

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

## Prayer, Services and Events: May 2018

### **New Season, and next steps towards welcome**

It's May and Walton on Thames is looking lovely with the magnolias and cherry blossom putting on a particularly good show. It's wedding season in the Blair family, with our son and eldest daughter marrying in the next five weeks. Wonderful milestones in our lives and a new season for them.



God is a God of the old and the new, tradition and innovation. The ANZAC service on 22nd April reminded us again of the value of countries cooperating in times of trouble and the sacrifice that many young men made for the sake of peace for people they would never even meet. Giving up what we count as precious for an eternal goal is and always has been at the heart of the Christian faith. We are called to serve others as we follow Jesus, our saviour,



and he promises us his Holy Spirit with the same power as it was poured out at Pentecost. We look forward to the joining with the national "Thy Kingdom Come" prayer initiative from Ascension day to Pentecost and to a final celebration at Guildford Cathedral from 4 to 8pm on 20th May.

It is a new season for faith and trust. At the Annual Meeting on 18th April, we were sharing how it feels that as a church we are "On the edge" in terms of

the precarious nature of our finances and people resources. Did you know? It costs £23,725 a month to run the Parish; Currently, our income is £3,650 a month short. Can you help financially by giving monthly on a regular basis to the running of the Parish? For details of how to give, see <http://waltonparish.org.uk/how/>

As people of faith, it is not a bad place to be “on the edge” because actually God wants us to pray and depend on him for our needs. We have already seen God provide in terms of people stepping up to serve him. We had 9 vacancies for PCC and 8 of those were filled at the Annual Meeting. Praise God! He can do more, if we have faith and trust. Please do pray for the leadership team including the new PCC members, to take the church forward in this new season.

Taking our next steps: How welcoming is our church? I wonder if you were a “Mystery” worshipper how friendly you would find our services. As welcome is a major strand of our Vision and strategy for this year, we are inviting EVERYBODY in the church to participate in the course “Everybody welcome” which will show us where our strengths and weaknesses are in this area. It runs for four weeks starting on 4th June with a choice of sessions, morning and evening. More information on page 4.

We could all consider what our next step is towards deeper faith in Christ, welcome and belonging or shining God's light. If it's deeper faith, we have a thriving network of small groups who meet on different days of the week, at different times of day all around the Parish. It's a great way to make friends, share prayer and study the Bible. Or consider the Alpha course in September.

In this new season, may God bless us all and bring us closer to him.

***Jonny and Cathy***

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## **Cryptic Parts of the Church**

### **Answers!**

**Last month David Stannard invited us to identify, with the aid of cryptic clues, various parts of St Mary's Church building. How well did you do?**

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| <b>1. Bells</b>  | <b>7. Gallery</b>  | <b>13. Scold's Bridle</b>        |
| <b>2. Aisle</b>  | <b>8. Organ</b>    | <b>14. Stained Glass Windows</b> |
| <b>3. Font</b>   | <b>9. Vestry</b>   | <b>15. Lectern</b>               |
| <b>4. Pulpit</b> | <b>10. Altar</b>   | <b>16. Pews</b>                  |
| <b>5. Nave</b>   | <b>11. Pillars</b> | <b>17. Hassocks</b>              |
| <b>6. Tower</b>  | <b>12. Reredos</b> | <b>18. Chancel</b>               |

## 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:

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  
Telephone 01932 224238 Email [office@waltonparish.org.uk](mailto:office@waltonparish.org.uk)

**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! We are offering the “Everybody Welcome” course and hope that everybody from both Churches will join us in June at St John’s. There are 4 evening choices Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday and 2 morning groups, Tuesday (with a creche) or Wednesday. The course will run for four consecutive weeks from the week beginning 4th through to 25th June. The cost is £3.50 and includes a book and refreshments. Sign up sheets are available in each church or email Sally in the office. [office@waltonparish.org.uk](mailto:office@waltonparish.org.uk)

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**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 will be available in the Parish Diary and on the website very soon.**



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

#PLEDGE2PRAY

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The Guildford Diocesan Calendar of Prayer is now available at <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/life/calendar-of-prayer>

The Calendar is produced monthly and each month we pray for parishes in two of our deaneries. This month we are praying for parishes in the deaneries of Epsom and Leatherhead.

# PCC

Along with the Clergy, Licensed Lay Ministers and Churchwardens, the PCC (Parochial Church Council) are the leadership of the Parish and the Trustees of the registered Charity, The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Walton-on-Thames. The PCC meets monthly on a Wednesday night.

Legally the PCC is responsible for the financial affairs of the Parish and the maintenance of its assets, such as the churches and church halls, and promoting the mission of the church. As a team it is the PCC who will take forward and target the priorities we have identified from the Vision for the year ahead. The PCC will spend time developing and implementing the strategy and the goals, trusting we will continue to be led and guided by God as we enter this new season. We believe in the call God is making on us individuals and as a whole church and very much look forward to seeing God's faithful and generous provision in the year ahead.

