

# Walton-on-Thames St Mary's and St John's

## Prayer, Services and Events: April 2018



Happy Easter, Thy Kingdom Come, Vision progress and Annual meeting.

So many reasons to be excited. The tomb is empty! This is the story of Easter Sunday. And a whole new beginning to Jesus' story. Jesus has risen to new life: he was dead and is now alive. This is the greatest event in the whole of history and the universe. Happy Easter! But what does it mean on a rainy Tuesday afternoon? And what is our story? Over the weeks between Easter and Pentecost we will find out more about what the implications are for us. New life in Jesus means: peace for a new community; wisdom, faith, forgiveness; power for transformation and following; believing, and bearing fruit and so much more. Do join us in church or listen to the sermons on the web-site.

We will be joining with the national "Thy Kingdom Come" prayer initiative from Ascension day to Pentecost and many of us will go to the Cathedral on 20th May as a culmination event.

### **Living the Vision**

It's an exciting time to be part of St Mary's and St John's because we not only have a vision, but we also have a strategy forming and a focus for the year ahead. Our vision encourages us all to take our next steps personally and as a church. We want to be people who are making a difference in lots of ways in Walton on Thames. At the PCC meeting on 21 March, we chose five areas of the vision to focus on for 2018.

### **It's no April Fool!**

The evidence that, in about 33AD, a historic religious teacher called Jesus was executed by crucifixion and physically rose from the dead is very strong indeed. Over the next six weeks Jesus was seen by over 500 people, his followers' lives were transformed, and the Christian church was born. Check this out further ["Why Easter?"](#) ["Why Jesus?"](#)

## FOCUS FOR 2018

### **Taking our next steps towards deeper faith in Christ -**

- *accessible spirit-filled worship*
- *confidence in personal faith*

### **Taking our next steps towards welcome and belonging -**

- *welcome unreservedly*
- *serve joyfully*
- *give generously*

Taking our next steps towards shining God's light – will have to wait for next year!

We will be sending these to the Diocese as our "Church development plan" for the year.

The PCC is the church's leadership team and will be working out our strategy and action points as to how we will make progress in these areas during this year. Do you think you could make a contribution?

There will be spaces for new members of PCC – our leadership and trustee body who guide the way the church should be going. Please speak to Jonny, Cathy or a church warden to find out more. You don't have to have been coming for very long, nor know everything. If you care about God's kingdom and his people, do get nominated. We really want a cross section of people representing every area of the church. Voting happens at the annual meeting (APCM).

We are looking forward to the APCM on April 18th at 7.30pm at St John's church when we hear about the key things God has been doing in every area of church life over the last year. See you there.

And by the way, what is your next step?

***Yours, Jonny and Cathy***

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## Cryptic Parts of the Church

**This month David Stannard invites us to identify, with the aid of the following clues, various parts of St Mary's Church building and certain of its features. Answers next month!**

1. This brand of Scotch Whisky has wide appeal (5)
2. So you thought that No 1 was too easy? Sounds like I'll need to make the rest a bit more difficult! (5)
3. Type Face (4)
4. In a word, what the re-cycling people do with all that scrap paper (6)
5. Sounds like the young man who poetically stole the tarts (4)
6. This clue is wrote incorrectly (5)
7. Walker, Watts and Whispering should give you access to this feature of St Mary's (7)
8. In the wrong hands, this can produce a discordant groan (5)
9. Take Uncle Sam's waistcoat and remove the casual shirt, then try to provide a robing room (6)
10. Found in the East End and sounds like change (5)

11. T E Lawrence wrote of seven of them (7)
12. This variety of red rose will set off the altar to perfection (7)
13. Did cross bell rearrange to find this St Mary's artefact (6,6)
14. Swaddling saints woes resolved to provide coloured lights (7,5,7)
15. It's a cert – Len arranged to reveal supporter of the Good Book (7)
16. Sounds like the first two Trumpton firemen! (4)
17. (not unrelated to 16) East Sussex town 'on the Brighton Line' (8)
18. Use opportunity left to provide customary location for the choir (7)

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## Key Information

### **Clergy:**

Vicars: Rev Cathy & Rev Jonny Blair (off duty Friday) 01932 917736

Curate: Rev Caroline Merrick (available Tue, Thu & Fri) 07419 827739

### **Church Wardens:**

Berenice Page

Dawn May

Sally Eckes

**Youth Minister:** Mandy Watts (off duty Thursday)

### **Licensed Lay Ministers:**

John Muggleton

Tessa & John Badcock

### **Pastoral Assistants:**

Winnie Evans

Wendy Fitch

Roger Hunt

Linda Muggleton

Margaret Valentine

Alan White

For enquiries of a pastoral nature, please contact via the Vicars.

