.

Come along and join in the fun of cleaning together.

Maureen Hinkley

Contact - by speaking with me 01424 754872 or by email hinkley872@btinternet.com

Collection of food items for Diocesan Family Support Work



Very many thanks to those in the congregation and the Singing for Fun Songsters who generously donate items for the families supported by the Diocesan Family Support team. All items collected go to the Diocesan food bank where they are sorted and distributed to families in need.

Items requested for this month are - Tinned Meat, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Fruit

Extract from recent newsletter from Family Support Team

Dear Friends,

We are all finding it hard to believe that we are approaching the end of another year! The last few months really have flown by and now we are already planning all of our Christmas activities and family support.

We are very grateful to everybody who contributed to Harvest Festival collections, which brought our foodbank levels up to a satisfactory level after months of low stock. The food deliveries are so appreciated by our families who are continuing to find basic household essentials hard to afford.

Over the last few weeks since schools returned for the new term we have again been inundated with new referrals. Many more of our families are now coming to us as victims of domestic abuse, which necessitates incredibly sensitive and difficult conversations, so please do keep all of these parents in your thoughts.

We have been encouraged recently by many fundraising events being carried out all over Sussex for us, including collections at bonfire nights and joint initiatives with other local groups such as Rotary clubs. If you think you might be able to support us with a fundraising event then our team would love to hear from you – please email fundraising@familysupportwork.org.uk or phone 01273 041401.

With many thanks for your continued support and prayers.

Nikki Kerr, FSW Director of Fundraising and Marketing

DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

On Saturday 9th November at 2pm a Quiz will be taking place in the Church. Come along and test your knowledge. There will be ten teams of six people in each team. Cost will be £5 per person.

Tea and coffee will be served during the break but you are free to bring your own food and nibbles.

Be sure to book your table as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Look out for the posters which will shortly be displayed or alternatively you can put your name down at the Coffee Café.

The proceeds from the quiz are in aid of St John's Church funds and is being run by Marilyn Holdstock

The Hairdresser

By Marilyn Holdstock

Semi shingle, finger waves,
Were classics years ago.
And now it's very popular
To have a cut and blow.

And if you fancy coloured hair
We've shades of every hue.
Perhaps a pink or orange stripes
Would be the choice for you,

I know we like the good old perm.
It lifts and shapes our hair.
But after all those chemicals
Our heads might end up BARE!

But once a week or maybe two
We go along to have a "Do"
Our spirits raised,
Our curls anew.

“Your hair looks nice,” one hopes they say,
“I like your hair done in that way”.
Oh, but I wish it wasn't going
QUITE so grey!!

Local Morning Prayer Group (Everyone Welcome)

Do join in for Morning Prayer. Log in and try this new group meeting for Morning Prayer. Takes place every **Wednesday and Friday at 8am on zoom**

Sessions are led by parishioners and open to anyone regardless of the church attended. Morning Prayer takes the form of bible readings (Psalm, Old Testament and New Testament) followed by a short reflection on one of the readings, thought for the Day, open prayers followed by Lord's Prayer and closing with the Grace. Lasts for approx 20/25mins.

You can either log on *via the calendar on St John's website* <http://stjohnshollington.co.uk/stjohns/> or email tommotompkins@aol.com and the zoom link and daily plan followed will be sent to you.

Please remember in your prayers

Christ Church Ore and St Helen's with St Barnabas; St Matthew's and St Ethelburga;
Church in the Wood; King's Church; His Place;
Sonrise Church; Parochial Church Council; St. John's Domestic & Outreach;
Barnabas Fund; Hope Kitchen; Night Church; Seaview Project; Snowflake

St Leonards-on-Sea Methodist Church; Chichester Diocesan Association for Family Support
Work; JAFFA Club; CMS;
Doctors, nurses and support staff at the Conquest Hospital

Please also remember those who are named in the St John's Prayer Leaflet

Prayers for the Persecuted Church

Please pray for:

The families, friends and colleagues of two Tearfund aid workers killed when their convoy was attacked by Islamic militants.

For all Christians in sub-Saharan Africa who have been forcibly displaced from their homes by violence, conflict and persecution.

Pastors Barnabus, Sore and other Christian ministers in Burkina Faso who have come under persecution forcing them to leave their home yet, with the help of Open Doors outreach projects, have relocated, joined different communities and are now helping to build Christian communities in those places.

As children in western countries have returned to school, please pray for those children in countries where education is not an option for children due to opposition to Christians, their gender or poverty.

Bootsale success

The Bootsale at Elm Tree Farm near Rye on Sunday 15th September took £64.50 from the Bric-a-Brac and Craft tables

Try your hand at this WORDSEARCH

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LACROSSE
BOWLS
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SQUASH
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SOCCER

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SKIING
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Please contact the Vicar for Baptisms, Banns of Marriage, Weddings and Funerals on 01424 751103 or email vicar@stjohnshollington.co.uk

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<https://www.chichester.anglican.org/>

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Deadline for the next Newsletter **is 6pm on 24th October 2024**

Items via email to newsletter@stjohnshollington.co.uk or in writing to 94 Lower Glen Road