Following the Annual Church Meeting (APCM) on Wednesday, 18th April, the members of the PCC are:

Usually attending 11.00am service

Carol Abson, Elizabeth Cairns, **Martin Felstead**, Rachel Grace, **Ria Perfect**  
Deanery Synod: Nicholas Stuart (Secretary)

Usually attending 10.30am Service

**James Waggot**

Deanery Synod: Clare Rolton

Usually attending 9.15am service

Debbie Bunn, Alastair Duke (Treasurer), Helen Gaunt, **Zornitza Lyoubenova-Wolff, Harry Navanayagam, Katherine Scott, Anna Spray**

Deanery Synod: Harriet Barker & Berenice Page

Ex-Officio:

Clergy: Cathy and Jonny Blair; Caroline Merrick

Churchwardens: Dawn May, Sally Eckes

Licensed Lay Ministers: John Badcock, Tessa Badcock, John Muggleton

Congratulations to the 7 new members (**in bold**) and Helen Gaunt (re-elected).

Please speak to Jonny, Cathy, Caroline or any of the above about any church matters so they can represent your views.

## This month... May

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	8.00 pm	<b>St Mary's</b>	Baptism Matters (Part 1)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	8.00 pm	<b>St John's</b>	PCC
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00 pm	<b>St John's</b>	Churches Together – Worship
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	-----	-----	Godparent Sunday
<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00 pm	<b>St Mary's</b>	Baptism Matters (Part 2)
<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30 am	<b>HT Claygate</b>	PCC Away Day
<b>10<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup></b>	-----	<b>St Mary's</b> <small>Prayer Stations</small>	Thy Kingdom Come
<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	4.00 pm	<b>Cathedral</b>	Celebration Evening

## 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> <small>*1<sup>st</sup> Tues</small>	Walton Connections
	8.00 pm	<b>St John's</b> <small>*1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues</small>	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> <small>* 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday</small>	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> <small>*3<sup>rd</sup> Sun</small>	Evening Praise
	6.30 pm	<b>St John's</b> <small>**monthly</small>	Solid Ground** (Yr7+)

\*\*check website calendar

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



## Services

<b>MAY 2018</b> <b>St Mary's and St John's Services</b>		<b>New Life in Jesus means:</b>
<i>Wed 2 May</i>	<b>St John's</b> <i>10am Said Communion</i>	
<b>Sun 6 May</b> <i>God parent Sunday</i>	<b>St Mary's</b> 8am Said Communion 9.15am Lively Service All Age 11am Reflective Service with Communion	<b>Love for a new community</b> <i>Acts 10:44-end John 15:9-17</i>
	<b>St John's</b> 9am Said Communion 10.30am Morning Praise	
<i>Thur 10 May</i> <i>Ascension Day</i>	<b>St Mary's</b> <i>10am Said Communion</i>	
<b>Sun 13 May</b>	<b>St Mary's</b> 8am BCP Communion 9.15am Lively Service with Communion 11am Reflective Service with Communion	<b>Joy and protection</b> <i>Acts 1:15-17,21-end John 17:6-19</i>
	<b>St John's</b> 10.30am Morning Praise for All	
<i>Wed 16 May</i>	<b>St John's</b> <i>10am Said Communion</i>	
<i>Thurs 17 May</i>	<b>Walton Community Centre</b> <i>11am Communion</i>	
<b>Sun 20 May</b> <i>Pentecost</i>	<b>St Mary's</b> 8am Said Communion 9.15am Lively Service 11am Reflective Service with Communion	<b>Come Holy Spirit</b> <i>Acts</i> <i>2:1-21</i> <i>John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15</i>
	<b>St John's</b> 10.30am Holy Communion	
<i>Thurs 24 May</i>	<b>St Mary's</b> <i>10am Said Communion</i>	
<b>Sun 27 May</b> <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	<b>St Mary's</b> 8am Said Communion 9.15am Lively Service with Baptism 11am Reflective Service with Communion	<b>Three in One God</b> <i>Rom 8:12-17 John 3:1-17</i>
	<b>St John's</b> 10.30am Morning Praise	
<i>Wed 30 May</i>	<b>St John's</b> <i>10am Said Communion</i>	
<b>Sunday 3 June</b>	<b>St Mary's</b> 8am Said Communion 9.15am Lively Service All Age 11am Reflective Service with Communion	<b>Welcome 1</b> <b>God's heart for welcome</b> <i>2 Cor 5:18-19 Luke 15:1-2, 11-32</i>
	<b>St John's</b> 9am Said Communion 10.30am Morning Praise with Baptism	

# 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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