**A full list of Parish Officers and organisations is on our website.**

Information about Weddings and Baptisms can also be found on our website.

**Parish Office (open Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 09:30-12:30)**

**St Mary's** Church Hall, Church Street, Walton-on-Thames, KT12 2QS

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**St John's Church**, 1 The Furrows, Walton-on-Thames, KT12 3JQ

## Coming to a small group near you in June!

WELCOME is a key strand of our Vision and Strategy.

We can all get better at welcome!

So we are offering the "Everybody Welcome" course for everybody in the church to do in June at St John's.

You will be able to sign up for a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evening and Tuesday or Friday morning for four consecutive weeks from the week beginning 4th through to 25th June. Books will be available from the church price £3.50. More information nearer the time.



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### Annual Parish Church Meeting

Wednesday 18th April

8.00 pm

St John's Church

1, The Furrows

(corner of Ambleside Ave and The Furrows)

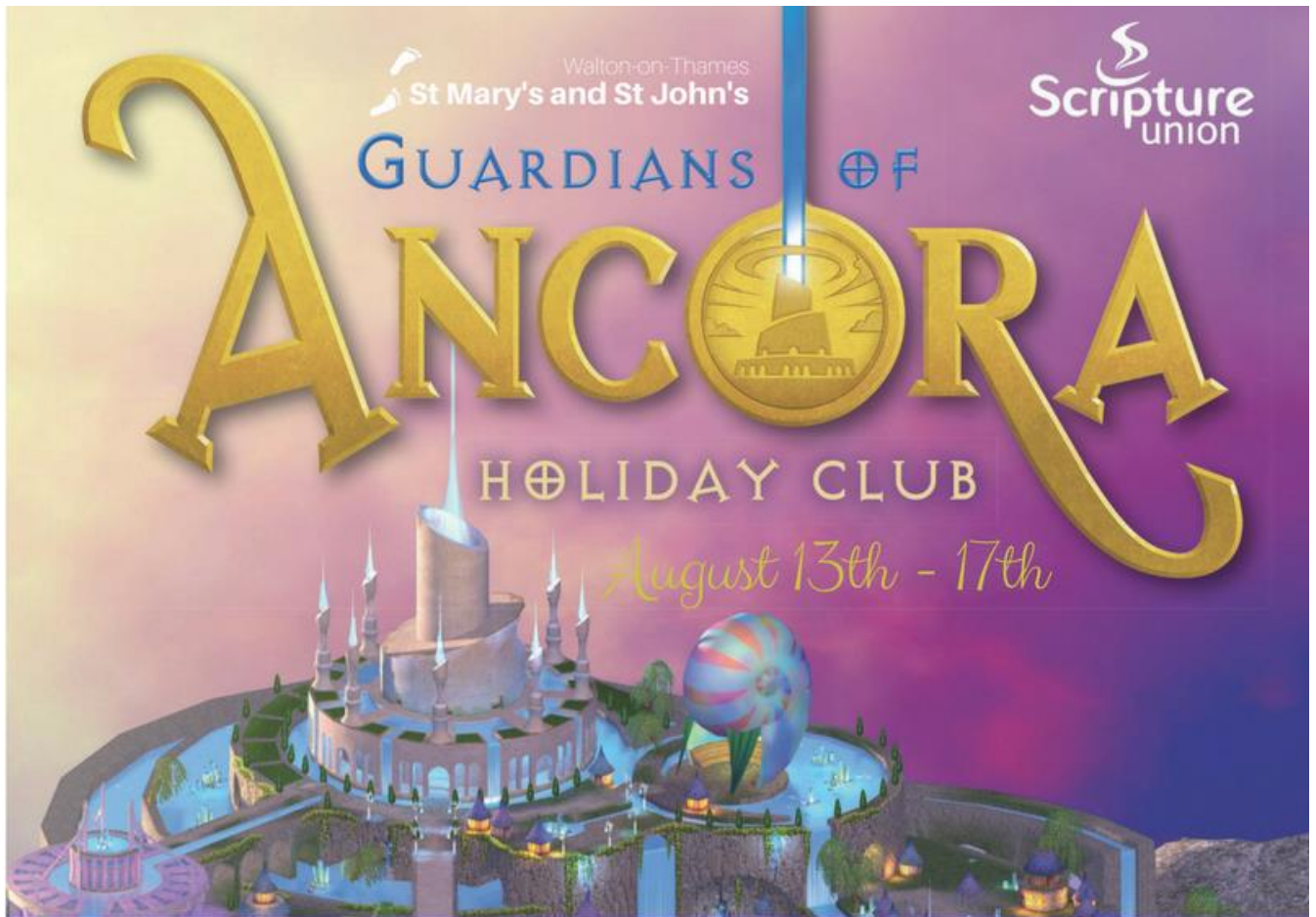
#### **Everyone is encouraged to join us and will be very welcome.**

