

Parish Diary

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

13th August 2017

Faith to walk on water

St Mary's

8.00 am Holy Communion
9.15 am Lively Communion Service for all
11.00 am Reflective Communion Service for all
Hymns: 262, 581, 278, 267

St John's

10.30 am All-Age Post-Holiday Club Service

Readings Romans 10. 5-15 (NT p.156)
Matthew 14. 22-33 (NT p.15)

A very big THANK YOU to all those who were involved in the **Community Fun Day** on 8th July. Whether you helped set up the night before, offered your time on the day, made a cake, donated a raffle prize or came along to join in the fun, all was very much appreciated. The sum of **£204.29** was raised in aid of the Holiday Club which took place at St John's this last week.

Amanda Phillips (on behalf of the Outreach Team)

Autumn's Alpha Course

You are warmly invited to join us on the Walton Parish Alpha course which starts on September 7th at 7.30 pm with the launch event: Is There More to Life? The morning and evening courses run each week on Tuesdays (9.30 am – 11.30 am, crèche available) and Thursdays (7.30 pm – 10pm, starting with a meal). Please see the Alpha section of the Parish website for more details or contact **John Muggleton: 224244 or jomug@icloud.com**

THIS WEEK in the Parish

Wednesday 16th August

10.00 am Holy Communion (St John's)

Thursday 17th August

11.00 am Holy Communion (Day Centre)

Sunday 20th August: The Tenth after Trinity

The faith of an outsider

St Mary's

8.00 am Holy Communion
9.15 am Morning Praise for all
11.00 am Reflective Communion Service for all

St John's

10.30 am Communion Service for all

Readings Romans 11. 1-2a, 29-32 (NT p.156)
Matthew 15. 21-28 (NT p.16)

SOME SAD GOODBYES . . .

Ann Dorrell, who has played an active part in our church life, including preaching and being part of a house group, will be leaving us to be able to spend more time with her Mum who is in need of care at the moment. We will be saying farewell to Ann and praying for her at St Mary's TODAY, 13th August, at both the 9.15 and 11am services.

Patrick Milne, our Music Director, leaves us at the end of August to start a new job as a musician at The Glasgow Opera House. Patrick has been such a blessing with his gift of music in leading the choir and has been instrumental in developing the Worship Group over the last 10 months. We would like to thank him for everything he has done, to which end we will be making a collection for him. Please give any contributions to the Churchwardens or Parish Office by 23rd August.

Sheila Samuels, who has been the Community Outreach Evangelist for the parish since 2008, has been accepted for training in the Church of England and commences her course in September 2017. She will be moving on from the parish to a placement elsewhere. We will be very sorry to say farewell to Sheila, Patrick and the whole family as they have been such a blessing to both churches. Sheila's last Sunday in Walton will be 3rd September. If you would like to contribute to a gift, please give your donation to the Churchwardens or Parish Office by 27th August.



**'To be a growing, loving family, with
Christ at the centre, reaching out to all'**



Would you like to edit our Parish magazine?

Do you have a gift for creativity? Can you meet a deadline? Do you want to make a positive contribution to the life and growth of this Parish? If so, this opportunity may well be for you... Our magazine editor, Sarah Chapman, is planning to return to work having successfully edited Radius during her maternity leave. Her final edition will be the September issue, so we are looking for someone new to take up the reins. If you're interested in finding out what's involved, please email David Henderson (Chair of the Communications Committee) via the Parish Office: office@waltonparish.org.uk - he will be more than happy to answer any questions.

Discerning Direction & Vision

Thank you to all those who filled in the Stage 1 Questionnaire. We are now gathering photos and memorabilia so that we can celebrate who we are as a church - "Our Story", if you will. Do bring them to the office or give them to Margaret Valentine, Alastair Duke or Sally Eckes. We will put together a display for Heritage Day (see below) and really celebrate . . .



Heritage Day

Saturday 9th September, St Mary's Church

As in previous years, we will be opening the Church between 11am and 3pm on Heritage Day, including offering trips up the tower, which proved very popular and successful last year. In order to do this, as well as to display the Parish registers and other historical information, and to welcome people to the Church and offer refreshments, we need at least 10 volunteers per hour. Heritage Day is a fun day, and we will have a wide range of ways in which you can help, to suit your particular talents. If you can offer help for an hour or more on the day, or offer to provide cakes or cookies to go with the refreshments, please can you give your name to John Badcock, by emailing john.badcock@sky.com, texting or calling 07885 653323, or phoning 01932 888992. All offers of help will be gratefully received. Thank you.

Revd Haydon Wilcox is leading **retreats** this year at Stanton House, Oxfordshire (18th-20th August & 17th-19th November) and **pilgrimages** in 2018 to the Holy Land and the Celtic Sites of Ireland. If you're interested in knowing more, contact him on haydonwilcox@mac.com or 01252 621639.

PRAYER DIARY



Please pray for:-

Those suffering from illness:

- Shirley Brittin: recovering from a fractured spine;
- Amy Brooks: Janet Dicker's nephew's wife, with inoperable lung cancer;
- Doreen Butler: Abi Riehl's step-mother, recently diagnosed with cancer;
- Sheila McMullen: Morag Darling's sister-in-law, bravely fighting cancer;
- Brian Rofe: settling into life at Adelaide House;
- Andy Wales: Janet Dicker's son-in-law's cousin, now having chemotherapy after brain surgery.

The families of those who have died

- recently: Carol Hoare;
- and in times past whose anniversary falls this week: Marion Mockler.

In the Diocese and the Anglican Communion:

Sun: Members of the Bishop's Council and the Diocesan Board of Finance; those serving on Diocesan Synod and those from this diocese serving on General Synod; Peter Coles (Diocesan Secretary);

Remo (Nigeria) Bp Michael Fape.

Mon: St Peter, Farnborough North: David Willey (Team Rector);

Renk (Sudan) Bp Joseph Garang Atem.

Tue: The Good Shepherd, Farnborough North: David Willey (Team Rector);

Rhode Island (USA) Bp Nicholas Knisely.

Wed: Holy Trinity and All Saints, Hawley and St Andrew, Minley: Martyn Neale (Vicar);

Rift Valley (Tanzania) Bp John Daudi Lupaa.

Thu: St Paul, Tongham: Claire Holt (Vicar);

Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) Bp Filadelfo Oliviera Neto.

Fri: St Nicholas, Alfold and St John the Baptist, Loxwood: Greg Cushing (Priest in Charge);

Rio Grande (USA) Bp Michael Vono.

Sat: Holy Trinity, Bramley and St Andrew, Grafham: Vicki Burrows (Vicar);

Perth (Australia) Abp Roger Herft and Bps Kate Wilmot, Tom Wilmot, Jeremy James and Rob Gillion.



John Badcock, one of our recently-licensed LLMs, is climbing Scafell Pike TODAY, Sunday 13th August, in a group raising money for the National Autistic Society. He hopes to reach a target of £500 so all support would be greatly appreciated. Please follow this link (<https://nas-scafell-pike-trek-2017.everydayhero.com/uk/john>) or see John in person, when you can also congratulate him on his efforts!