It's at this meeting that we elect our Churchwardens and new PCC members. We will also get reports from each of the teams who work incredibly hard throughout the year planning and implementing all the various activities and events that we see happening week in week out and we will look at what lies ahead in this coming year, it's an opportunity for us to identify our successes and look towards the areas we are looking to build on.

The 2017 Annual report will again be split into 2 parts. 'The Statutory Report' and 'Parish Matters' where you can read all the team reports, an easy to understand break down of the finance report and a message from the Vicars', both reports will be available in both churches nearer the time.

**It would be amazing to see some new faces so if you've never been before why not come along, see how it all works and join us afterwards for a drink.**





## WE NEED YOU!

Join our amazing team as we prepare for this years holiday club.

If you have your own children you can get an early bird booking to guarantee their place (Primary school age children only). Earlybird closes April 20th. Contact Mandy 07956 295113 or [mandy@waltonparish.org.uk](mailto:mandy@waltonparish.org.uk)

THY KINGDOM COME



**14TH - 20TH MAY PRAYER STATIONS IN ST MARY'S CHURCH**

**#PLEDGE2PRAY**

**Join us as we come together on May 20<sup>th</sup> for a big celebration at the Cathedral which will be transformed into a beacon of prayer and worship.**

16:00 Taize Worship

17:00 Prayer Stations & Messy Church

19:00 Contemporary Worship

**More information coming soon!**

## This month... April

<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00 pm	<b>Walton Baptist</b>	Churches Together - Worship
<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00 am	<b>St Mary's</b>	Joint Parish Service
<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00 pm	<b>St Mary's</b>	<sup>1</sup> Baptism Matters (Part 1)
<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00 pm	<b>St John's</b>	Annual Church Meeting
<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	3.30 pm	<b>St John's</b>	<sup>2</sup> Messy Church
<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00 pm	<b>St Mary's</b>	<sup>1</sup> Baptism Matters (Part 2)

### Please note –

<sup>1</sup> Baptism Matters dates are a change from the regular 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday.

<sup>2</sup> Messy Church will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday this month only.

## Regular fixtures... \* monthly

<b>Mondays</b>	9.15 am	<b>St Mary's</b>	Morning Prayer
<b>Tuesdays</b>	8.30 am	<b>St John's</b>	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	<b>St John's</b>	Alpha Course
	2.30 pm	<b>St John's</b> *1 <sup>st</sup> Tues	Walton Connections
	8.00 pm	<b>St John's</b> *1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues	<sup>1</sup> Baptism Matters
<b>Wednesdays</b>	8.30 pm	<b>St Mary's</b>	Choir Practice
<b>Thursdays</b>	9.15 am	<b>St Mary's</b>	Morning Prayer
	7.30 pm	<b>St John's</b>	Alpha Course
	6.45 pm	<b>St Mary's</b>	Junior Choir
	7.30 pm	<b>St Mary's</b>	Band Practice
<b>Fridays</b>	10.30 am	<b>St John's</b>	Toddlers' Praise
	2.00 pm	<b>St Mary's Hall</b>	Toddlers' Praise
	3.30 pm	<b>St John's</b> * 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday	<sup>2</sup> Messy Church
	6.00 pm	<b>St Mary's Hall</b>	Youth Groups (Yr 3-6)
	7.45 pm	<b>St Mary's</b>	Bellringing Practice
<b>Saturdays</b>	9.15 am	<b>St John's</b>	Breakfast Prayer Meeting
<b>Sunday</b>	7.00 pm	<b>St Mary's</b> *3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	Evening Praise
	6.30 pm	<b>St John's</b> **monthly	Solid Ground** (Yr7+)

\*\*check website calendar

**(NB: some of these activities only take place during term time.)**

There will be **NO** Morning Prayer meetings (Monday & Thursday at St Mary's, Tuesday at St John's) the weeks commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> April.



## Services

<b>APRIL 2018 St Mary's and St John's Services</b>		<b>New Life in Jesus means:</b>
<i>Wed 28 March</i>	<b>St John's</b> <i>10am Said Communion</i>	
<b>Sun 1 April Easter Sunday</b>	<b>St Mary's</b> 8am Said Communion 9.15am Lively Service All Age with Communion 11am Reflective Service with Communion	<b>The King lives for ever</b> <i>Acts 10:34-43</i> <i>John 20:1-18</i>
	<b>St John's</b> 9am Said Communion 10.30am Morning Praise	
<i>Wed 4 April</i>	<b>St John's</b> <i>10am Morning Prayer</i>	
<b>Sun 8 April</b>	<b>St Mary's</b> 8am BCP Communion <b>10am Joint Parish Service</b> with Communion	<b>Peace for a new community</b> <i>Acts 4:32-35</i> <i>John 20:19-end</i>
	<b>St John's No service</b>	
<i>Thurs 12 April</i>	<b>St Mary's</b> <i>10am Morning Prayer</i>	
<b>Sun 15 April</b>	<b>St Mary's</b> 8am Said Communion 9.15am Lively Service 11am Reflective Service with Communion  <i>7pm Evening Praise &amp; Spring Harvest news</i>	<b>Wisdom, faith and forgiveness</b> <i>Acts 3:12-19</i> <i>Luke 24:36b-48</i>
	<b>St John's</b> 10.30am Holy Communion	
<i>Wed 18 April</i>	<b>St Mary's</b> <i>10am Said Communion</i>	
<i>Thurs 19 April</i>	<b>Walton Community Centre</b> <i>11am Communion</i>	
<b>Sun 22 April</b>	<b>St Mary's</b> 8am Said Communion 9.15am Lively Service with Baptism 11am Reflective Service with Communion  <i>6.30pm ANZAC Service</i>	<b>Power for transformation and following</b> <i>Acts 4:5-12</i> <i>John 10:11-18</i>
	<b>St John's</b> 10.30am Morning Praise	
<i>Thurs 26 April</i>	<b>St Mary's</b> <i>10am Said Communion</i>	
<b>Sunday 29 April</b>	<b>St Mary's</b> 8am Said Communion 9.15am Lively Service All Age 11am Reflective Service with Communion	<b>Believe, be baptised and bear fruit</b> <i>Acts 8:26-end</i> <i>John 15:1-8</i>
	<b>St John's</b> 10.30am Morning Praise for All	

Please note there will be Morning Prayer at the 10.00 am midweek services on the 4<sup>th</sup> April (St John's) and 12<sup>th</sup> April (St Mary's).

# Daily Prayer Pointers

Some ideas for prayer for our church & community

## Sunday

**Sunday Services, midweek Communion**, for all who make our Church feel welcoming. For our Singers and Musicians.

## Monday

**One another** in our daily lives at work, in our neighbourhood, wherever we are, to show God's love.

## Tuesday

**Seniors** – Walton Connections. **Other groups** - Mothers' Union and St John's Wives.

## Wednesday

**Discipleship and Leadership** – Small Groups, the Servant Course, PCC, worship leaders, preachers and Pastoral Assistants.

## Thursday

**Outreach & community links** – the Alpha Course, Messy Church, assemblies in Walton schools, baptisms and funerals.

## Friday

**Children and Youth** – Friday groups, Sunday School and Sunday youth groups, Toddlers' Praise. For all helpers and leaders and for more leaders.

## Saturday

**Missionaries we support** – Tear Fund, Compassion, Foodbank, Bible Society, Hannah Satterthwaite, Samaritan's Purse Christmas boxes.

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